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The boat "Hocus Pocus" set the tone for the Inaugural Tuna & Tiaras Tournament by being first to the scales on the first day of the event and weighing in a 98 lb. yellowfin tuna! Anglers Dianna Harris, Lindsay Johnson, Eleni Kotsis, Christy Fisher, Alayna Gosley and Abbie Snayberger fished in the Norfolk Canyon with Capt. Yanni Harris and mates Menel Harris & Wil Goslee. They also had a tuna stringer weight of 172 lbs. The single tuna held onto 1st place for the duration despite a 97 lb. challenger, and the stringer secured 2nd place. Combined with the Winner Take All Calcutta, the ladies earned \$23,607 in prize monies!



The guys from "Swords Fish" caught the largest big eye tuna to date here at Indian River Marina weighing in at 188 lbs.! Anglers Hunter Unruh, George Whitman, Norman Wallis and Eric Kelly were trolling just south of the Poor Man's Canyon and raised this one on a skirted ballyhoo. They each took a turn bringing the fish on board and also landed 3 yellowfin tuna weighing a combined 79 lbs. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Bait and Tackle.



Capt. Mike Fitzgerald with anglers Dan Bardzik and Nick Smith had the trip of a lifetime last week! Fishing on the "Sea Chaser" they headed to the Washington Canyon and set their Sterling Tackle Wide Trackers. After watching some sharks trail them they got a surprise when this swordfish hit the Zucchini Wide Tracker! It took 3 hours to get to the boat on a TD-50 and included a full breach jump!

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Erin King of Philadelphia, PA came to Ocean City and went fishing with her grandparents Gary and Shirley German. They were in the Thorofare where Erin fooled this flattie using Gulp.



Anglers Nate Berkheimer, Riley Charger, Pierce Myer, Brad Hubbard and Bill Hubbard on the "Second Chance" continue to find the fish. Fresh off of catching the first mahi of the season, they tagged 2 bigeye, 3 yellowfin tunas and a peanut mahi on this trip! They were caught last Friday in the south Poor Man's Canyon in 225 fathoms with skirted ballyhoo.

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# The OFFSHORE REPORT

by Larry Budd

### This Week Last Year

- Tuna was the headline story. Those fishing the weekend resulted in numerous boat reports of limit catches of yellowfin tuna and an ever-increasing quantity and size of bluefin tuna. The "Salty Bandit" landed a new Heaviest Fish bigeye at 270 lbs. that held on for the rest of the year.
- Our first longfin of the season was also reported by "PYY Fishing" from the Poor Man's Canyon.
- The "Tiffany Lynne" caught and released their second great white shark in June. Both caught at the Jack Spot with the second one estimated at 500 lbs.
- The first wahoo of 2020 was caught on June 19th in the Poor Man's Canyon on the charter boat "Last Call" and weighed 79 lbs.

The weather continues to play with those looking to head offshore! Horrible windy weather kept many at the dock some days, but when boats could break out, the fishing has been good. Last Thursday would be an example! The wind laid down and lots of yellowfin tuna hit the docks, more on that later. We also saw several more of our "First Fish" categories close out for 2021 including reports of the first wahoo on June 17th by Gary Welch in the Washington Canyon, The first cobia report came from Shannon Pickens who found his 36 pound "man in the brown suit" just 5 miles south of the Ocean City Inlet on a 1/2 oz. bucktail and Veronica Cannuli caught the first sheepshead just outside of the Ocean City Inlet. Both were caught on Thursday June 17th. This leaves only the "First Fish" for longfin tuna up for grabs!

We do have a minor correction to make from last week's report on the First White Marlin catch and release of 2021 and associated prize monies. There are three sources that provide award monies for the boat that catches and releases the first white marlin of the season; the Town of Ocean City, Fisherman's United Ocean City (the Coastal Fisherman is a sponsor) and the Ocean City Marlin Club. Each of these have their own qualification specifics and rules. As we reported, the "TUNAFOWL" based at Sunset Marina did in fact release the first white of the season, however they did not qualify for all three of the awards as we reported. After publishing we were informed by Ocean City Marlin Club President Boz Jefferson that "The catching of the first white marlin as previously reported did not meet the Ocean City Marlin Club's criteria for the seasonal award....". Meaning that the "TUNAFOWL" did still qualify for the \$7,000 from Fisherman's United of Ocean City and the \$5,000 that the Town of Ocean City awards, but the \$5,000 from the club remains up for grabs! President Boz shared with me that they are reviewing several catches reported since the 13th and are expected to announce the Ocean City Marlin Club winner in the day between when I am writing this and we go to press. We will of course update our social media platforms once the determination is made.

The big news last week offshore outside of the first fish was that the inaugural Tuna and Tiaras Tournament benefiting Women Supporting Women was held last Friday and Saturday with weigh-

ins at the Ocean City Fishing Center. This was the first ladies only tuna tournament in Maryland, and most likely the first nationally focused on tuna. Tournament Director Pam Taylor put together a great program, and despite poor weather forecasted for Saturday, 36 boats registered with 159 anglers and over \$60,000 in prize money available. Congratulations to the "Hocus Pocus" for winning Heaviest Tuna and other categories for a combined payout of \$23,607. Full details can be found in our tournament section starting on page 60.



### Tuna

Most of the action last week was tuna. Last week was consistent for yellowfin tuna with solid catches of upper single digits early in the week with a crescendo on Thursday of very early limit catches! The action was centered on the 100 fathom line, mostly south in the Norfolk and Washington Canyons with some action north up to the Rockpile/Southern Poor Man's. Everything was working with mainly spreader bars/wide tracker and daisy chains with naked ballyhoo wand skirted (Joe Shute and Ilander). The boat "Slaughterhouse" reported a 95.6 lb. yellowfin from the Poor Man's in 250 fathoms, the "Second Chance" hit tier limit in 275 fathoms in the southern Poor Man's, both the "Marli" and "Rhonda's Osprey" had limit trips last Thursday in the Washington Canyon and were back to the dock by 11AM. Friday and Saturday saw the bite slow, moving from limit catches to low single digits as the weather moved in. Sunday and Monday were lost to wind as well.

The bigeye bite has slowed, but the ones being caught are large. The "Swords Fish" out of the Indian River Marina boated a 188 pounder south of the Poor Man's on a skirted ballyhoo and was our heaviest to

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date until angler Tom Collins on the "Fishizzle" landed a 71" and 212 lb. eyeball, also in the Poor Man's

**White Marlin and Wahoo**

As highlighted above, we had the first wahoo of the season reported from the Washington Canyon last Thursday. That one hit a blue and white Joe Shute on a ballyhoo. Cody Gross also picked one Friday from



the south side of the Washington in 75 ° water. It was unexpected that of the 33 boats that fished Friday in the Inaugural Tuna and Tiaras Tournament, none brought a wahoo to the scales.

**Blue Marlin**

While there have been sightings of blue marlin, we got our first report of a blue marlin release from the "Blood Money" last Friday. They were south of the Washington when the marlin hit a ballyhoo with a blue and white Sea Witch around 11:30AM. Several releases were also reported in Cape May so we should see more action here in the upcoming weeks.

**Upcoming Tournaments**

We have an unusual weekend coming up with three tournaments! At least they cover a spectrum of the fishing community:

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- The **42nd Annual Small Boat Tournament** hosted by the Ocean City Marlin Club is for boats 34' and under. This event offers both an inshore and offshore division and you do not need to be a member to participate. Details at [www.OCMarlinClub.com](http://www.OCMarlinClub.com)

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That's it for this week, see you at the docks! §

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Capt. Shannon Pickens set another 'First Fish' for the season when he reported catching this 44" cobia. He was fishing on the "Tideline" with Joey Janda and Kyle Talerico from Talbot County, MD just 5 miles south of the Ocean City Inlet when this 36 pounder hit on a 1/2 oz. bucktail jig. They also landed sea bass and bluefish.



What can we say, the "Hot Lick" is hot this season. Starting with landing the first bluefin tunas of the season, they continued their tuna streak early last week going 12 for 15 on tuna bites. Anglers Ryan Turner, Travis D'Antoni, James Hammond, Jim Hammond and Wayne Ostafy fished near the Rockpile in 69° water and raised these 12 yellowfins using Sterling Spreader Bars with skirted ballyhoo.

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Capt. Mike Newsham on the local boat "Local Girl" with anglers Geoff Klopp, Bill Swords and Taylor Deemer had a big day landing a bunch of fish! They had several multiple hook ups on yellowfin tuna keeping 9 as well as deep dropping and getting 10 tilefish, including this 58 pounder caught by Bill Swords. Pictured at Lewes Harbor Marina.



Charter boat "3 Amigos" under the command of Capt. Kevin with mate Jack and the McGinnity family had an interesting trip last week. Heading out late due to weather, they endured less than ideal seas and even changed their destination. After landing their first 2 tunas, they had a hard hit on a meat bait with the fish almost spooling a TD-30. The eyeball they were hoping for turned out to be a mako shark that gave them a show, breached a couple of times before biting off. They ended the day with 5 yellowfin tunas and great memories.

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Sid Phelps and Charlie Raines were fishing with Howard Kline on his 83rd birthday when the birthday boy landed these nice doormats measuring 21 and 17 inches. Sid and Charlie also landed 2 keeper flounder while fishing in the Thorofare using minnows and squid.

There is always some action off the beach! Six year old Cameron Jones of Easton, MD caught his first striper ever in Ocean City off of 120th Street while fishing with his dad Dennis. This 16 inch throwback took the sand fleas they were using for bait.

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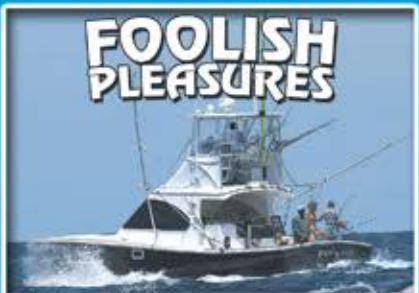


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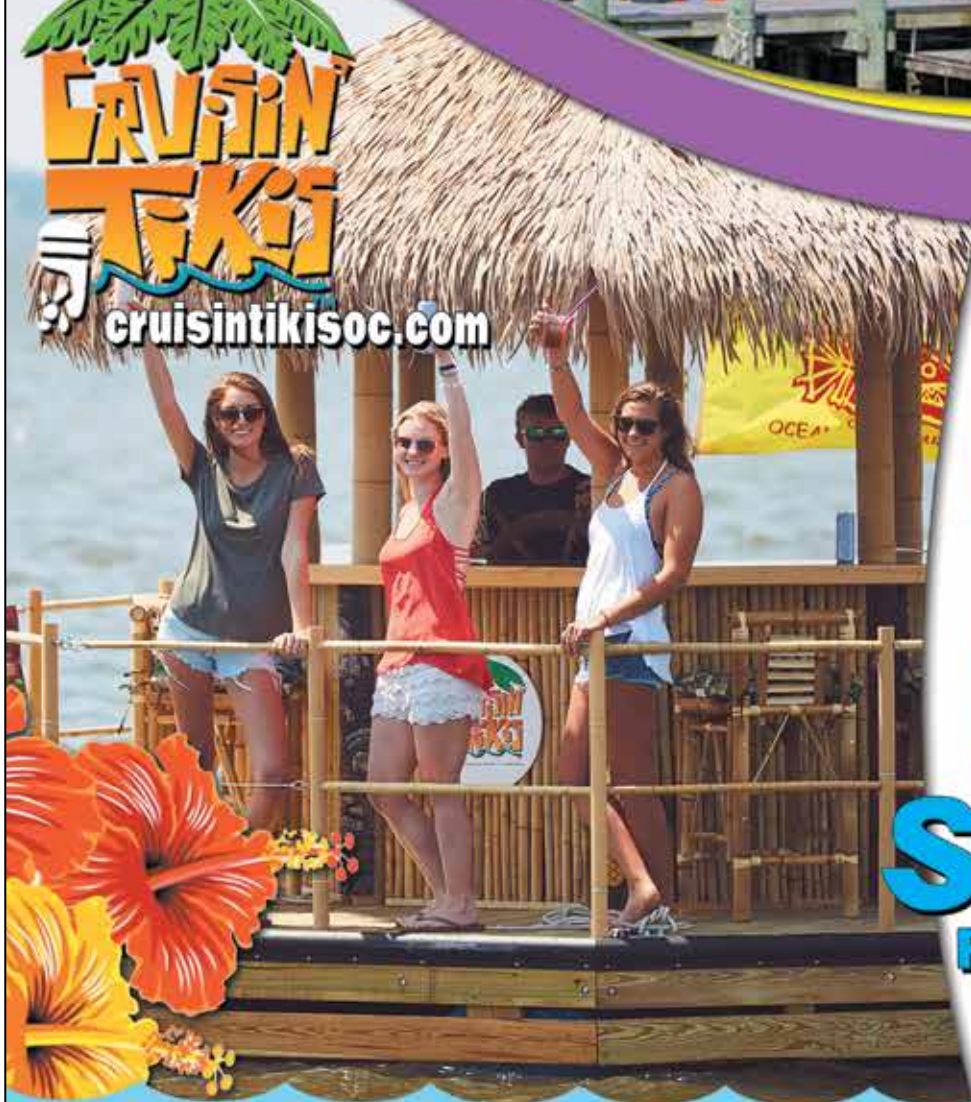
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# DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



This week we were met by cool mornings and warm days. The fishing in both the back bays as well as near shore continues to get better and better. The first wahoo came to the scales! Offshore tuna is off the hook and the inshore fishing was not to be undone.

## Flounder

Old Inlet tackle reports that the start of the week was a little slow for flounder in the bay but by Thursday even the inlet began to produce some nice flounder. It is reported that the flounder in the inlet is right below the rock wall literally right below your feet. Old inlet reports that Grant Barnhart brought in a 2.5 lb. 19" trout to be weighed. The trout was caught along the rocks of the inlet. Other areas of Indian River are also producing some nice keeper flounder. The areas by the power plant

are giving up a few nice flatties. These fish are mostly being caught on 4" gulp. The channel near the VFW is still the hot spot. The flounder are mostly on the edges of the channel. Further up north the Lewes canal is still producing some decent flounder however it has slowed from past weeks. On the ocean the flounder fishing has really picked up. Scot Harmon spent 2 hours fishing and landed 4 nice fish from 16.5-23 inches. The "Thelma Dale" also had some nice trips with fish to 25". Gulp is the hot bait with squid and minnows being a close second. The nearshore wrecks are producing the bigger flounder. When targeting these fish use a large bucktail with a gulp or bright colored worm type tail on the back. Water in the 60-120 ft range is the targeted depth.

## Sea Bass

Sea bass remains good

but you now have to sort through several smaller fish to find keepers. The ratio is about 6-1 for keepers. The better wrecks with keepers are those below 100 ft. After this weekend's warm summer heat I'm sure that the fish will be going deeper and deeper. While fishing for sea bass this week anglers were also lucky to find some sheepshead now on the wrecks. This is a true sign that summer is here. Small pieces of crab and shrimp are your best baits but sand fleas can also be productive. When fishing for sheepshead, remember that their mouths are very soft and small hooks must be used so not to rip the hook out when pulling up the fish after hooking. 2/0-3/0 circle hooks are about the largest you should try. Many anglers use smaller hooks as the sea bass begin to get scarce inshore and this is why the sheepshead becomes a by catch. Within the next

month many anglers will begin to target these fish as a primary target.

## Stripers & Bluefish

Small rockfish are still around in the inlet and all along the grass areas of the bay. Keepers are being caught at the inlet on the top of the tide at night but keepers are much more rare then in the past week. Bucktail jigs bounced along the edge of the rocks at the end of the incoming tide produce the best chances of finding dinner. Bluefish are also being caught in the inlet at night on both bucktails as well as cut bait. A great way to target these fish is using topwater plugs or fly fishing. A minnow type fly or a top water warbler is your best choice for trying to catch one fly fishing. For those wishing to learn more about saltwater fly fishing check out the Delaware Saltwater Fly Fishing Club. The yearly dues are minimal and all the members are very happy to help a novice learn the ropes. Meetings are once a month in Rehoboth and offer a guest lecturer each



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### Sharks & Cobia

Sharks on the nearshore areas have also heated up Dusky sharks as well as tons of dogfish sharks are all around. Many anglers are setting up on nearshore wrecks as well as reefs and shoals such as the Fenwick Shoals. When chumming for cobia you will most certainly hook a shark or two. Rays are also a by-catch and all of them are strong fighters. As for cobia, a few fish were caught this week but I received no reports of any large fish. Rigged and live eels remain the top bait. Keep a bucktail ready for passing by swimmers.

### Surf Fishing

Surf fishing this week produced kingfish, blues

and spot are now showing up. Kingfish remains the mainstay of the summer. Small float rigs and bloodworms are the preferred bait. A few flounder are coming off the beach but numbers have not shown up yet. At night, a few stripers are still coming in, just after the falling tide begins.

### Clams & Crabs

Crabs remain strong with pots yielding 10-13 crab per pot. Clamming in the Rehoboth Bay is really picking up. All sizes of clams from small to large can be found just below the sandy bottom.

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The headboat Angler with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich and Steve are still putting their anglers on the sea bass, but are also getting into the ocean flounder. Regular customer Jordan Hallowell snagged these flounders wreck fishing last week, weighing up to 3 lbs.



Brian Anderson of Indiana County, PA caught this 95.6 lb. yellowfin tuna on a wide tracker in the Washington Canyon in 250 fathoms, his first ever! He was fishing with Mark Anderson of Mechanicsburg, PA, Ken Anderson of Carlisle, PA and Jack Harris Boyertown, PA on the "Slaughterhouse" with Capt. Mark Hess of Mark's Meats in Millsboro, DE and mate Pam Hess.

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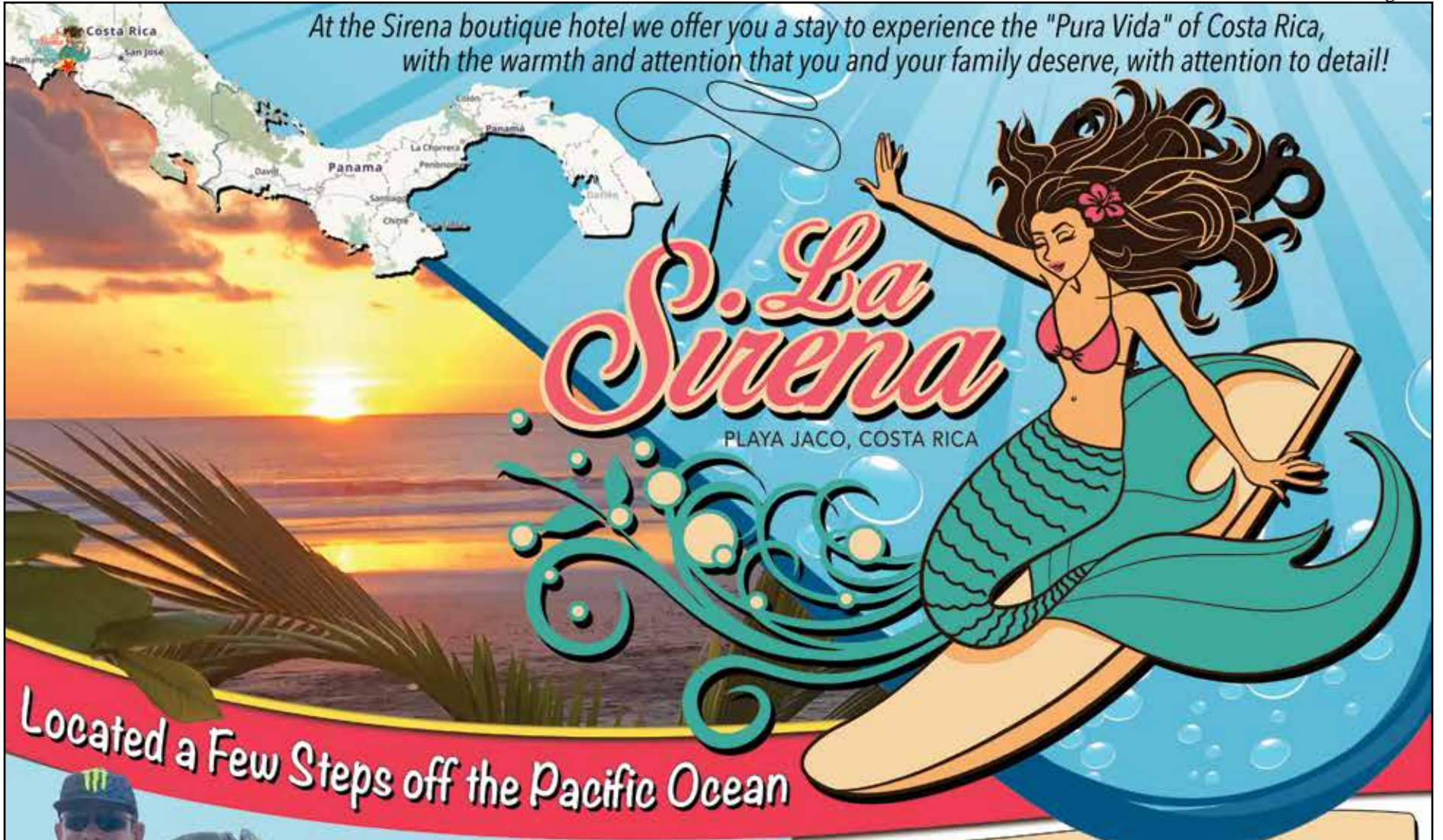
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 <b>Bluefish</b>	June 9 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs. 3 oz.	May 8 Gavin Murray Gull Island 15.1 lbs.	 <b>Mako Shark</b>	May 28 Michael Eid Fingers 187 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Black Drum</b>	April 11 Emily Blume Assateague Island 48 lbs.	May 7 Adam Clarke Slaughter Beach 77.5 lbs.	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	June 7 Roman Brady Fingers 542 lbs.	May 28 Wade Sartorial Fingers 309 lbs.
 <b>Cobia</b>	 June 17 Shannon Pickens S. of OC Inlet 36 lbs.	No Weights Reported	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	 June 18 Tom Collins Poor Man's 212 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Flounder</b>	May 8 Kevin Mcnelis Thorofare 4.2 lbs.	May 23 Heather Strickland Lewes Canal 4.08 lbs.	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	May 28 James Hammond Poor Man's 150 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	June 5 William Londron Ocean Structure 3 lb. 3 oz.	May 28 Denise Eddinger Del Jersey Reef 4.1 lbs.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	 June 18 Dianna Harris Norfolk Canyon 98 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel 17 lb. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	 <b>Dolphin</b>	June 11 Hunter Pfeiffer Rockpile 19 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Tautog</b>	April 27 Kurtis Berry Ocean Structure 22.7 lbs.	April 19 Johnny Justison Ocean Structure 8.9 lbs.	 <b>Wahoo</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 <b>Weakfish</b>	No Weights Reported	June 9 Ron Beatty Indian River Inlet 3.6 lbs.	 <b>White Marlin</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

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The gang from the South Bethany Yacht Club headed off shore last week with Capt. Mike Burt on the "Pumpin' Hard" to try their luck for tuna. Starting off on the north side of the Washington Canyon and ending up at the south end of the Poor Man's Canyon, anglers Darrell Reinke, Darrell Long, Steve Pelham, Steve Wann and Jeff Marshall started picking away at the yellowfins ending the day with 6 in the box. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



Charter boat "Pumpin' Hard" with Capt. Mike Burt at the helm got their crew on some nice bluefin tuna. Anglers Landon Rivers (12) Bond Rivers (12) and Lilly Hammond (14) were in the Poor Man's Canyon when these blues hit their spreader bars. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Ewing Brothers Funeral Home chartered the "Bill Slayer" with Capt. Chris Rangi and mate Conner Campbell last week and the fishing was excellent. They caught their limit of 18 yellowfin tunas by 9AM! The tunas were eating the Sterling Tackle spreader bars, daisychains and Habanero Custom Baits as fast as they could get them in the water!

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Nick Winters had an early Father's Day gift last week releasing a white marlin! He was fishing in the Washington Canyon with his son Randy and Capt. Christian Smith on the charter boat "All In". Overall they went 1 for 2 on white marlins and had a bigeye bite that broke off. Pictured at White Marlin Marina.



Angler Eric McGallicher from Lancaster, PA put this 46 lb. yellowfin tuna he caught in the Washington Canyon on the scale for the record! He was fishing on the 'Foolish Pleasure' with Capt. Dale Lisi with mate Ricky Adkins and anglers Shawn, Craig, Chad, Matt and Eric.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



Ken Yuen is a regular on the headboat "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich and Steve. On this trip last week to an offshore wreck he reeled in this 3 lb. black sea bass on a jig.



This group of anglers with vacation homes in Angola by the Bay in Lewes, DE picked the right day to charter "Rhonda's Osprey". Anglers Price Lindsey, Bill Lutz, Drew Marchetta, Dan Nardo, Dave Czarnecki and Jitters (yup, just "Jitters") were in the Washington Canyon last week with Capt. Joe Drosey and mates Eric Strauss and Mario Rosales when they hit their limit of yellowfins and were back to the dock by 11AM!

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It was all smiles for South Bethany anglers Scott Secrest, Bradley Secrest, Bud Belczyk, Kathryn Hopkins, Matthew Hopkins and John Justinson after a productive day fishing on "The Zipper" with Capt. Zip Zajdel and mates Dominic DeSanto & Matt Barranco. They were fishing in the 800 Square with spreader bars, ballyhoo and sea witches and the tuna were hitting everything. They even had a four way hook up at one point. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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The Washington Canyon was the place to be late last week. Anglers Norm Manley, Les Schott, Greg Slater, Alex Mallari and Mike Newberry went there with Capt. Chris Watkowski and mate Jacob Bialk on the "Spring Mix" and got this crew to their limit with spreader bars and ballyhoo. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



The head boat "Thelma Dale IV" from Fisherman's Wharf in Lewes, DE tried to keep up with the drift needed to connect with flounder and sea bass first thing in the morning, but when the wind subsided the fishing got hot producing nice summer flounder catches. The pool winner this day was John D. from DE with an approximately 21" flounder. The rest of the anglers had found action with keeper flounder and sea bass.

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It was good fishing for black sea bass on the headboat "Judith M" last week. Capt. Eric Shoaff put his anglers on the Great Eastern Reef where Troy Finkenbinder, Chuck Zane, and Bruce Vick from York, PA hooked these sea bass using squid, clams and shiners.



Kent Islanders Josh Voelker, John Riley, Dave Boyle, Paul Binetti, Mike Schere and Chris Schindler had a big day picking these 18 yellowfins, mostly one at a time, while fishing in the Washington Canyon on the "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos.

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Capt. Jason Mumford on the charter boat "Lucky Break" took Amy Sleboda, Chase Sleboda and Don Dietrich from New Tripoli, PA out on the south Ocean City Bay behind Assateague Island where they tricked these keeper flounder using Otter Tails and Gulp. Biggest fish was 20".



Alan Geiger, Tony Geiger, John and Caleb Pletcher, Paul Mashack and Donald Bounds found the tuna while fishing on the "C-Boys"! Capt. Luke Blume with mates Nate Lang and Josh Blume took them to the Washington Canyon where they caught 20 yellowfins on spreader bars and ballyhoo keeping these 16. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Okay, I know, that you know, that I'm not talking specifically about you, couldn't be, you never do

stupid stuff with your boat and always run it just the way it's supposed to be run, and maybe you're right - maybe. The thing is, we all goof up now and again - zig when we should zag, miss a buoy and end up in shallow water, or make a little more wake than maybe we should. But the goings-ons I've seen you do are not just "oops" moments, they're genuine "I have no idea what I'm doing" kind of stuff.

So do you know what you're doing? It's a fair question that everyone should ask themselves and try to answer honestly. Don't worry, your answer is safe with you, and you don't have to tell a soul. But I do think that in order to help keep from steering themselves into too much trouble it's important for all boaters to realize how much they know - and don't know, about running their boat, and while there's not enough space in this entire publication to describe everything I've seen you do wrong with your boat, let me highlight a few of your bad habits.

First off: You seem to have a problem knowing how far forward or back your throttle should be set. Most of the time I see you driving a boat that should be either run on plane or at an idle speed. But for some reason you seem to like operating it somewhere in between at more of a "plowing" speed where the bow is riding high and the stern squatting low. You've got so much white water behind your transom that it looks like you're being followed by an avalanche, and your boat is churning up about as big a wake as it possibly can. Oh yeah, and if it matters to you, you're burning more fuel, drawing more water, and putting more strain on your engine than at any other throttle setting.

Certainly there are times when plowing along at eight or so knots is what you've got to do, but if that's the speed you normally run your boat to and fro, you really need to learn about running either on plane or at a moderate idle speed. Since you obviously don't know about this and might be wondering how to tell if you are plowing the water, just look at your wake. If it's big and very wide close to the boat then you need to either speed up or slow down!

Also, I've been wanting to ask why I so often see you running around with most, if not all, of your passengers crowded up at the bow of your boat. I most often see you doing it when you're in your "bow rider" boat, but regardless of the name, having everyone sitting up front rather than properly distributing their weight between the bow and the stern only increases the chances that you'll bury the bow in a wave and swamp or at the very least take a few waves over the bow that soak everyone aboard. I notice that you do the same thing when you're running your pontoon deck boat. With so many of your passengers up front you look like a snow plow going through the water. I thought you would have learned your lesson when you tried to go under the RT.50 bridge that day when the current was running so strong and you nose-dived into a couple waves that covered your deck and washed your cooler and life jackets floated out of the boat - but I guess not.

Another thing I've watched you do is to allow passengers to ride on the bow of your boat with their legs dangling over the side. This is proof that you're not

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only a ding-dong but also that you probably shouldn't be running a boat at all. Not only is this practice extremely dangerous, it's also illegal.

And how about all those times you ran up on a sandbar and tried to get off by powering ahead with your motor. Even from a distance I could see the brown roostertail of sand and mud as you plowed a furrow through the bottom. Just so you know, it's really best just to shut your motor off, tilt it up and push your way off.

Then there are all the times you went charging past me in the marina pulling a big wake in your 50-footer. You claim it won't go any slower at idle because you're turning such big wheels, but guess what, by bumping it in and out of gear you can slow that big rig as much as you want and not rock the rest of us tied up in our slips!

Finally, if you hadn't slept through your boating safety course you might have some idea about the navigation rules aka "rules of the road" but apparently you did - so obviously you don't! So every time you and I are navigating anywhere near each other I have no idea what you're going to do when we get close. I usually just try and stay far away from you but often the narrow channel won't allow it so I just hope and pray that we can pass without mishap. Even if you don't know the rules, if you would just pay attention to your surroundings you would make the waters a lot safer around you!

So this brings me to all the lame-brain things I've seen you do at the boat ramp. Oh no wait a minute - there are not enough pages in this paper to cover all those antics. Let's just save them for my next book! §



Jillian Kramarck is in the club! She caught her first yellowfin tuna while fishing with her parents Steve and Kelly with mate Jody Williams in the Poor Man's Canyon on the "Catch 23". This one took a Joe Shute with a ballyhoo.



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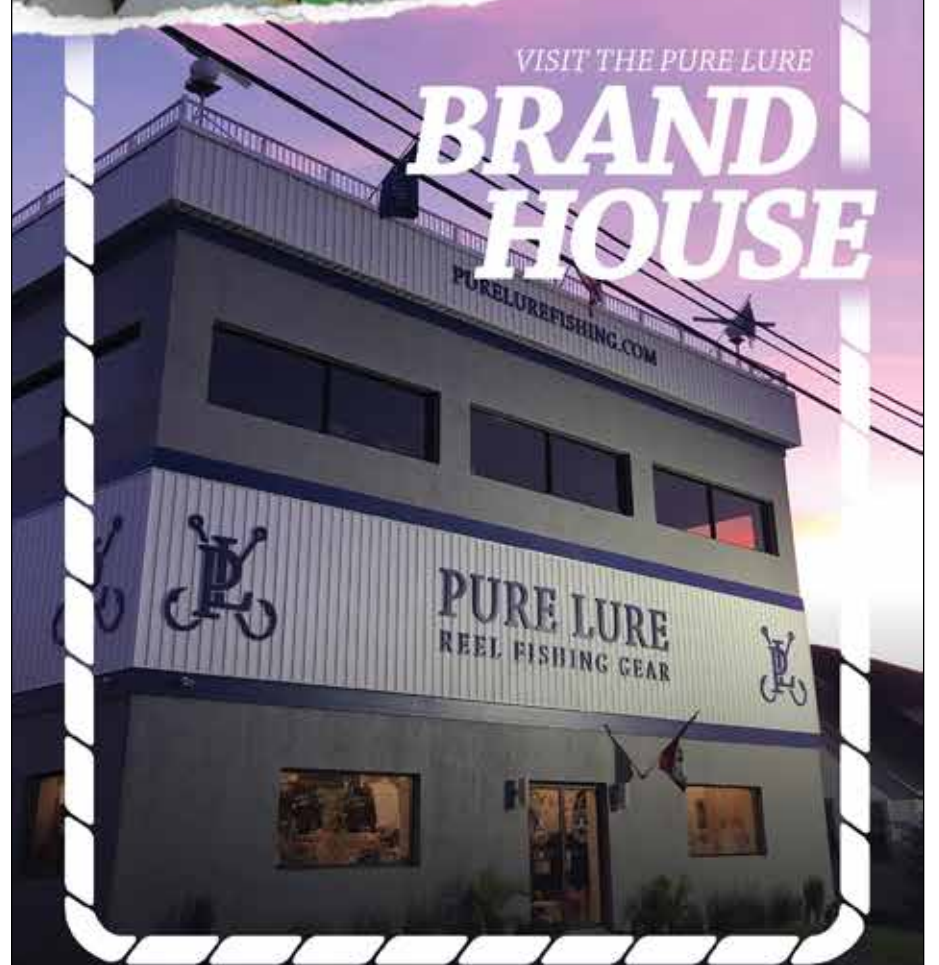
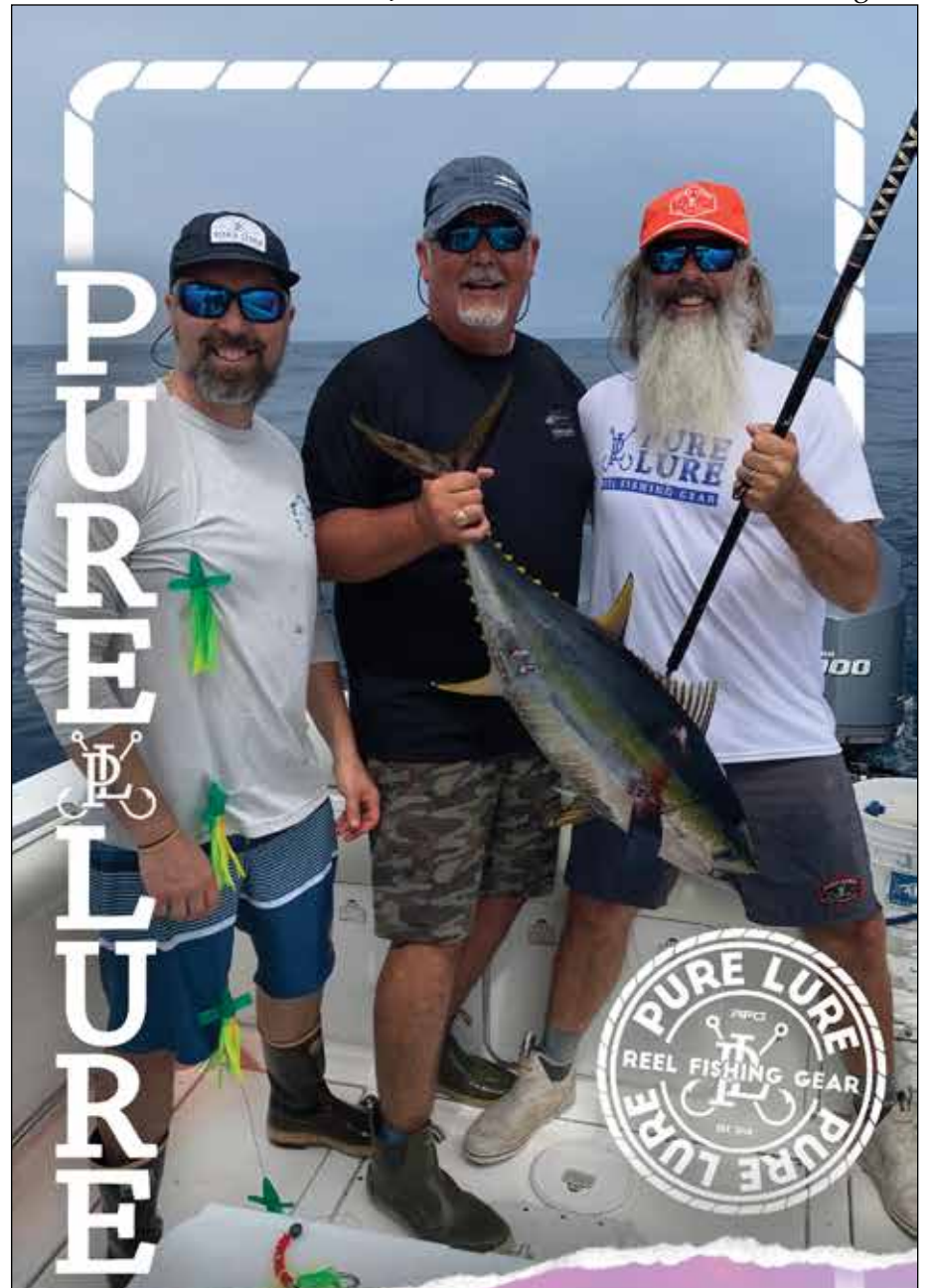
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Kern Ducote was drifting behind Assateague Island with Mike Quade for flounder when he was pleasantly surprised to reel in this nice 25" weakfish. Using gulf shrimp for bait, the pair also landed 2 keeper flounders, up to 18", plus about 10 throwbacks. A nice day on the bay!



Anglers David Stevens, Rusty Daub, Rhonda Daub and Blake Messner had a busy day fishing south of the Poor Man's Canyon! They went 9 for 10 on yellowfin tuna hookups with 3 of them estimated at over 80 pounds. They were on the "Reel Escape" with Capt. Chris Miller, and all of the fish were caught on Sterling Tackle wide tracker bars, chains and Joe Shute lures.



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Kalee Jones is all smiles as she doubles up on keeper sea bass at the Great Eastern Reef. They were definitely chewing hard on the squid that day. She was fishing with Jason Pylypczuk and Ryan Cowder on Saturday before the wind kicked in!



A tuna for everyone! Anthony McMullan, Cole Zimmerman, and Kolton Sheeler share the yellowfin tuna they boated in the Washington Canyon using spreader bars and ballyhoo. They were fishing on the charter boat "Spring Mix II" with Capt. Chris Watkowski. Pictured at the OC Fishing Center.

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These are two happy boys! They were fishing at the Oceanic Fishing Pier in Ocean City when Charlie (left) from Great Falls, VA caught this 23" speckled trout. He was using a pink spec rig with a 4" white Berkley Gulp.



Shirley German finally got her due, beating her husband Gary with her 2 flounder (19" & 18") to his single 18" fish! She and Gary landed the flounder in the Thorofare using Glow Orange Gulp Swimming Mulletts.

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Ingredients:

*For the crab cakes:*

- 2 large eggs
- 2-1/2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1-1/2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning
- 1/4 teaspoon salt



- 1/4 cup finely diced celery, from one stalk
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped

- fresh parsley
- 1 pound lump crab meat (see note below)

- 1/2 cup panko
- Canola oil, for cooking

*For the quick Tartar Sauce:*

- 1 cup mayonnaise, best quality such as Hellmann's or Duke's
- 1-1/2 tablespoons sweet pickle relish
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon minced red onion
- 1-2 tablespoons lemon juice, to taste
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Directions:

*For the crab cakes:*

- Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil for easy clean-up.

Combine the eggs, mayonnaise, Dijon mustard, Worcestershire, Old Bay, salt, celery, and parsley in a large bowl and mix well. Add the crab meat (be sure to check the meat for any hard and sharp cartilage) and panko; using a rubber spatula, gently fold the mixture together until just combined, being careful not to shred the crab meat. Shape into 6 cakes (each about 1/2 cup) and place on the prepared baking sheet. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. This helps them set.

Preheat a large nonstick pan to medium heat and coat with canola oil. When the oil is hot, place the crab cakes in the pan and cook until golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes per side. Be careful as oil may splatter. Serve immediately with tartar sauce or a squeeze of lemon.

*For the quick Tartar Sauce:*

Mix all ingredients together in a small bowl. Cover and chill until ready to serve.

Note: If you can only find jumbo lump crab meat, you may need to break the pieces up a bit. If the clumps are too large, the crab cakes won't hold together well.

### Grilled Yellowfin Tuna with Marinade

Ingredients:

- 4 (6 oz.) yellowfin tuna steaks
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/3 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 4 wedges lemon, for garnish



Directions:

Prick tuna steaks all over with a fork and place in shallow glass dish.

Whisk oil, soy sauce, lemon juice, Dijon mustard, lemon peel, and garlic together in a bowl; pour over the tuna steaks. Cover dish with plastic wrap and refrigerate 1 to 3 hours.

Preheat grill for medium heat and lightly oil the grate.

Remove tuna from the marinade. Shake excess moisture from the steaks.

Pour the marinade into a small saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook marinade at a simmer for 10 minutes.

Cook tuna on preheated grill, basting with boiled marinade, until cooked through, 5 to 6 minutes per side. Serve with lemon wedges.

### Flounder Francaise



Ingredients:

- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/8 teaspoon paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 large flounder fillets (1 1/2 to 2 lbs)
- Sauce:
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon parsley

Lemon slices and parsley (to garnish - optional)

Directions:

In a large skillet, heat the oil and 1 tablespoons of butter over medium heat.

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Place the beaten eggs in a shallow dish.

When the skillet is good and hot, put the flounder fillets in the bag one at a time and then dip in the egg. Coat them completely with the egg and place in skillet. The egg should sizzle immediately. If it doesn't, the oil isn't hot enough.

Save 1 tablespoon of the flour mixture for the sauce.

Fry over medium heat until brown on both sides, about 3 to 4 minutes per side. Add extra butter if you need to.

Remove from skillet, keep warm.

Discard any oil left in skillet and add the butter and the 1 tbsp of seasoned flour reserved from the flounder. Whisk until smooth. Add the rest of the sauce ingredients, stirring constantly until well blended. Bring to boil and cook 5 minutes, stirring frequently. If the sauce thickens too much, add more water- just 1 tsp at a time until you achieve

the desired consistency.

To serve place flounder over a bed of buttered rice (or whatever you're using) and pour a little sauce over each fillet. Garnish with lemon slices and parsley.

### Parchment Baked Weakfish

Ingredients:

- 12-ounce weakfish fillet
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons julienned fresh ginger



Directions:

Preheat your oven to 400°F. Put a fillet in the center of a parchment piece and set it aside.



The eyeballs have been showing up and getting bigger. Angler Tom Collins on the "Fishizzle" out of Fisherman's Marina in West OC has set the bar for the 'Heaviest' bigeye this season so far at 212 lbs. Capt. Chris Miller and crew of Nick Miller, Jon Hardesty, Raylan Miller and Chance Hardesty found this one in the Poor Man's Canyon last Friday. The 71" beast took 2 hours to get to the boat!

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In a small bowl, whisk 1/2 teaspoon of sugar and 3 spoons of soy sauce together, and sprinkle the mix over the fish, then do the same with 3 tablespoons of julienned fresh ginger.

Fold the edges to seal, place it on a baking sheet and bake for about 12 minutes.

### Steamed Clams in Garlic Butter

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 tablespoon garlic minced
- 1/4 teaspoon red chili flakes
- 1 cup white wine
- 4 pounds fresh clams cleaned



- salt and pepper to taste
  - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
  - 1/4 cup chopped herbs such as parsley, chives or basil
  - herb sprigs and lemon wedges for garnish optional
- Directions:  
Heat a large pot over medium

heat. Add the butter and melt it. Add the garlic and chili flakes and cook for 30 seconds, stirring constantly.

Add the white wine and bring to a simmer; do not boil.

Place the clams in the pot, then season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover the pot, then simmer for 7-9 minutes or until clams have opened. Discard any clams that are still shut.

Stir in the lemon juice and herbs. Serve immediately, garnished with herb sprigs and lemon wedges if desired.

### Pan Roasted Swordfish

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup Italian dressing
- Juice from 1 medium sized lemon
- 2 swordfish steaks about 1 1/2 pounds cut 1 inch thick
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cups cherry or grape tomatoes

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half cut in half

- 1/4 cup capers
- 2 cloves chopped garlic
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley plus extra for garnish
- 1 cup chicken broth (vegetable broth can be substituted)



Directions:

Mix together the dressing and lemon juice. Season the swordfish on both sides with salt, pepper and Italian seasoning. Pour over the dressing and allow to marinate in the refrigerator for 1 to 6 hours.

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proof skillet on medium high heat. Sear fish for about 2 to 3 minutes on each side or until there are nice grill marks on fish. Remove fish from pan.

Add cherry tomatoes, capers, garlic, parsley, and broth. Cook for a few minutes or until tomatoes are wilted.

Add swordfish to pan and top with some of the tomatoes and sauce. Place in oven and cook for about 7 minutes or until fish is cooked through.

Remove from heat and serve fish with sauce spooned over it. Garnish with extra parsley.

### Spicy Baked Sea Trout with Lemon Sauce

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds of sea trout fillets or other firm fleshed fish
- 2 Tablespoons minced onion
- 1/4 cup stick unsalted butter melted
- 2 Tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon paprika

- 2 tsp red pepper flakes
- dash black pepper

1 Tablespoon capers rinsed (optional)

Directions:

Heat oven to 350 F. Butter a glass casserole -large enough so



that the fillets aren't crowded.

Lay the fillets in a single layer in the glass casserole.

Whisk the melted butter, lemon juice, minced onion, salt, paprika, red pepper flakes, black pepper until well blended. (Also add the capers if you wish.) Pour the sauce evenly over the fillets.

Bake in the heated oven for 20 to 25 minutes. The fillets will be firm but still moist.

Serve immediately and spoon some additional sauce over the fillets.

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Ingredients:

- 2 ounces of quality light rum
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- 6 to 8 mint leaves
- Splash of club soda
- 1 lime, cut in half

Mint sprig

Directions:

To make a mojito, place the sugar, mint leaves and club soda in a highball glass. Stir well until the sugar dissolves. Squeeze the lime juice from both halves and drop one half of the lime into the glass. Add the rum and stir. Fill the glass with ice cubes and club soda, and garnish with the mint spring. Enjoy this cooling cocktail with crab and imagine relaxing on the beach.

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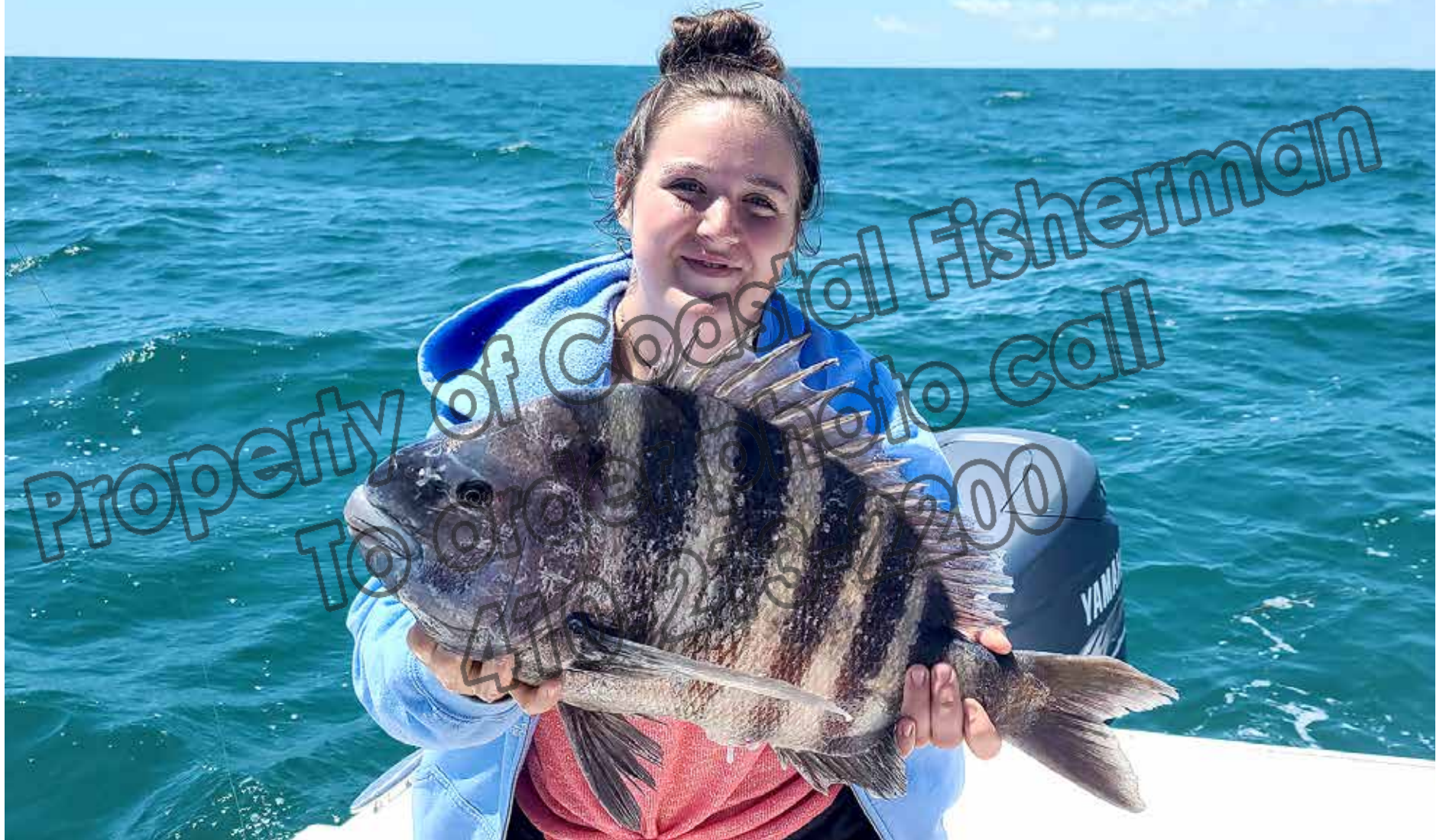
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Chris Newman shows off the 3 lb. flounder he caught while fishing on the deep sea vessel "Angler" out of the Talbot Street Pier in Ocean City. Capt. Chris Mizurak put Chris and the other anglers on an artificial reef to catch these flatties with bucktails.



We filled almost all of the remaining 'First Fish' categorizes this week, only longfin tuna remains! Veronica Cannuli nabbed the spot for first sheephead of the 2021 season with this 23 incher. She was fishing with Vince Cannuli outside of the Ocean City Inlet using clams for bait.



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### UPCOMING TOURNAMENT!

**42nd ANNUAL SMALL BOAT TOURNAMENT\***  
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 Fishing Days: (1 of 2) June 26 & 27  
 Weigh-Ins: June 26 & 27 3:00-6:30pm at Sunset Marina

#### 39th ANNUAL CANYON KICK OFF \*

Registration: July 1, 6:30-8:00pm  
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 Fishing Days: (2 of 3) July 2, 3, 4  
 Weigh-Ins: July 2-4, 5:00-7:30pm at Sunset Marina

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To benefit the Wish-A-Fish Foundation  
 Registration: July 16, 6:00-8:00pm  
 Fishing Days: (1 or 2 of 2) July 17 & 18  
 Weigh-Ins: July 17, 3:00-6:30pm and July 18, 3:00-6:00pm at Sunset Marina

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 Registration: July 29, 6:00-8:00pm  
 Fishing Days: (1 of 2) July 30 & 31  
 Weigh-Ins: July 30 & 31 5:30-7:30pm at Atlantic Tackle

#### 6th ANNUAL OCMC vs OCLTC SHOOT-OUT

Angler Meeting: August 26, 7:00pm  
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**Red Alert**

Red alert, a popular phrase in society with a more defined meaning for boaters!

Pyrotechnic flares have been a requirement for many boats and ships since the Safety of Life At Sea international treaty (SOLAS) was created after the sinking of the Titanic. SOLAS sets minimum safety standards in the construction, equipment and operation of merchant ships and some of these regulations are the basis for USCG requirements for pleasure and charter boats in the USA.

Red pyrotechnic flares have been used in the maritime environment for over a century, in 1859, Martha Coston patented the Coston flare which was used extensively by the U.S. Navy during the Civil War and by the United States Life-Saving Service to signal to other ships and to shore. Marine Flares are made from a mixture of pyrotechnic

materials such as: strontium nitrate- (provides the red color), potassium nitrate, or potassium perchlorate and mixed with a fuel such as charcoal, sulfur, sawdust, aluminum, magnesium, or a polymeric resin. Flares provide their own oxygen, allowing them to burn in most any environment, including underwater!

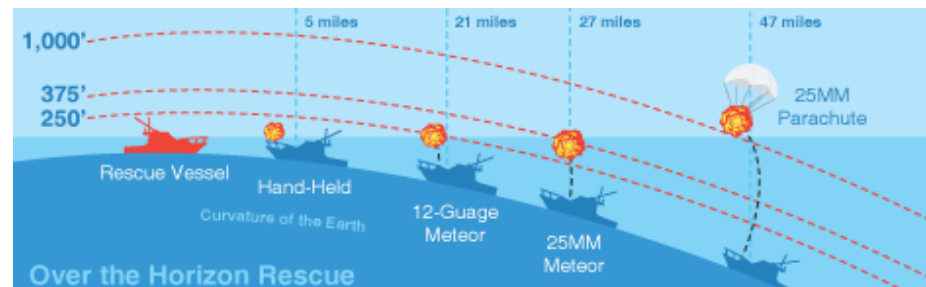
Why do flares make a good distress signal?

- Ignite and burn in almost any environment
- Create a very bright light
- Create heat
- Create smoke
- Stored properly, they last for years with no maintenance.

Flares are still one of the best safety devices even in today's "connected society" a flare sighting on the water will usually be noticed immediately and reported to the authorities or initiate an immediate response from fellow boaters. Search and rescue

teams often use thermal cameras (FLIR), and they can "see" the heat signature from the flares' flame and smoke. Of course, there are drawbacks to using a flare - such as burns to surroundings and people, toxic emissions, blinding light etc., though they often outweigh the consequences of the emergency.

While most boats are required to



carry flares as part of their safety equipment, many boaters will never need to use their flares, since they are at the end of a long list of communication equipment that is used in advance of the flare, such as cellular telephone, VHF, Sat Phone, InReach, PLB and EPIRB. Though when all else fails, a flare sighting is recognized globally as a sign or distress and will often bring help quickly.

In the USA, Pyrotechnic flares fall under the USCG regulatory category of "visual distress signals", that also include an orange flag and the modern Electric S-O-S distress lights.

Most boaters are familiar with their VHF radio, how to operate the radio and how far they can hear and how far away other boaters can hear them. When it comes to pyrotechnic flares, the same may not be true since most of us do not regularly display or search for a distress flare.

Types of flares (and pyrotechnic devices) considered a distress signal by the USCG:

- Flares
- Red hand held flare, 500 Candela (measure of brightness)
- Signal pistol red parachute flare
- Hand held red parachute flare
- Red aerial pyrotechnic flare
- Hand red flare distress signal 15,000 candela (for SOLAS)
- Red parachute flare, 30,000 candelas (for SOLAS)

**Smoke Signals**

- Floating orange smoke signals
- Hand orange smoke signal, 50 second
- Floating orange smoke signals, 15 minutes
- Floating orange smoke signal 3

minute (SOLAS)

- Floating smoke signal 15 Minute (SOLAS)

Note: the USCG "does not test materials or systems for approval but rather specifies the required test methods and minimum performance criteria for approval. Product testing must be performed by a Coast Guard Accepted

or Recognized Independent Laboratory."

When to use what type of Flare or Smoke signals? Alert or locate?

A locate signaling device should be used when resources are nearby, used to help guide them to your location when you know they are within a few miles of your location. Due to the curvature of the earth, the theoretical distance you can see a hand held flare is about three miles (if both people are standing at sea level). Both hand held flares and smoke signals are a great way to let rescue parties locate your vessel.

An alert signaling device is used to get the attention of somebody located many miles away that can aid or notify others, some of these alert devices like large parachute flares can be seen over 40 miles away!

The practical visual range of these flare and smoke products should give you some idea on when to use each type and when NOT to use each type. If you can see or have contact with a rescue vessel or aircraft, using a handheld flare or smoke signal is a great way to guide them to your exact position. You would not want to waste your hand-held flares when you know



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observers/rescue people are farther out than three miles. If you cannot see the rescue assets, then the use of an aerial flare would be best, even the smallest aerial flare shoots up to an altitude of 300 feet, burns with a brightness up to 10,000 candela and burns for up to 6.5 seconds each.

For many boaters, the USCG only requires hand held flares, while this may meet the requirements, in our area, it is easy to be 3 miles away from other boaters or observers who may or may not see your distress signal. It would be a good

idea to compliment your hand-held flares with any aerial pyrotechnic devices to alert others when you are far from observers.

Signal flares are still one of the best ways to signal to others that you are in distress. They are compact, budget friendly, last for years and need no maintenance. Be sure to check your safety kit for the proper type and quantity along with checking the expiration date.

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- 39th Annual Canyon Kick Off  
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# FACTS ABOUT... DOLPHIN



Despite the name "dolphinfish", this fish is not related to the dolphin family at all and are not marine mammals. They are fish, and like most fish they are cold-blooded, produce eggs and breathe using gills. One common theory as to why these fish are referred to as "dolphinfish" has to do with the fact that these fish are quite large in size (about the size of a small bottlenose dolphin). However, it has been quite difficult to pin-point the origin of this name. Recently, these fish have taken on their respective names "Mahi-mahi" and "Pompano" to avoid confusion with the cetacean species, which the marine mammal dolphins are a part of.

## PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

In terms of size, the dolphinfish can reach lengths of up to 4 1/2 ft. and can weigh up to 60+ lbs (15 - 30 lbs. on average). These ray-finned fish vary in color from blue and green to yellow and brown, with multiple shades running from the top of their body to the bottom. They have a long dorsal fin which runs from the head to the lower back and a tall but narrow shaped body.

Male and female dolphinfish can be easily distinguished by the shape of their head. Male dolphinfish have pronounced heads with an obtrusive forehead, while female dolphinfish have rounded heads.

Like other vertebrate fish these fish swim in a horizontal, snake-like fashion as compared to cetaceans that swim with a vertical movement by arching their backs and tails.

## DIET

Dolphinfish are known to eat a variety of prey such as crabs, crustaceans, small fish, squid and sargassum weed, among other sea dwelling creatures and plant life.

## HABITAT

Dolphinfish can be found living near the coastline or in warm, offshore tropical - subtropical waters above 90 °F (32 °C) both in and around the equator throughout the world. These surface dwelling fish can be found primarily in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific oceans. Some of the most popular areas known for hunting these fish include Costa Rica, the Gulf of Mexico, Florida & Hawaii among other ocean rich locations.

## SOCIAL STRUCTURE

Young dolphinfish can often be seen traveling in groups of up to 50 or more fish in order to minimize their risk of being attacked. As these fish age they tend to travel in smaller pods and in some cases may only travel in pairs. Unlike marine mammals that give birth, dolphinfish are born from eggs and are not given support or nurture from their mother or father. Survival often depends on their ability to quickly adjust to their surroundings and find shelter in large groups of young dolphinfish.

## REPRODUCTION

The dolphinfish is one of the fastest growing fish, reaching sexual maturity within the first 6 to 12 months of life. Female dolphinfish can lay anywhere from 100,000 to 1,000,000 eggs at a time and can lay eggs 2 - 3 times per year! Fertility and laying eggs can occur at any time during the year as these fish do not have a primary mating season. The average lifespan of dolphinfish is 3 to 4 years, with a few fish living to the age of 5.

## THREATS AND PREDATORS

Other than facing threats from humans that hunt these fish for sport and/or food, dolphinfish face threats from a number of different predators such as yellowfin tuna, a variety of marlin, swordfish, sharks, seabirds and a number of marine mammals. Unlike "real dolphins" cetaceans, these dolphinfish are not illegal to hunt. In fact, the species is quite plentiful and a source of food in many countries.

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Capt. Ken Fleetwood and Jim Zimmerman on the "Quick Draw" fished the Poor Man's Canyon with anglers Hudson Wise (pictured), Todd Klinger, Jon Wise and Michael Wise. They went 5 for 10 on the yellowfin tuna bites releasing two and also boated a 12 lb. mahi. All were caught on Sterling Tackle wide trackers and Crazy 8's.



The Brown boys from Ocean View, DE are back, and still smiling! Richard Brown and his son Rick took their boat the "Miss Darlene" out to the Poor Man's Canyon last week where they landed these 5 yellowfin tuna on spreader bars and ballyhoo.

**Ladieswear!**

 An advertisement for ladieswear featuring several t-shirts and tank tops in various colors (light blue, dark blue, pink, white). Each item features the Coastal Fisherman logo, which includes a fish jumping over an American flag. The text "COASTAL FISHERMAN" is written in a stylized font around the fish.
 

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The crew of the "Slaughterhouse" shared an interesting picture from a Memorial Day trip they took. They went shark fishing in the Fingers looking for threshers or makos when they caught and released a great white shark. It was caught by Ryan Mock of Centerport PA and was estimated weighing about 400 lbs. The shark swam around the boat a few times and Capt. Mark Hess told Ryan to throw it a bait. After hooking it, Ryan started yelling "he ate it Mark, he ate it"! Not exactly the shark they were looking for, but it gave them a real battle taking about an hour to get to the boat. Also on the trip was Ryan's wife and Pam's sister Corky.



Rita Tempel from Gettysburg, PA has two reasons to smile! First is this 20" flounder she caught in the East Channel in the Ocean City Bay using a pink Spro Bucktail Jig with white Glup and second is that she is a dentist! She was drifting with Carl Temple on the late incoming tide.

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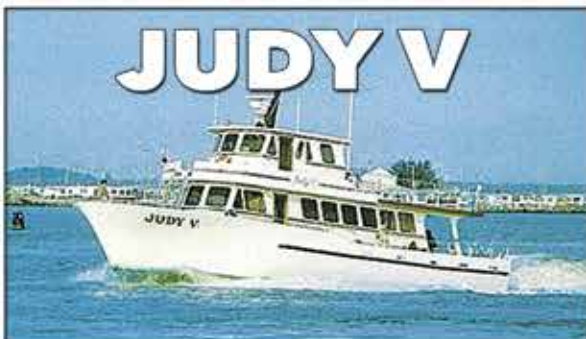
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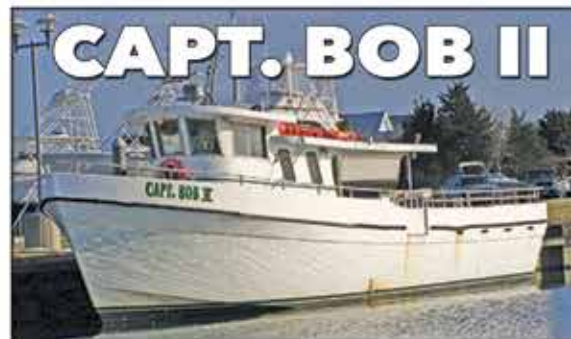
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There was no denying the yellowfin were here and getting bigger. Capt. Ron Skillman with mate Jamie on the "Reel Fun" took Delaware anglers Stew Douglass of Middletown, Steve Poole of Bear, Tom Hess of Clayton, Joe Godfrey of Smyrna, Mike Althouse of Newark and Ray Bullen from Middletown out to the Washington Canyon where they made short work of boating these 17 yellowfin tuna, the biggest at 86 lbs. They also had a white marlin release!



Debbie Collins from Newark, MD was fishing with Grover Collins and Gary Lee Lewis near the Fox Islands, south of Crisfield in the Chesapeake Bay when she hooked this speckled trout using a peeler crab.

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It was finally time for the first trip of the season for the private boat "Brenda Lou" and it turned out to offer some 'firsts' for several of the crew. Capt. Fran Goodhart III invited young TJ Bettinosli and his dad Tony from Willow Street, PA along for the ride last Sunday. This was TJ's first trip to the deep and he crushed it catching 1 of the 2 yellowfin tuna for the day as well as a gaffer mahi. The other tuna was caught by Ryan Ribb and turned out to be his first also. Rounding out the crew were Justin Ribb, Allan Whitley, Paul Turner and mate Tommy Howes. When TJ was asked if he would go again, the answer was a "yes sir!" He is ready for his first marlin.

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 <b>Black Drum</b>	March 31 Allen Skylar Assateague Island	April 19, 2020 Bill Grubb Fenwick Island State Park	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	May 22, 2021 Patrick Snell "MAKO me CRAZY" Twin Wrecks	June 13, 2020 Charlie Boyles "Hook It Up" Old Grounds
 <b>Cobia</b>	 June 17 Shannon Pickens South OC Inlet	June 21, 2020 Aaron Reeves "On the Run" South Jetty	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	May 28 Pete Gudiatas "Blood Money" Poor Man's	May 27, 2020 Ryan Turner "Full Service" Norfolk Canyon
 <b>Flounder</b>	April 18 Danny Cox Rt. 90 Bridge	May 5, 2020 Mackenzie Cathell Thorofare	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	May 7 James Hammond "Hot Lick" Norfolk	June 9, 2020 Shannon Gore Baltimore Canyon
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	April 12 Camryn Baeder Inshore Wreck	May 15, 2020 Brent Bortner "Green Machine" Offshore Wreck	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>		June 9, 2020 Evan Winterbottom "PYY Fishing" Poor Man's Canyon
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	 June 17 Veronica Cannuli Outside OC Inlet	June 12, 2020 Keith Smith "On the Run" South Jetty	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	May 28 Bill Pino "Blood Money" Poor Man's	April 29, 2020 Dylan Wiley Washington Canyon
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel	May 7, 2020 Patricia Cropper Rt. 50 Bridge	 <b>Dolphin</b>	June 10 Michael Seicke "Second Chance" S. Poor Man's	May 23, 2020 Jeremy Phares "Reel Fin Addiction" Norfolk Canyon
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 <b>Weakfish</b>	May 6 Rich Harpel North Jetty Indian River Inlet	June 17, 2020 Muhamad Arshad Oceanic Fishing Pier	 <b>White Marlin</b>	June 13 Brad Young "TUNAFOWL" Washington Canyon	May 23, 2020 Carl Sauer "Reel Escape" Washington Canyon

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Big Bird Cropper and Shaun Flaherty are a dynamic duo when it comes to fishing the Ocean City Bay. Early last week they hooked these in the slot 30" rockfish and several bluefish by the Rt. 50 Bridge. They were using Mann's Stretch baits.



Ocean City local Rob Moroney had a good day Sunday. He was working the south side of the south Ocean City Jetty at the start of the outgoing tide on the "Anita Sea" when he tricked this 22" flounder with a Roy Rig. Pictured at Sunset Provision where Rob works!

## OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

WED. JUNE 23	High 06:57 am High 07:47 pm	Low 01:08 am Low 12:57 pm
THUR. JUNE 24 <i>Full Moon</i>	High 07:55 am High 08:45 pm	Low 02:03 am Low 01:50 pm
FRI. JUNE 25	High 08:53 am High 09:42 pm	Low 02:56 am Low 02:43 pm
SAT. JUNE 26	High 09:50 am High 10:35 pm	Low 03:49 am Low 03:35 pm
SUN. JUNE 27	High 10:45 am High 11:25 pm	Low 04:42 am Low 04:30 pm
MON. JUNE 28	High 11:39 am High -----	Low 05:36 am Low 05:27 pm
TUE. JUNE 29	High 12:14 am High 12:34 pm	Low 06:30 am Low 06:28 pm
WED. JUNE 30	High 01:02 am High 01:31 pm	Low 07:21 am Low 07:30 pm

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Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.  
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# OCEAN CITY

## FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Summer is here... warm weather and the fish are loving it. Many anglers have switched offshore where the tuna bite is on. For those who stayed inshore the flounder, spade fish, and sheepshead have made their arrival.

### Flounder

Flounder really turned on this week. Big catches off the wrecks inshore have really boomed. Keith Brasure caught a nice 20" flattie in the bay along with a nice weakfish. He stated it was non stop until the wind picked up. The back bays have been pretty good but many fish are stronger on the ocean wrecks. The area above the Rt. 50 bridge is still the hot spot with minnow or squid being the top producing baits. A moving current is crucial for catching these fish. The hour before a tide change seems to be the best. I was out on Friday right at low tide and the bite dropped off to nothing as the tide went slack. On the ocean side the wrecks in the deeper water such as the Jacks Spot are producing the largest flounder. Large Gulp baits on long leaders are getting the job done. The African Queen and Bass Grounds are also showing no signs of flounder moving in.

Target the down current side with bucktails tipped with squid or Gulp to have the best chance of catching these big flatties. As pressure begins to build, look for the drop offs and ledges like the one on the south side of the Fenwick Shoals. These areas are less pressured and the big fish didn't get big by following the pack.

### Sea Bass

Sea bass remains good but it's about 10 throwbacks to one keeper. The deeper wrecks like the twin wrecks and the Mid Atlantic Reef areas are producing the best ratio of keepers. The Marine Electric area has also really turned on with some nice fish coming off the wrecks. Target the deeper water with flat fall jigs and large bucktails tipped with squid for your best chance at some nice keepers. The Morning Star headboat reported this week that they were still getting some limits of sea bass. William Campbell was one of the anglers who brought home a limit of sea bass. He also stated that on blow days they will post for volunteers to help build pyramids for the reef sites. These pyramids are great at attracting the sea bass as well as other reef fish to our artificial

reefs. Check out the Ocean City Reef Foundation for more information. Many anglers were also rewarded with some nice sheepshead while fishing for sea bass. Veronica Cannuli got a slob on one of the near shore wrecks this week. They had intended to go deeper but as always mother nature decided differently... wind. This seemed to be the story of the week. You left the inlet and it was a mild breeze, but as the mid day came so did the wind. This made anchoring the only way to set up. While many anglers prefer to drift over the wrecks this time of year, anchoring is truly the way to go. If you are not very experienced with anchoring on a wreck try using a bridle rope to help you set your position on the wreck. YouTube has a ton of videos on how to set up a bridle. This will allow you to adjust your position by changing the length of the bridle.

### Cobia, Sharks & Stripers

Starting with cobia, its still been a slow start compared to last year. I have heard of a few fish coming south of the OC Inlet, but the majority of fish are still further south. I received reports from Cape Charles that the bite just north of the bridge is on

[www.coastalfisherman.net](http://www.coastalfisherman.net) fire. Anglers report big schools of cobia which all appear to be heading north. Target the fish on the closer wrecks and humps just south of the OC Inlet. As for sharks, they are just about everywhere. Using cut bait and chumming is the best for bringing in one of these hard fighting fish. Some thresher sharks are still around, but duskys and dogfish are the main ones being caught. Remember to bring a regulation chart with you as many of these nearshore sharks are protected and cannot be kept. Small rockfish are still around with a few keepers coming off the Rt. 50 bridge mainly at night. I fished the docks with Roy Rigs and paddletail jigs behind Assateague and caught several small stripers.

### Surf Report

Not much going on in the surf these days as tourists begin to descend on the beaches. Kingfish on bloodworms remains the top catch. Spot are also showing up and make a great bait for larger fish. Keep them alive on a circle hook and throw them out for a chance at a bigger flounder, bluefish or rockfish.

### Clams & Crabs

Crabbing in the upper bay along the Delaware line remains strong with 8-13 crabs per pot on average. Clamming on Assateague is also in full swing with the clams just below the sandy bottom.

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The "Restless Lady II" with Capt.'s Chris Huk and John Brinley have had great luck on their 30 hour trips. Anglers Bill Guisepppe, Jeffrey Mull, Devin Caldwell, Rich Diobilda, Rich Lloyd and John Phillips not only got their limit of yellowfin tuna but also a good size swordfish. Pictured at Talbot Street Pier.

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The leaderboard was already full in the Tuna Stringer category when the "C-Boys" got to the scales during the Inaugural Tuna & Tiaras Tournament, but anglers Jenn Pettolina of West Ocean City and Sandy Lynch Bass of New Smyrna Beach, FL knew that was about to change! They were fishing in the Norfolk Canyon with Capt. Luke Blume and mates Paul Crampton & Nate Lang when they got covered up late in the day. Overall they landed 5 tuna and put all of them in the Stringer category resulting in a total of 204 pounds that easily shot them into 1st place where they stayed throughout the event earning the crew \$8,075 in prize money.



While the Inaugural Tuna & Tiaras Tournament was focused on tuna, there were also calcuttas for mahi and wahoo. Team Anglerholics fishing with Capt. Grant Calloway on the "Water Marlin" made a bet in that category that paid off nicely. Only a few mahi were weighed during the tournament, so when anglers Brooke Wooten, Bailey Moses and Logan Rash with mate Ben Lloyd brought this 15 lb. dolphin to the scale late in the first day they jumped to 1st place and held the spot for the duration! In addition to the Winner Take All mahi award, the tournament allowed that if no fish were weighed in the Wahoo category, those award dollars would roll to the mahi winner resulting in an award for the Anglerholics of \$10,925!

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Heaviest Stringer		
1ST - "C-BOYS"	204 LBS.	\$8,075
2ND - "HOCUS POCUS"	172 LBS.	\$4,845
3RD - "REEL CHAOS"	160 LBS.	\$3,230
Mahi - WTA		
1ST - "WATER MARLIN"	15 LBS.	\$10,925

**TOTAL BOATS ENTERED - 36 · TOTAL ANGLERS - 159**

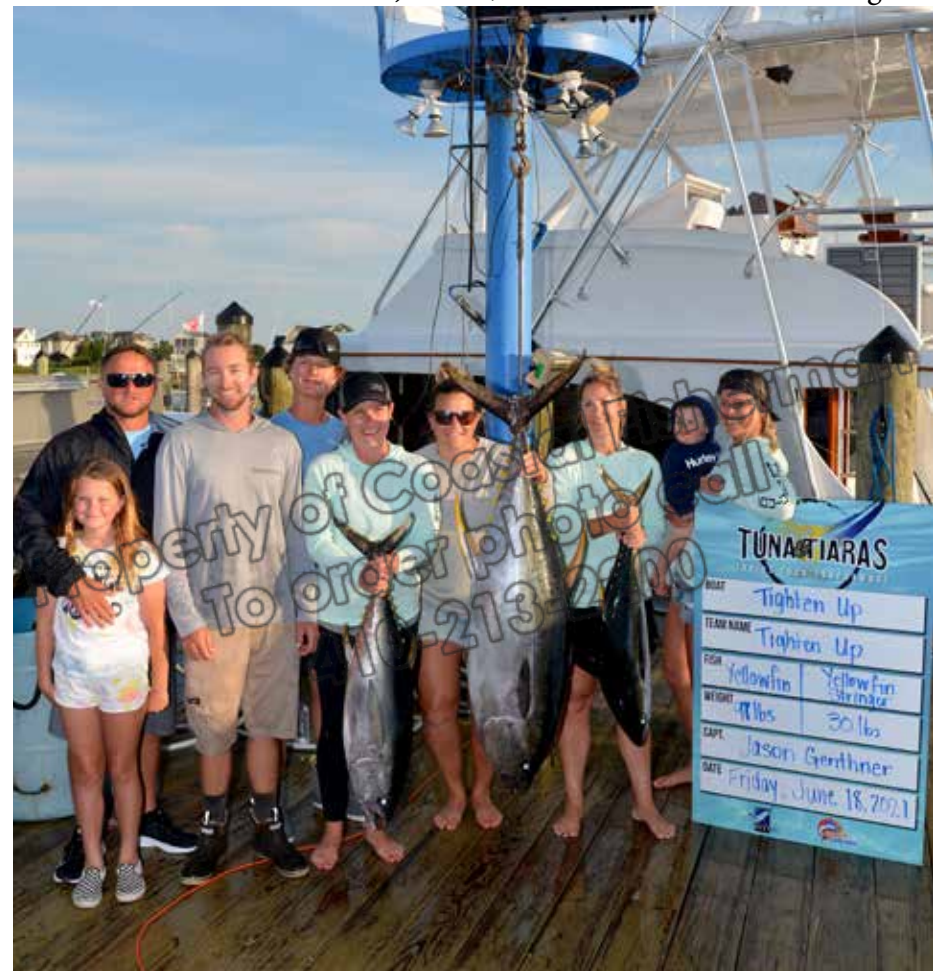





Tournament big money payouts come with a big check and big trophies! The crew of the "Hocus Pocus" Capt. Yanni Harris, mates Menel Harris and Wil Goslee with anglers Lindsey Johnson, Dianna Harris, Christy Fisher, Eleni Kotsis and Alayna Gosley received a total of \$23,607 for 1st place in the Heaviest Tuna category, 2nd place in the Tuna Stringer category and for securing the Winner Take All Tuna category during the Inaugural Tuna & Tiaras Tournament.



Team "Reel Chaos" went south to the Norfolk Canyon to try their luck during the Inaugural Tuna & Tiaras Tournament. When anglers Jessica Matarese, Samantha Matarese, Kelli Green and Laura Stees got to the scales on the first day of the event, they proved the strategy worked. Fishing with Capt. Anthony Matarese with mates Mike Matarese and Jake Graves, the crew landed a total of 5 yellowfin tuna and set a stringer weight of 160 lbs., sliding them comfortably into 3rd place and bumping several other boats out of the money! These fish earned them \$3,230 in prize money.



The crowds at the scales started to get excited when the crew of the "Tighten Up" slid a big yellowfin tuna on the deck during the Inaugural Tuna & Tiaras Tournament! Once on the scale the big fish weighed in at 97 lbs! Impressive, but just one pound short of the leader. Maryland anglers Chrissy Starcher, Christy Keller, Ashley Ritter and Lindsay Stanton were fishing in the Norfolk Canyon with Capt. Jason Genthner and mates Charles Porter & Brant Murray when they caught the big yellowfin. Their fish held onto 2nd place earning \$4,418 in award money.



It was a busy first day at the scales during the Inaugural Tuna & Tiaras Tournament held at the Ocean City Fishing Center. The "Chain Reaction" hit the scales midway through, bringing in an exciting 84 lb. yellowfin tuna that put them into 2nd place at the time. The Ladies First team of Rachel Koncir, Abby McMamee, Lauren Manzione, Cait Rose and Hope Sens were fishing a few miles north of the Norfolk Canyon in 100 fathoms with Capt. Brad Clubb and mates Ross Clubb, Grant Clubb & Bobby McMamee. Their tuna stayed in the money sliding into 3rd place later in the day and held on, earning the crew \$2,945 in prize money.



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The Butterweil boys have done better flounder fishing before they were ten than many have in a lifetime! Ben (9) and Jake (7) caught these 4 keeper flounders, all between 19-20 inches in the Ocean City Bay while fishing with flat head jigs on the "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather and mate Austin Bowden. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



While they did not get in the money, the crew of the "Mechanical Obsession" lead the theme category for their 80's outfits during the Inaugural Tuna & Tiaras Tournament! Chincoteague, VA anglers Jenny Pierson, Kayla Reda and Chelsey Mangum, also known as the Bally Hoes, were fishing with Capt. Dan Hughes and mate Alex Reda in the Norfolk Canyon where they landed these 5 yellowfins that did not meet the tournament minimum of 30".

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18-27" minimum  
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**SHEEPSHEAD**  
4 per person/day



**SPECKLED TROUT**  
14" minimum  
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4 per person/day



**TAUTOG**  
16" minimum  
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**WEAKFISH**  
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The 'Lucky 1' Charlie Donohue took a ride out to the Washington Canyon last week aboard the "White Lightning" with Capt. Bill Raab. He and fellow anglers Ryan Barretta, PJ Clauser, Ben Semiantin, Drew King and Rob Wildermuth hooked into 3 yellowfin tuna, 2 skipjack tuna and missed 3. The tuna all hit trolling ballyhoo.

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Carolina - Call Jeff James**



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