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There aren't many times you see a good size swordfish caught while trolling during daytime hours off the coast of Delmarva, but here is one landed last Saturday by anglers on the "Dawg Haus". Bruce Ennis fought the 286.4 pounder for the first 15 minutes after hooking it in 32 fathoms inside the Rockpile on a green machine trolled behind the hot new lure, Squidnation's Rasta "Flippy Floppy Thing". Jimmy Michael then took over and got the swordie to the boat in 45 minutes. Rounding out the "Dawg Haus" team were Gunnar Zorn, Dale Bowers, Lou Schultheis (not pictured), Judi Wroten, Capt. Corey Kennington and mate Wil Kennington. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





Brandon Van Dyke from Wilmington, De caught this 28-inch, 8 lb. 6 oz. flounder on a chunk of clam at Site 11. Brandon was fishing on the "Risk Reward" with Roger Clappe, Steve Opsitnick and Eric Van Dyke. The guys also caught some sea bass during their trip. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



On Friday, Randy Button from Stevensville, MD was out fishing with his son, Ryan Button on the "Indecision" when he landed this impressive 27-inch, 13 lb. 15 oz. tautog at the African Queen wreck while fishing with green crabs. The anglers also put some sea bass in the box during their trip. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.

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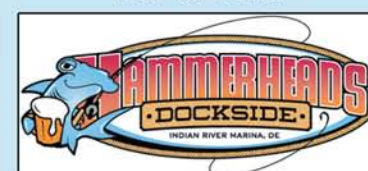
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Larry Tush from Dewey Beach, DE was fishing in Massey's Ditch during the outgoing tide when he hooked into this 27 3/4-inch, 7 lb. 15 oz. flounder. The big flattie was fooled with a live minnow and was weighed at Pier Point Marina in Dewey Beach, DE.



On Friday, Trevor Scott from Boston, MA spent the day fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Dean Lo and mates Rich Fouts and Jake Shaffer and was rewarded with this 4 lb. cod that was caught on a strip of clam on a natural reef.



The crew on the "Matatrix II" returned from an overnight trip in the Baltimore Canyon with a 105 lb. mako and some yellowfins weighing up to 52 lbs. The tuna were caught on ballyhoo and spreader bars. The anglers also released 5 makos and 2 blue sharks during their trip and pulled the hook on an estimated 250 lb. mako that was only 30-feet from the boat. All of the fish were caught in 100 to 300 fathoms. Pictured are Jordan Bosse, Michael John, Josh Ensor and Capt. Austin Ensor.



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Paul Armstrong was drifting minnows in the East Channel with Ray Welborn when he landed this 27-inch, 6 lb. 2 oz. flounder. Weighed at Atlantic Tackle in West Ocean City, MD.

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# OCEAN CITY FISHING REPORT

BY LARRY JOCK



You would have to say that this has been a very strange start to the fishing season. It started out with everyone worried about the late arrival of species due to cold spring weather but in an instant we started seeing catches, especially offshore, of species early than ever.

Unfortunately, after an incredible Memorial Day weekend of fishing, persistent windy weather put a damper on fishing last week, especially inshore and in the bay. Anglers who went offshore anyway, reported conditions much calmer than expected.

Although we didn't see a lot of fish arriving at the scale last week, the catches we did see were impressive.

Before we get into the fishing report, it was announced over the weekend that the new administration in Annapolis has terminated 4 leaders in the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, including Tom O'Connell, Director of Fisheries. This was a major mistake by our new governor Larry Hogan. Tom was a great friend to anglers on the shore and he gave us attention like we had never seen before. Tom made it a point to visit Ocean City each winter to hear the concerns of both recreational and commercial fishermen and many times went back to Annapolis with changes and insight based upon our recommendations.

The termination seems to be purely a political move and from what I heard, was made to placate fishing organizations on the Chesapeake Bay. We know how those guys like to flex their muscles. They say that politics is a dirty game and it is very unfortunate that such a good man, one who realized that there is more to the Maryland fishing scene than just the Chesapeake Bay, would lose his job. We wish Tom and his family the best of luck in the future and hope that this type of action isn't a prelude of things to come from our new governor.

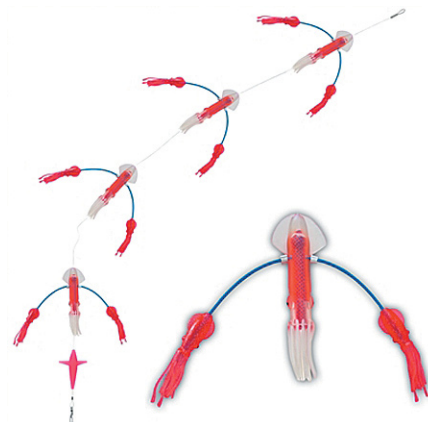
## Swordfish

The surprise catch of the



**Cookie Halle, Capt. Rick Carney and mate Brian Denton (pictured) took a trip down to the Norfolk Canyon last Friday aboard the "Cookie Monster" and returned with 3 bigeye tuna weighing 138, 150 and 212 lbs. All were caught in 100 fathoms. Pictured back at Sunset Marina.**

week was the 286.4 lb. swordfish caught on Saturday aboard the "Dawg Haus". We don't see many swordfish caught on the troll in 30 fathoms, but that is exactly what happened when Capt. Corey Kennington had to stop short of his preferred



destination due to engine problems. The 68-degree water was green and didn't look promising, but they put out a green machine behind the hot new lure, Squidnation's Flippy Floppy Thing (above) to see what would happen.

Bruce Ennis took the rod when the swordfish attacked and fought the fish for the first 15 minutes. Jimmy Michael then took over and fought the swordie for 45 minutes before getting it in the boat. It was definitely a memorable catch for the "Dawg Haus" crew.

## Marlin

The first blue marlin of the season was released on May 29th by Derek Damon of Pasadena, MD while fishing on the "Sea Box" with Paul Ordakowski. The blue marlin was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo dressed up with a blue and white Ilander, 10 miles north of the Washington Canyon in 100 fathoms. With the exception of 2011 and 2012, we typically see the first blue marlin released closer to the middle of June. Ironically, the first blue marlin was also released on May 29th in 2011 and a day earlier in 2012.

The second white marlin of the season was released on Saturday aboard the "Over Billin'" in 59-degree water in the Washington Canyon.

## Yellowfin Tuna

After hundreds of yellowfins hit the deck over the long Memorial Day Weekend, anticipation was high that last week was going to be a banner one. The batch of water that started producing catches of yellowfin in the Wilmington Canyon and moved down into the Baltimore/Poor Man's Canyons last weekend started breaking apart and moving east, leaving anglers to venture down to the Washington and Norfolk Canyons.

Windy weather kept most boats at the dock throughout the week, but on Friday seas calmed enough to allow boats in the Washington Canyon to return with yellowfins and mahi. The tuna were smaller than what we saw in previous weeks, with many just under 30 lbs. On Friday, smaller tuna were caught between the Rockpile and the Washington Canyon during the earlier part of the day in 100 fathoms and a few larger fish were hooked between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons and around the 800/800 later in the day.

On Saturday, "Talkin' Trash" returned with 16 yellowfins and a dozen mahi from 100 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. The "Boss Hogg" was in the same location and caught 10 yellowfins and some dolphin. The "Marli" was in 50 fathoms near the Washington and returned with 12 yellowfins all caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars.

## Bigeye Tuna

On Friday, the "Cookie Monster" planned on doing an overnigher but cut their plans short when they had no room left to store fish after catching 3 bigeye tuna, weighing 130, 150 and 212 lbs., and a bunch of yellowfins. The bigeyes were hooked in 100 fathoms in the Norfolk Canyon and their larger

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yellowfins came from between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons. They also caught yellowfins later in the day, around 4:30 PM, near the 800/800.

On Saturday, Fred Crickenberger caught a 205 lb. eyeball at the bigeye hole in 59-degree water.

#### Sharks

We haven't seen too many large mako sharks caught this season. Most have been barely over 100 lbs. and have been caught inshore of the Baltimore Canyon and around the Fingers.

Lamont Hilbert did release an estimated 300 lb. thresher shark on Friday while fishing by himself at the African Queen.

#### Sea Bass

It was a hit-or-miss week for those chasing sea bass. A few boats had good days, but most anglers struggled throughout the week. The catch did improve over the weekend when anglers on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" boated 63 sea bass on an ocean wreck. Good catches of cod have made things interesting on local headboats. The cod bite has been the best we have seen in many, many years and makes you wonder about government statistics since they are saying the cod population is so bad you can't even catch them off Massachusetts. In my next life, I want to come back as either a government statistician or a weatherman!

#### Flounder

Wind blowing out of the south/southwest shut down flounder fishing last week. The water was just too dirty and filled with grass to get any decent bite going.

#### Upcoming Tournament

This weekend is the Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament. Fishing will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday with weigh-ins from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM each day. Spectators are able to get close to the action at Bahia Marina and Fishtails is always a great place to grab some food and drinks. With the Ocean City Fishing Tournament cancelled this year, I would anticipate more anglers participating in Bahia's tournament.

See you at the scales.

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Last Friday, Leland Yackobovitz from West Chester, PA battled this 19 lb. blue tilefish after hooking it on a strip of squid in 90 fathoms at the tip of the Baltimore Canyon. Leland was fishing on the "Fin Chaser" with Ed, Mark and Matt Yackobovitz, Capt. Danny Stauffer and mate Trevor Stauffer. The anglers returned with a cooler full of tilefish caught in 63.5-degree water. Pictured at Atlantic Tackle in West Ocean City, MD.



Howard Gaughtry, Dave Woods, Daryl Bathelme and C.C. Lee returned to the Indian River Marina with a 115.7 lb. bigeye and 6 yellowfins after trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Baltimore Canyon. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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With the Lewes Harbour Stretch in full force, Dan Platts shows off the 21-inch flounder he caught in the Delaware Bay while fishing on the "Martha Marie". This was Dan's very first flounder. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Hao Ji from Fairfax, VA was fishing with fresh bunker at low tide off Assateague Island when he put a hook into this 35-inch, 17 lb. 3 oz. bluefish. Weighed at Buck's Place on Rt. 611.

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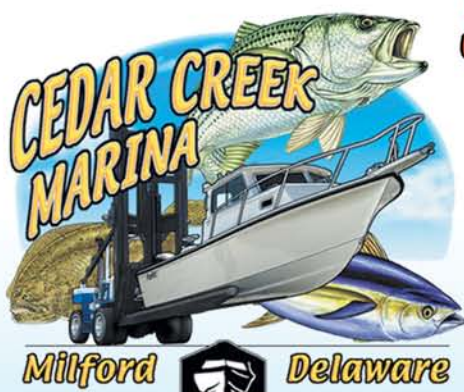
Last Friday, Leif Daubach from Pittsville, MD reeled in this 107 lb. mako shark during a trip to outside the Fingers. Leif was fishing on the "No Shop Talk" with Miles Cole of Ocean Pines, MD and Derek Morris from Pittsville, MD.

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Drew Stuchlik got up extra early to do some surfcasting before work and was rewarded with a 14 lb. 11 oz. striper and 3 flounder weighing up to 5 lbs. 8 oz. (1 pictured). All were caught while tossing a bucktail from the beach at Herring Point. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Chris Smelter and Dustin Mullins on the "Drippin' Wet" ventured out to the Poor Man's Canyon and caught 5 yellowfins. They also had a mako shark, estimated at 250 lbs., come loose right at the boat. On their way home, the anglers stopped south of the Fingers and fought a thresher shark, estimated at 350 to 400 lbs., for 80 minutes before releasing it. There was a lot of action that day with makos free jumping and yellowfins smashing through a big bait ball.



# CHUM LINES

BY CAPT. MARK SAMPSON



Last week I heard someone on the marine radio calling out to a sailboat that was passing by and requesting that they change course and give them some room because they were hooked up to a big shark that was "strung out" far from the boat. Understandably, the fishermen didn't want the sailboat to run over his line and make him lose his fish.

Listening to the call I couldn't help but wonder why the fisherman didn't just maneuver his boat so that the sailboat wouldn't pass between him and the fish? It was quite calm that day and hard to imagine that any sailboat could possibly be moving so fast that it would have been a credible threat to someone's line unless their engine wouldn't start or their anchor was stuck in the bottom, and considering how visible sailboats are on the horizon, I doubt this one snuck up on the lucky fishermen.

But I'm guessing that the fellow on the radio just didn't think it through enough to realize that if your fishing line is on a collision course with an

object, it's pretty easy to prevent the collision if you just get your boat moving and rotate the line out of harm's way. In fact, the incident is a good example why anglers who hook up to fish capable of taking more than just a little line off their reels will usually fair best if they do whatever they must to shorten the distance between man and beast, because whether it's another boat, a sea turtle, a bunch of floating debris or even another fish, anything in the water can snag and part a line, and the more line that's off the reel and in the water, the more chance for the heart-break of a lost fish. So it would seem obvious that the closer a fisherman can stay to their hooked fish the better chance they have of not getting cut-off by someone or something in the water.

Staying close to a fish is certainly easier from some boats than others. Those fishing from center console boats have it best since they can put the angler up in the bow and just point the boat where they wish to go and then use as much speed as

necessary to get there. Cabin boats often limit the angler to fishing from the stern and are much more problematic because in order to run up on a fish, the skipper will have to decide if it's best to back-down on it or keep the angler and the fish on one side of the cockpit and move the boat forward.

Backing down might be the only option if the angler is limited to working from a fighting chair in the middle of the cockpit, and it can be the most difficult way to get up on a fish, particularly if the boat has a single engine which will limit maneuverability. Under choppy sea conditions backing-down can also lead to a very wet battle for everyone on board.

Whether they're going forward or backwards, anglers trying to shorten the distance between them and the fish can either move the boat directly at the fish or run a more parallel track to the direction it's traveling and then gradually close the gap between boat and fish.

Running a straight track to the fish can be the best approach when the fish is showing signs of being tired and anglers think that they can get in quickly, get a shot at grabbing the leader and bring the fight to an end. The critical part of the tactic, however, is

that the fish be at or near the surface. But dogging close to a fish on the line will tend to drive it deep rather than enticing it up where anglers want it to be. To counter this, anglers can use the tactic of stopping the boat and letting the fish run off line which will often prompt it to rise to the surface as it heads away from the boat. By watching the angle of the line, it should become apparent when the fish is working it's way to the surface and once the fish is on the surface, the boat can be moved quickly towards it. But it's important that the boat not be moved any faster than the angler can crank so that the fish isn't given any slack and the boat doesn't run over the line.

This method sometimes has the fish to the boat a lot quicker than the crew expects so everyone on board needs to be very prepared with gloves, tags, nets, gaffs and any other necessary tools because things can happen fast! If the fish sounds when the boat gets close, the engine can be put back into neutral and the fish can be allowed to run again until it gets back on the surface and the process is repeated until the leader can finally be grabbed.

Instead of moving the boat directly at the fish, it's often better to run parallel to the

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fish and gradually close the gap by moving closer at a very gentle angle. In the process, a belly in the line will usually be created which will assist in keeping pressure on the fish without overworking the angler. This often proves to be the best way to stay close to a fish during most of a fight, but it does require that the captain pay close attention to the direction the fish is traveling so that he can turn away should the fish try to cut under the boat or turn towards it if the fish starts to veer off. Paralleling can work well right up to the end stages of the fight, but anglers must be careful because a fish that is very close can quickly dodge under a boat that's moving ahead and pull the line into a turning prop.

Hearing the guy calling the sailboat had me remembering how, when tarpon fishing down south in the winter, every time we were hooked up to a big fish on light line we were constantly maneuvering our boats around stone crab traps, bridge pilings and mangrove roots to avoid being cut-off. We don't moan and complain about someone building a bridge in the middle of our fishing hole, we just fire up the engine, get after the fish and do whatever we have to do to keep our line from contacting the structure. But it doesn't matter if someone is chasing tarpon in the Keys, blue marlin in the Washington Canyon or sharks in the Fingers - every angler should be prepared to maneuver their boat and keep distance between them and their quarry to a minimum, thereby keeping maximum pressure on the fish, minimizing the chances of a broken line and providing a greater chance of success at the end of a long fight.

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



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Matt Purnell from Lititz, PA, Tim Ebersberger from Tabernacle, NJ and Ross Clubb from Ephrata, PA ventured out to 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon where they caught 7 yellowfins, weighing up to 45 lbs., 2 gaffer dolphin and released a couple of blue sharks. The anglers were fishing on the "Chain Reaction" with Capt. Brad Clubb and Grant Clubb when they caught the fish on skirted ballyhoo and spreader bars. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Kevin Denison from Bethany Beach, DE, Tom DiCampi from Wilmington, DE and Todd Buckman from Newark, DE caught 6 yellowfin tuna while trolling ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the "3 Amigos" and averaged 29 lbs. per fish for their 6 yellowfins. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Matt Purnell was fishing in the Roosevelt Inlet when he caught this 23-inch flattie on a jighead tipped with a Gulp! artificial bait.

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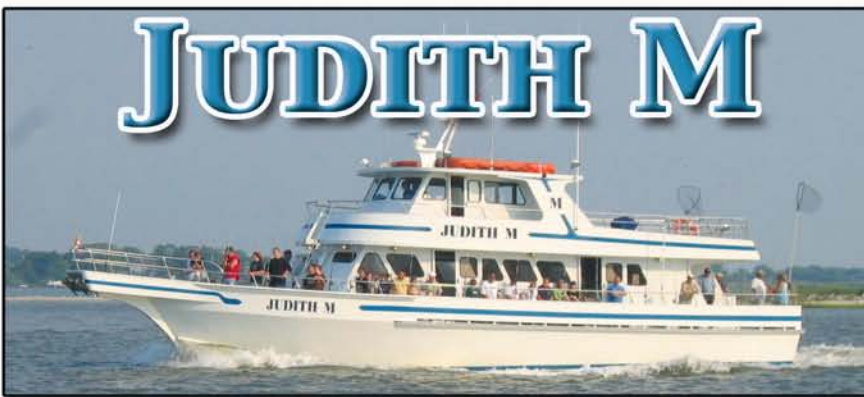
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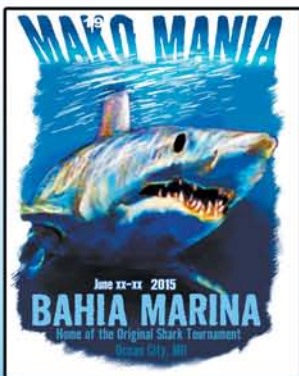
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John Ohm, Min Park, Simon Chang, James Park, Jerry Kim and Tim Xia, all from Fairfax, VA had a great time fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. The anglers ended up with 6 keeper flounder, measuring up to 19 1/2-inches. All were caught while fishing with minnows and Gulp! artificial baits near the South Jetty. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Roger Clappe from Wilmington, DE caught a pair of chopper bluefish weighing 10 lbs. 5 oz. and 11 lbs. 11 oz. while fishing with ponytails in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em

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Michael Bianco from Parkton, MD was fishing with minnows in the Thorofare when he hooked into this 18-inch flounder. Michael was fishing with Danny Cox on the "Ms' Der".

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John Meade celebrated his 1st day of retirement with a bluefishing trip in the Indian River Inlet and caught these choppers while tossing lures. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.



In town for the Nascar race in Dover, Canadians Kylie Hinch and Tom Maracle took time out for some drum fishing at the Coral Beds and came away with fish weighing 30.5 lbs. and 39.2 lbs. The drum were caught on clams and weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Myung Choi of Gansville, VA captured this 33-inch, 11 lb. 9 oz. bluefish on a bucktail in the Indian River Inlet and weighed his catch at Bill's Sport Shop.

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Jason Vavala joined up with Crissy and Emma Finch for some bluefish action in the surf at Herring Point and went home with fish weighing up to 9 lbs. Picture courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Lamont Hilbert caught a 30-inch striper at the South Jetty and kept one of the many tautog he caught on an ocean wreck while fishing on the "Seabum".

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Billy Kratz and Jeff Huber teamed up to land this 252 lb. thresher shark after hooking it on a mackerel fillet at the Fingers. The anglers fought the shark for an hour and weighed their catch at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City, MD.

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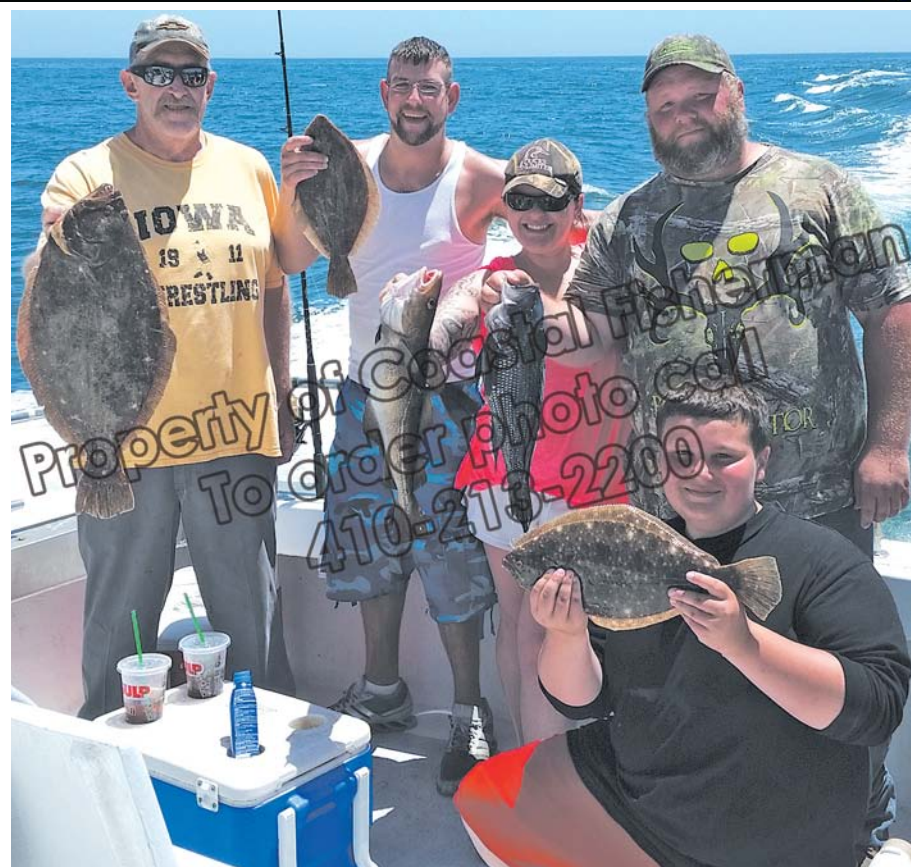
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On Saturday, Khalil, Tony and Michel Freiji joined up with Brandon Mathias for a trip to the Washington Canyon aboard the "My Special D" and ended their day with 3 yellowfins in the box. The guys went 3 for 6 on tuna in 71-degree water.



Bob Telford of Pocomoke City, MD, Justin Shade of Annapolis, MD, Ashley Rocci of Annapolis, MD, Chuck Nelson of Hampstead, MD and Ryan Wickham from Bowleys Quarter, MD had a fun day fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. Leading the way was Bob with a 4 lb. 10 oz. flounder and Chuck with a 2 lb. 12 oz. sea bass. All were caught on clams and squid at a natural reef.

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On Saturday, Paul DiForte from Trappe, MD captured this 4 lb. flounder on a strip of squid while fishing at a natural reef aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Dean Lo and mates Rich Fouts and Jake Schaffer.

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Randy Kephart, Larry Zwirlein, Mike Allen, Jr., Sean Armstrong, Mike Allen, Mike Hiemenz, Jeff Kauffman and Bob Warder had a great time fishing on the charter boat, "Boss Hogg" with Capt. Brian Porter and mates Rick Tshudy and Jay Zwirlein. The anglers ended up with 10 yellowfins and 2 dolphin from the Washington Canyon.



Last Saturday, Ron Peacock, Billy Coon, Mike Binkley, Dave Debrabander, Steve Debrabander and Bill Steward returned to Sunset Marina with 12 nice yellowfins and a mahi after spending the day trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars from the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. All of the fish were caught in 50 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. They also released 8 smaller yellowfins during their trip.

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Adam Flenner of Joppatown, MD looks thrilled with the 6 lb. tautog he caught while fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. The tog surprisingly ate a strip of squid at a natural reef.



Bob Hauser from Carlisle, PA, Jessica Phelps from Pasadena, MD and John Depman from Belair, MD put some tautog, sea bass and cod in their coolers while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Wes Pollitt. The "Morning Star" is docked at the O.C. Fishing Center.

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The crew on the charter boat, "Reel Chaos" headed to the Rockpile on Memorial Day weekend and returned with 18 yellowfins (17 pictured) and 4 dolphin in the box. The bite was hot, with the anglers battling 11 tuna during a single pass. Fishing with Capt. Anthony Matarese, Jr. and mates Rich Hastings and Mike Matarese were Dan Harrison from West Chester, PA and Steve Thomas from Deptford, NJ. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Angler Mike Moss muscled in this 193 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Capt. Ike II" with Danny Hartke, Jim Castro, Matt Lambden and Capt. Dave Collins. The mako was lured to the boat with Hook'em & Cook'em Special Chum Blend before it ate a whole bluefish in 30 fathoms inshore of the Baltimore Canyon.

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23.0	1.3	65.7	4.8
27.0	1.5	66.9	5.0
31.0	1.8	67.9	5.3
35.1	2.0	68.8	5.5
39.1	2.3	69.5	5.8
43.0	2.5	70.1	6.0
46.7	2.8	70.6	6.3
50.1	3.0	71.0	6.5
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Lukas Layton and Christian Wise, both from Berlin, MD, were tossing lures off the shore at Gudelsky Park when they caught their limit of bluefish.

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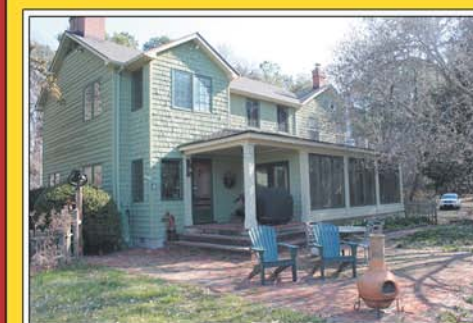
Bob Jones from Smyrna, DE fooled this 22 1/2-inch, 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder with a live minnow while fishing off Burton's Island in the Indian River Bay. Photo courtesy of Rick's Bait & Tackle.



Colby and Mike Snedaker ended their day with 4 tautog after fishing with green crabs along the rocks near Gudelsky Park. They also released a pair of big bluefish during their trip.

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Brad Richwine from Williams Grove, PA fooled this 19-inch flounder with a jig tipped with a minnow while fishing in the West Channel in front of Hooper's Crab House. Brad also released 2 short flatties and a skate during an outing with his wife, Karen.

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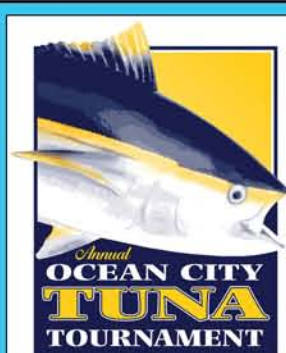
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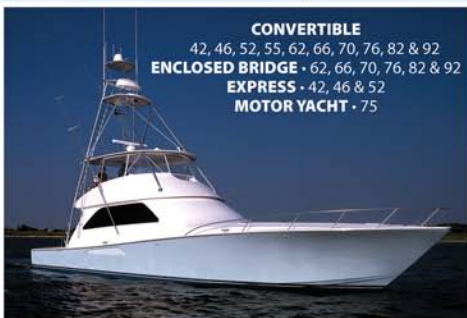
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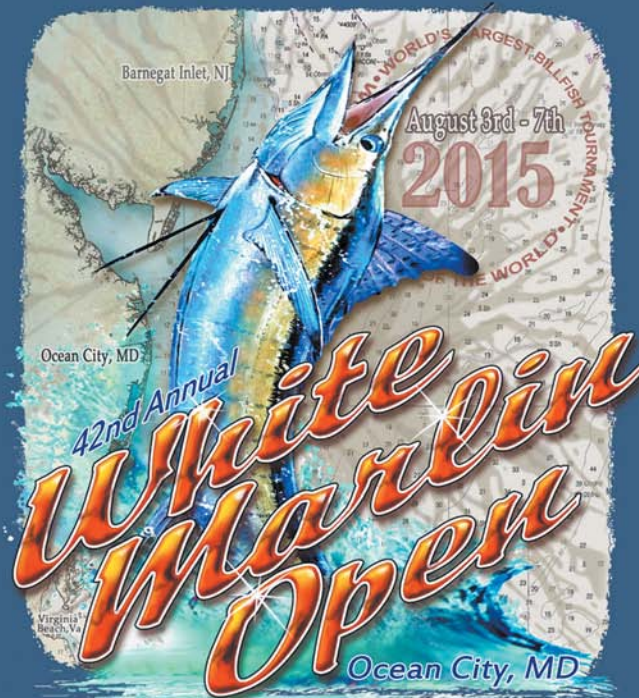
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Richard Miller from Dallastown, PA took a trip out to the Bass Grounds and caught his limit of 4 flounder (2 pictured) measuring 17, 18 1/2, 21 1/2 and 22 1/2-inches. Richard was fishing on the "Cat Tales" and used Gulp! and minnows for bait. Water temperature was hovering around 58-degrees.

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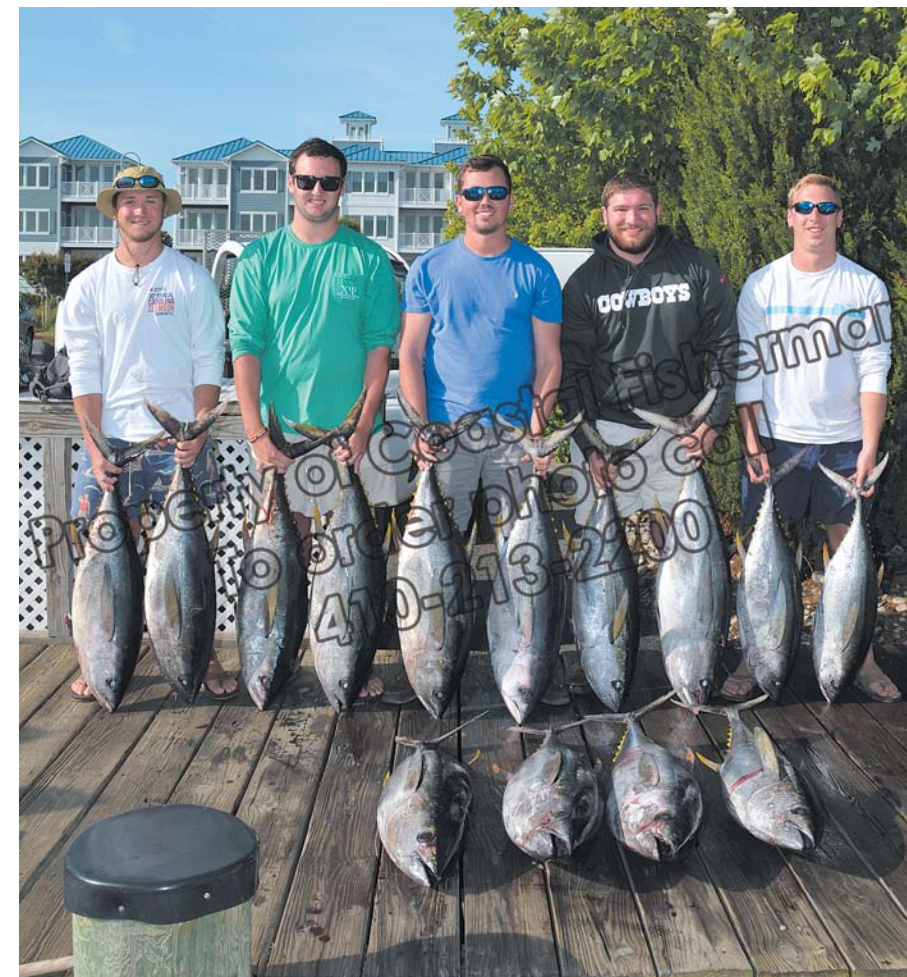


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Peter Raun from Rockville Center, NY, Jeremy Gutridge from Severna Park, MD, Matt Mathena from Greenville, SC, Matt Russell from Reston, VA and Cullen Gallimore from Greenville, SC celebrated the end of the school year with a trip aboard the charter boat, "Moore Bills" with Capt. Rob Skillman and mate Steve Moore. The college students muscled in 14 yellowfins after hooking them on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in 90 to 120 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Local angler, Jim Daniel caught this 23-inch flounder during a trip to the Bass Grounds with Dick Miller and Gary Avery. The flattie was hooked on a Gulp! and minnow combination.

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Fishing Days: (1 of 2) July 31 & August 1

Weigh Ins: July 31 & August 1, 5:00-7:30pm

Awards Banquet: August 1, 6:30-9:00pm

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Chairmen: Franki Pettolina, Steve Poore, Bob Wimbrow & Bill Fenwick

Registration: September 3, 6:30pm

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Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm

Fishing Days: (2 of 3) September 4, 5 & 6

Weigh Ins: September 4, 5 & 6, 5:30-7:30pm

Awards Banquet: September 6, 6:30-9:00pm

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Chairmen: Jon C. Duffie & Andy Helms

Registration: September 17, 7:00pm

Fishing Days: (2 of 2) Sept. 18 & 19, No weigh-ins

Italian Night: Sept. 18, 6:30-9:00pm

Awards Banquet: Sept. 19, 6:30-9:00pm

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To benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Chairmen: Colin Campbell & Jeremy Blunt

Registration: December 4, 6:00pm

Fishing Days: (5 of 9) December 5-13

Weigh Ins: December 5-13, Time: 3:00-5:00pm

Awards Banquet: December 13, Time: 5:00-7:30pm

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# DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

BY LARRY JOCK

After an incredible Memorial Day weekend of fishing, south/southwest wind put a damper on plans last week, keeping anglers at the dock on most days.

At the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop at the Indian River Marina, Capt. Bert Adams reported small bluefish in the 5 to 8 lb. range being caught from the rocks and by boat in the Indian River Inlet. Anglers did land a few striped bass in the Inlet while tossing rubber shads at night or Bomber lures from the rocks early in the morning. Unfortunately, very few flounder have been caught in the Inlet where Capt. Bert reported water temperatures still under 60-degrees during the incoming tide.

Sea bass fishing on headboats was also slow last week with anglers catching just a couple of sea bass and a few flounder on ocean structure. Bert said that Site 11 got pounded pretty hard by boats out of New Jersey and Lewes, DE, so what's left is mainly smaller fish. Those catching fish are using clams, squid or Gulp! Alive Swimming Mulletts.

Boats heading offshore found mako sharks, yellowfin tuna, mahi, tilefish and the first white marlin of the season. The 1st white was released on Saturday in the Baltimore Canyon by an angler on the "Not Right".

Boats out of Indian River are still pecking away at yellowfins from the Baltimore Canyon down to the Washington Canyon and tilefish are being pulled out of the deep in the Baltimore Canyon as well. We are now also seeing mahi mixed in with the tuna. On Sunday, junior angler Matthew Gessler caught the largest one so far this year, a 16.4 pounder hooked on a naked ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon.

Further inshore, a few mako sharks showed up at the scale, notably a 193 pounder caught on Sunday in 30 fathoms inside the Baltimore aboard the "Capt. Ike II". Earlier, on the same boat, a 157.2 pounder was caught on a whole bluefish at the Fingers.



The Lewes Harbour Marina hat that Jomarr Hatten purchased before he got on board the charter boat, "Katydid" turned out to be his good luck charm. Jomarr landed a 30 lb. cod while using clams for bait at the subway cars with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said bottom fishing in general was pretty good last week. Water quality improved in the Lewes Canal and flounder catches were better as a result. Donnie Nauman checked in with a limit of flatties measuring up to 21-inches he took from the Canal with shark belly and Gulp! artificial baits. Cheryl Davis decked a 21-inch fluke while drifting minnows in the Canal. Matt Mitchell, Spencer Brooks and Zach Belcher had three flounder and some chopper blues while working Gulp! in the Canal near the Roosevelt Inlet. Shea Lindale and Terry Algier used minnows, shiners and Gulp! for a nice catch of flatfish from the Canal. Ed Yingling and Dave and Bobbi Jo Lorah drifted Nick's Rigs with minnows for a half dozen plump keepers on Friday.

Matt Purnell pulled in a 23-inch flounder by jigging a Gulp! at the base of the Roosevelt Inlet.

Bottom bouncers in the Delaware Bay reported better action with panfish. More croakers have shown up, along with kingfish and blowfish. Boats drifting or anchored at Site 5 in the Broadkill Slough or Reef 8, the Star Site, hooked a tasty assortment of bottom feeders using clams, bloodworms and Fishbites.

Roberto Campitelli and Mark Maggs were using croaker rigs on light tackle at the Star Site aboard the "Katydid" on Sunday and tangled with black drum weighing 30 and 40 pounds that grabbed small pieces of clam meant for hardheads.

Big bluefish continued to hang out inside Cape Henlopen and could be found feeding on

bunkers most days between the Fishing Pier and Cape Henlopen Point. Captain Pete on the "Top Fin" had a group of Canadians in town for the Nascar race who wanted to squeeze in a little fishing. He took them to shallow water inside the Cape where they had a blast tangling with slammers weighing up to 13 pounds while casting bucktails. Blues have remained in the area for over a month, and it's unusual to have a spring run like we've experienced this year. Perhaps they'll stay all summer, and at least, we'll hope for a return of choppers next season.

Striped bass have been active in the Lewes Canal. Most were shorts, ranging from 18 to 25 inches. They'll eat clams fished on the bottom or a variety of artificial baits. Casting bucktails or Storm Shads around the Drawbridge results in rockfish bites. Live eels drifted around the pilings usually get the attention of larger bass. Tossing topwater lures to the marsh banks is a fun and productive way to fish Canal stripers. Zara Spooks, Chug Bugs and Rebel Pop-Rs are popular and effective offerings. Casting plugs at the Outer Wall during low light at dawn and dusk produced some keeper linesiders. Sommer Falgowski scored a 14.4 pound striper by swimming a Mother of Pearl Bomber along the Wall.

A few rockfish roamed the surf as well. Drew Stuchlik got up extra early Thursday to get in some surf casting before work. He walked the beach at Herring Point tossing a white bucktail and connected with a 14.7 pound bass. In addition, the bucktail produced three quality flounder to 5.5 pounds. Drew was back at the cleaning table by 7am, and still made it to his job on time. Other surf anglers had success too. Bluefish of varying sizes were hooked using cut bunker or mullet along the Ocean beach. Andy Lano landed several kingfish, blowfish and burrfish using bits of clam in the suds near Gordon's Pond on Friday.

Black drum continued to come from Delaware Bay. Boomers were located on the Coral Beds inside Broadkill Slough and near the submerged piles off Fowler Beach. However, it seemed there were more fish found in the Brandywine area, between 14 Buoy and the Pin Top. Drummers on the "Grizzly"

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caught 16 fish there on Friday night. Six were iced down in the box, and the other 10 released. Kylie Hinch and Tom Maracle had come to the area to take in the race at Dover, and decided to get in some drum fishing on the "Miss Kirstin" on Friday. They returned with a pair of nice boomers weighing 30.5 and 39.2 pounds. Nathan Gemberling got a 61 pound drum earlier in the week on the "Miss Kirstin" and Brian Hafer boated a 61 pounder on the "Pirate King". Kyle Moore muscled in a 71 pounder aboard the "Lil' Angler II".

Ocean bottom bouncers reported plenty of short sea bass, but noted that keeper sea bass were thinning out over wrecks and reef structure. However, persistent crews that made multiple stops during the day ended up with decent numbers to take home. Anglers have been pleasantly surprised by the amount of codfish in the area this spring and adding a few of them to the cooler really rounds out a catch of sea bass. Some cod have been quite sizable. On Friday, Jomarr Hatten boated the biggest brought in so far. He had a 30 pounder while fishing over the

Subway Cars aboard the "Katydid". That same trip produced a dozen other cod for the box, pollack, ling and 86 keeper sea bass. On Monday, anglers with Captain Brent kept 3 cod, some ling and about a hundred sea bass. Thursday's group on the "Katydid" had 8 cod, along with several big ling and a limit of sea bass. On Saturday, regulars aboard the "Katydid" captured 10 cod, a bunch of big ling and a boxful of quality bass. Mike Surowiec managed a 3.14 pound citation size knothead during that outing.

Offshore bottom droppers encountered tilefish in the deep. Jon Bixlers crew on the "Bix" drifted in the Poor Man's for seven pretty goldens. Corey Crout caught the heaviest tile, a 32.1 pounder that ate a jig worked on the sea floor. Some anglers traveled south to try for cobia at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay. Butch Warrington heard the bite was on at Cape Charles, and headed for Latimer Shoal. He returned with a 50 pound cobia he caught there while baiting with clams.

Until next week, tight lines!



Sean Alewine, Bob Davis, Kevin Crowell and Michael Moss returned to the Indian River Marina with a 157.2 lb. mako shark caught on a whole bluefish at the Fingers. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Capt. Ike II" with Capt. Dave Collins. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Sommer Falgowski showed her brothers how it is done while striper fishing at the Outer Wall. Sommer hooked this 14 lbs. 6 oz. linesider while casting a Bomber plug and weighed her catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Amy Lewis from Rehoboth, DE was fishing from her canoe around the pier at Cape Henlopen State Park when she caught this 19 3/4-inch flounder while using shiners for bait. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.

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Allan Carter, Sean Benson, Brian Riley, Ray Ellis and Randy Ellis returned with 7 yellowfins and a mahi after trolling in the Poor Man's Canyon. The fish were hooked on skirted ballyhoo on the 100 fathom line in 62-degree water.



Kyle Moore was drumming at the Coral Beds when he fooled this 71 lb. black drum with a chunk of clam. Kyle was fishing on the "Lil' Angler II" with Capt. Brian Wazlavek and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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### Cod with Leek Sauce

6 Cod pieces  
Lemon juice  
Salt and pepper to taste  
6 oz. finely sliced leeks  
4 TBSP. butter  
1/2 cup heavy cream or half and half  
1/2 cup dry white wine  
Cornstarch, if needed  
1 lb. fresh asparagus cut in 2-inch pieces

Heat oven to 400 degrees.  
Place fish on a rimmed cookie sheet and sprinkle with lemon juice, salt and pepper.

Bake for 16 to 20 minutes if frozen, 8 to 10 if thawed.

Cut, wash and slice leeks.

Melt butter in heavy deep skillet and simmer leeks until soft, not brown.

Pour in the wine; simmer 6-8 minutes.

Pour in the cream; bring to a boil and add the asparagus.

Season with salt and pepper and thicken with cornstarch if needed.

Serve over rice.

Serves 4-6.

### Spicy Pasta with Flounder

1/2 lb. flounder fillets, cut into small chunks  
2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil  
4 cloves garlic, chopped  
1/2 to 3/4 tsp. red pepper flakes  
1/2 cup dry white wine  
1 (28 oz.) can San Marzano tomatoes, crushed by hand  
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil, plus more for topping  
Salt to taste

10 oz. spaghetti  
2 TBSP. chopped fresh parsley

Toss the flounder, 1 TBSP. olive oil, 1 tsp. of garlic and 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes in medium bowl.

Cover and refrigerate.

Heat remaining 1 TBSP. olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat.

Add remaining garlic and 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes and cook, stirring, until garlic starts to soften.

Add the wine; simmer until reduced by half.

Add the tomatoes, 1/4 cup basil and 1/2 cup water.

Bring to a boil; cook stirring occasionally, until the sauce is slightly thickened.

Cook pasta according to package directions.

When the pasta is almost done, add the flounder to the skillet with the tomato sauce and simmer, stirring gently, until just cooked through.

Stir in the parsley and remaining 1/4 cup basil; season with salt.

Drain pasta and add it to the sauce.

Serves 4.

### Cheesy Baked Sea Bass

4 sea bass fillets  
1 TBSP. Dijon-style mustard  
1 jar (6 oz.) marinated artichoke hearts  
5 TBSP. lemon juice  
1/2 tsp. dried marjoram or oregano leaves  
1/4 tsp. black pepper  
1 cup chicken broth  
2 green onions, chopped

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1/2 cup parmesan cheese, grated

Cut bass into serving pieces and place into a baking dish.

Spread with mustard.

Drain marinade from the artichoke hearts and reserve.

Combine marinade, lemon juice, marjoram and black pepper. Pour over fish.

Cover and marinate 1 to 2 hours in the refrigerator, turning once.

Heat broth; pour around fish.

Sprinkle with the onions.

Top with artichoke hearts and cheese.

Bake at 375 degrees for 25 minutes or until fish flakes.

Serve with some of the sauce spooned over the top.

Serves 4.

### Tuna with Barbecue Tomato Sauce and Honey Mustard Polenta

1 pt. grape tomatoes  
3 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil  
Salt and pepper  
4 tuna steaks  
3 scallions, finely chopped  
2 tsp. grated lime peel  
4 slices bacon, chopped  
1 onion, chopped  
3 cloves garlic, chopped  
2 TBSP. balsamic vinegar  
2 TBSP. brown sugar  
2 tsp. hot pepper sauce  
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

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1 TBSP. butter

In a medium saucepan, bring the chicken broth and milk to a boil.

Whisk in the polenta and cook, whisking, until thickened.

Stir in the honey mustard and butter; season with salt and pepper.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

On a rimmed baking sheet, toss the tomatoes with 1 TBSP. of the oil, salt and pepper.

Roast until charred, about 15 minutes.

Heat a grill to medium-high.

Rub the tuna with 1 TBSP. of the oil, scallions, lime peel, salt and pepper.

Grill, turning once, until cooked through, about 8 minutes. (Or roast in the oven for 10 minutes.)

In a medium saucepan, heat the remaining 1 TBSP of the oil.

Add the bacon, cook 3 minutes.

Drain all but 2 TBSP. of the fat.

Add the onion and garlic; cook 3 minutes.

Stir in the vinegar, brown sugar, hot sauce and Worcestershire sauce.

Add the tomatoes and mash together.

Top the fish with the tomato sauce and serve with the polenta.

Serves 4.

### Grilled Tuna Salad with Avocado Dressing

- 1 packet Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 1/2 pounds tuna steaks

#### Avocado Dressing:

- 1 ripe avocado
- 1/4 cup salsa, any variety
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- 1/2 tsp. chopped garlic
- 1/2 tsp. salt
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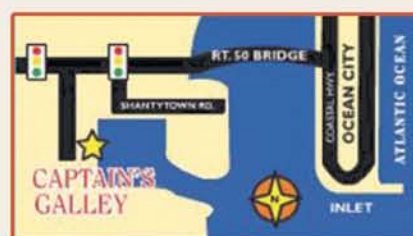
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and water in shallow pan.

Place tuna steaks in pan. Turn over to coat well.

Marinate, covered, 15 minutes in refrigerator.

Turn steaks over and marinate in refrigerator 15 minutes longer.

Preheat grill until piping hot.

Grill tuna steaks 4 minutes on each side.

Grill longer for well done, if desired.

Slice and pit avocado; scrape flesh into a small bowl.

Add salsa, sour cream, lime juice, garlic and salt.

Mash avocado and mix with fork to combine all ingredients well.

Toss with chopped lettuce.

Divide mixture among 6 serving plates.

Slice tuna steaks into strips and place on lettuce.

Add salt and pepper.

Serves 6.

### Shrimp Enchiladas with Green Sauce

16 corn tortillas

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1/2 cup plus 1 TBSP. olive oil, divided

2 medium tomatoes, chopped

2 medium onions, finely chopped

5 garlic cloves, minced

1/2 tsp. ground cumin

1 1/2 lbs. uncooked small shrimp, peeled and deveined

2 pkg. (10 oz. each) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry

2 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese, divided

2 cans (10 oz. each) green enchilada sauce

Fresh salsa, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a skillet, heat 1/2 cup oil over medium-high heat.

In batches, fry tortillas 10 seconds on each side or until pliable (do not allow to crisp).

Drain on paper towels.

Cover with foil.

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Add tomatoes, onions, garlic and cumin; cook and stir 3-4 minutes or until onions are tender.

Add shrimp; cook 3-4 minutes or until shrimp turn pink, stirring occasionally.

Stir in spinach; heat through.

Place 1/4 cup shrimp mixture off-center on each tortilla; top with 1 TBSP. mozzarella cheese.

Roll up and place in a lightly greased baking dish, seam down.

Top with green enchilada sauce and sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Bake uncovered 25-30 minutes until heated through and cheese is melted.

Serves 8.

### Shrimp Salad

3 TBSP. plus 1TSP. kosher salt

1 lemon cut into quarters

4 lbs. large shrimp in the shell (16 to 20 shrimp per pound)

2 cups mayonnaise

1 TSP Dijon mustard  
2 TBSP. white wine or white wine vinegar  
1 TSP. freshly ground black pepper  
6 TBSP. fresh dill, minced  
1 cup minced red onion  
3 cups minced celery

Bring 5 quarts of water, 3 tablespoons salt and the lemon to a boil in a large saucepan.

Add half the shrimp and reduce the heat to medium.

Cook uncovered for 3 minutes or until the shrimp are barely cooked through.

Remove shrimp and transfer to a bowl of cold water.

Bring the water back to a boil and repeat with the remaining shrimp.

Let cool; then peel, and devein the shrimp.

In a separate bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, mustard, wine or vinegar, 1 teaspoon salt, pepper, and dill.

Combine with the peeled shrimp.

Add the red onion and celery and check the seasonings.

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Dave Stone was drifting in the Thorofare when he hooked this pair of stripers measuring 17 and 18-inches. The flatties bit on minnows dressed up with pink Gulp! Swimming Mulletts.

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### Lemon-Garlic Flounder with Spinach

4 flounder fillets  
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6 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil  
4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced  
3/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth  
1/2 cup dry white wine  
Grated zest and juice of 1 lemon  
1 TBSP. unsalted butter  
1/2 cup chopped parsley  
1 (5 oz.) package baby spinach

Pat the fillets dry with paper towels and season with salt and pepper.

Spread the flour on a plate; dredge the flounder in the flour, tapping off the excess.

Heat 2 TBSP. olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Add the fillets; cook until

golden brown, 3 minutes per side.

Transfer to a plate; tent with foil.

Wipe out skillet.

Heat 3 TBSP. olive oil in the skillet over medium heat.

Add the garlic cook, stirring, about 2 minutes.

Add the chicken broth, wine, lemon zest and juice.

Increase the heat to high, bring to a boil; cook until the liquid is reduced by half.

Season with salt and pepper.

Add the butter and whisk until slightly thickened.

Stir in the parsley.

Toss the spinach with the remaining 1 TBSP. of oil and a few grinds of pepper.

Divide among plates, top with the fillets and drizzle with some pan sauce.


Serve with lemon wedges.

Serves 4.

*If you would like to share your favorite seafood recipe with Coastal Fisherman readers, please email it to [maureenjock@comcast.net](mailto:maureenjock@comcast.net).*




Local angler, Terry Koshi ventured down near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and ended up catching this 50 lb. black drum while using clams for bait.




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# BUCKTAILS TO BALLYHOO

BY CAPT. LANCE SMITH



Well, the "bread and butter" of the Ocean City charter fleet has officially arrived on the offshore scene. Pound for pound, no other pelagic species of gamefish are brought back to Ocean City marinas more than yellowfin tuna. These incredible masses of muscle and stamina are the most targeted fish in our local waters, and for good reason. From late May through October, massive schools of these culinary delights roam the offshore lumps, canyon edges and temperature breaks where the more esteemed white marlin also roam.

Whether caught as bycatch while targeting marlin, bigeye tuna, wahoo or mahi, or targeted specifically, it is unlikely a captain would leave an area where yellowfins are feeding. So where can you find yellowfins offshore? In the early season, these fish are mainly associated with temperature breaks and the bait which they often hold. Once the first eddie of the year spins off of the Gulf Stream and brings 64 to 70-degree water to the 100 fathom curve, the yellowfins arrive and they are hungry.

When searching for yellowfin tuna this early in the year, offshore temperature charts, whether purchased or obtained for free, are invaluable. There are quite a few companies today offering detailed water temperature charts of our offshore canyon areas for a fee and still others that are available for free if you do some searching.

The best free site I have come across is through Rutgers University. The difference between the free charts and the ones you must pay for are vast. They all use the same base information from the same satellites, however, pay charts are gone over with a fine tooth comb to compensate for anomalies such as cloud cover, altimetry, GPS offsets, and other "blurbs" which may exist and throw you off course. Many of these pay sites are also accompanied by fishing reports from both commercial and recreational fisherman. Whichever service is used, captains will often watch the charts for days in advance of a scheduled trip. This gives them an idea of where the temperature breaks are moving and how they are overlaid on different depth contours as well as providing a picture of what is out there in case cloud cover prevents charts from being available.

Even with the greatest available technology, the best place to start fishing is where the fish were the day before. Local charter captains are a very tight knit group and will relay information about the bite between one another. If you are a weekend warrior, or a fellow like me who just fishes every chance he can, a group of fellow recreational anglers and the internet can become paramount to success. Internet forums can not only provide the location of the most current bite, but also

help to determine which baits to troll, which direction to troll them in and what time of day the bite is strongest.

Early season yellowfins are a completely different animal than their mid-summer counterparts which can become finicky and often require special tactics. The first tunas of the season are eager to eat just about any trolled offering. Captains will usually pull anywhere from 8 to 14 rods rigged with various artificial lures and dead baits at 6 to 7 knots to entice strikes. When trolling for yellowfins, or any other offshore species for that matter, the approach is to mimic a large school of baitfish or squid behind the boat. The boat's shadow, and the turbulence caused by the props while trolling will often draw tuna from the deep towards the surface to inspect the offerings laid out behind. If however, the tuna come to investigate and do not like what they see, you may wonder across the canyons all day while unknowingly passing over hundreds of fish.

At this time of year, the tried and true artificial lures such as the cedar plug (a dull, ridiculous piece of wood that can be deadly at times) and the venerable Green Machine should always be included in a trolling spread. Remember, you are trying to imitate a school of baitfish. If you are lucky enough to have witnessed schools of alewives, shiners, or even bull minnows in our coastal bays you will know that they do not mix. You will never see a flashing school of bunker/alewives swimming with shiners, or bull minnows schooling with spot. For this reason, it is best to keep all of your trolling lures the same size,



Gavin Obetz, age 9, fought this yellowfin tuna on stand-up tackle while fishing in the Baltimore Canyon aboard the charter boat, "Boss Hogg" with Capt. Brian Porter and mate Rick Tshudy (pictured). The yellowfin was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo with a blue and white Ilander.

silhouette and color. When tuna arrive behind the back of the boat and see mackerel swimming with squid that are mixed in with anchovies, they know that something is wrong.

Frozen ballyhoo, thawed and rigged to perfection, whether "naked" or dressed up with an artificial "skirt", should also be included amongst the offerings of artificials. If you are onboard a charter boat, watch carefully the detail and time that the mate

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puts into rigging a ballyhoo. They make it look easy. If you are fishing on your own vessel, learning to rig a properly swimming ballyhoo can make or break your entire fishing career. If you are not sure of how to rig a ballyhoo, first search the internet for how-to diagrams and videos. There are as many ways to rig a ballyhoo as there are mates that rig them. For the purpose of yellowfin fishing, the "pin rig" is the fastest and easiest method for beginners to master. I recommend that all beginners buy a few packs of ballyhoo to practice on. If you set your ballyhoo out behind the boat and it is spinning or jumping out of the water, it will scare away more fish than it will attract. When you have properly rigged a ballyhoo, you will know it. It will slither like a snake inches below the surface and look as though it were the most free fish in the ocean.

Captains will often change the colors of their lures depending on what the local VHF chatter is revealing. Early in the season, I like to start out with green skirts on my ballyhoo because they match my Green Machines. I will also throw out a blue/white or pink/white skirted ballyhoo to see if they prefer one color over the other and I will adjust accordingly.

Over the years, my most consistent early season yellowfin producers are spreader bars rigged with green machines. Imagine a 36-inch coat hanger streaming along the surface, parallel to the boat's transom

with 12 green machines dangling behind in a diamond formation. Spreader bars imitate a small school of similar baitfish, with one lure in the middle straggling behind the rest of the school.

Currently, my personal go to spread consists of a green machine spreader bar on each short rigger placed 20-feet or so behind the transom, cedar plugs (single or in daisy chains of three) running a mere 10-feet behind the boat on the flatlines, another spreader bar straight down the middle with the rod placed on the flybridge, ballyhoo on the short and long outriggers that are placed at intervals which spread them out and keep them swimming properly and my secret weapon down the middle. Certainly not a secret, your furthest bait out, run from as high of a position as you can, and as far back as you feel comfortable, should be a "bird" with a lure trailing about 10 to 15-feet behind it. I always use a Green Machine. The bird is simply a wooden, floating teaser with wings that create a great deal of splashing and attracts fish to the weaker, slower, trailing bait. This bird and green machine combination is probably responsible for more grilled tuna steaks than any other lure on the East Coast and should never be left out of the spread.

When trolling for early season yellowfins, dredges (teasers run deep off the transom representing a school of baitfish) are not useless, but I have found

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Bucktails to Ballyhoo, cont'd.**

them to not be necessary.

Captains/mates are also able to get away with heavier leaders (150 lbs or more) at this time of year and while fluorocarbon is always a plus, it may not be a must. Remember, yellowfins do not swim around the canyons by themselves. They are always found in schools, from 12 fish or so to a hundred or more. Therefore, it is wise to take advantage of every bite you may get. By keeping your trolled baits close to the boat and in a tight formation, you are more likely to draw the entire school to the surface creating the multiple hook-ups that we all strive for.

When an entire school of 50 lb. yellowfins explode on every bait behind the boat, the day will go from quiet and peaceful, to a fury of screaming and emotions (especially on my boat!). One tactic often employed by quality mates is to jig the lure or bait that a tuna has missed, or to start jiggling multiple baits when a strike comes up empty. One mistake I see often is when a fish strikes and the crew or captain does not react. Having observed

schools of baitfish being attacked by predators throughout my life, one constant remains: the school panics. Often times a school of tuna may follow the boat for hundreds of yards and if your baits do not react like a frightened mass, they will know that something is amiss.

While early season schools of yellowfin tuna arrive thick and ravenous, they are by no means stupid. One lure in your spread with a weed on it, or one ballyhoo spinning in circles can prevent you from getting a bite the entire day. This is where a quality mate and your own vision comes in to play. Much like white marlin fishing, someone onboard needs to be constantly watching the spread for fouled lures and missed strikes. Likewise, captains must pay attention to the VHF and more importantly their sonar. Tuna can often be marked many fathoms below the boat and a missed school is a missed opportunity. If the tuna do not rise to lures on the first pass, subsequent passes and circles over the school will often convince them to come to the

top. Surface life such as whales, porpoises and birds should never be ignored. All of these creatures, whether mammalian or otherwise, rely on the same food source. Often times I can actually smell a school of tuna before I ever see them. The fish oil which comes to the surface as they ravage bait below has a very distinct odor. On calm days, a watchful eye up high on the flybridge or in the tower may pick up on a V-shaped wake moving in a direction different than the current. This can make for some exciting fishing as a pass in front of such a school (picture a flock of geese in the sky) will often result in multiple hook-ups.

So, regardless of whether you charter one of our city's fine for-hire boats, or choose to tackle these brutes on your own, remember to keep things simple this time of year. If you have been watching the television show, Wicked Tuna all winter, please leave the chunks of butterfish at home. There is no reason to get your boat filthy and drift aimlessly when a proper trolling spread will produce

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One last recommendation, check the stomach contents of your first few yellowfins. This will give you an indication as to what species and size bait they are feeding on. We have checked numerous yellowfins that have a single, 12-inch bullet mackerel or small tuna in their stomachs. Diving plugs can be killers when they are keyed into prey like this. Good luck you offshore heros and please keep in mind that while the limit for yellowfins may allow you to keep a lot of fish, your freezer may not. Too many pounds of freezer burned tuna are thrown away every year so think of your friends and neighbors when you divide up the day's catch.

*Lance Smith is an outdoor writer and Captain of his family's boat, the "Longfin".*

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On Saturday, Fred Crickenberger of Thurmont, MD boated a 205 lb. bigeye tuna while fishing on the "M Keli Jeane" with Mike Frock from Manchester, MD, Matt Keller from Westminster, MD, Capt. Phil Rothchild and mate Verne Rothchild. The bigeye was caught on a trolled ballyhoo dressed up with a blue and white Ilander at the "Bigeye Hole" in the Washington Canyon. The anglers also landed a couple of yellowfin tuna during their trip.

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Thomas Mack caught 3 bluefish (2 pictured) during a surf fishing trip to 3R's Road in lower Delaware. Thomas' choppers weighed in at 6 lbs., 13 lbs. and 15.5 lbs. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.

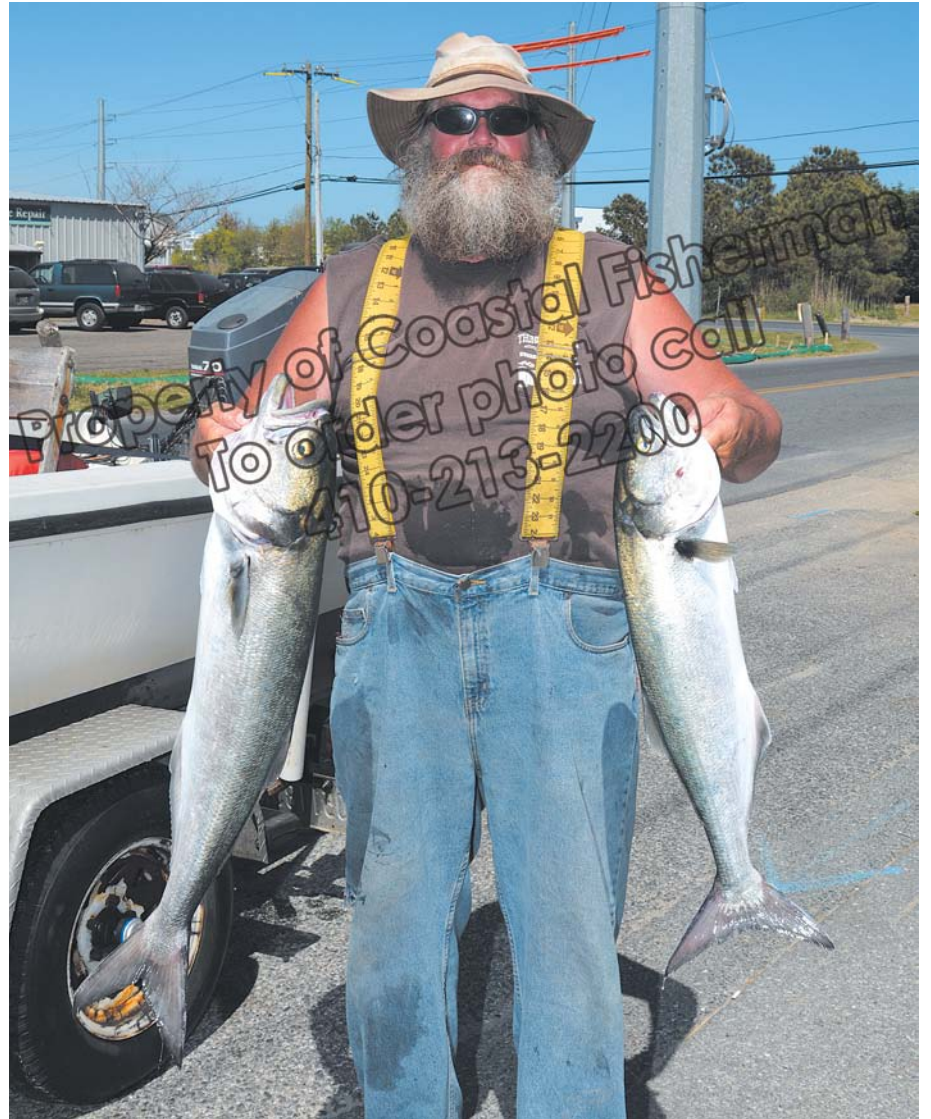


The cobia bite turned on in the Chesapeake Bay so Butch Warrington headed down to Cape Charles, VA and landed this 50 pounder while anchored on Latimer Shoal. The big cobia was fooled with a chunk of clam and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





This 20-inch flounder made the mistake of going after the Gulp! and minnow combination offered by Sara Yurman of Fenwick Island, DE while drifting around the Rt. 90 Bridge with Steve Fink.



Straight from the make-up chair of the television show, "Outdoor Delmarva", Big Bird Cropper of Powellville, MD hit the the area around the Rt. 50 Bridge and caught bluefish up to 10 lbs.. All of the fish were hooked on Roy Rigs.



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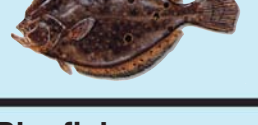

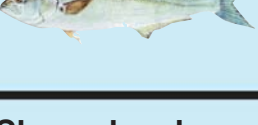





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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	May 18, 2015 Len Smith "Morning Star" 4 lbs. 9 oz.	No Weights Reported	 <b>Mako Shark</b> <i>100 lb. minimum</i>	April 29, 2014 Andy Smelter "Nontypical" 170 lbs.	<div>NEW</div> May 31, 2015 Mike Moss Baltimore Canyon 193 lbs.
 <b>Tautog</b>	January 2, 2015 Ken Westerfeld "Fish Bound" 28.8 lbs.	February 7, 2015 Shawn McCulley Ocean Wreck 15 lbs. 2 oz.	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	May 20, 2015 Justin Lednum Fingers 337 lbs.	May 23, 2015 Pete Truitt Reef Site 11 307 lbs.
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	May 16, 2015 Phillip Gray Ocean City Surf 42 lbs. 8 oz.	May 4, 2015 Noulack Mouyniung Indian River Inlet 43 lbs. 2 oz.	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	May 17, 2015 Mike Hiemenz "Boss Hogg" 84 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Weakfish</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	May 17, 2015 Mike Runk "Boss Hogg" 55 lbs.	May 16, 2015 William Wildbergh Wilmington Canyon 70 lbs.
 <b>Speckled Trout</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 <b>Flounder</b>	May 10, 2015 Scott Peters Rt. 90 Bridge 7 lbs. 4 oz.	April 30, 2015 Bill Ream VFW Slough 9 lbs. 10 oz.	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	<div>NEW</div> May 29, 2015 Cookie Halle Norfolk Canyon 212 lbs.	<div>NEW</div> May 24, 2015 Howard Gaughtry Baltimore Canyon 115.7 lbs.
 <b>Bluefish</b>	May 14, 2015 Matt Peel East Channel 13 lbs. 9 oz.	May 6, 2015 Bob Hilton Indian River Inlet 19 lbs. 8 oz.	 <b>Dolphin</b>	<div>NEW</div> May 29, 2015 Steve Spindler Washington Canyon 20 lbs.	<div>NEW</div> May 30, 2015 Matthew Gessler Washington Canyon 16.4 lbs.
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	May 25, 2015 Hugh Cropper South Jetty 4 lbs.	No Weights Reported	 <b>Wahoo</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 <b>Black Drum</b>	April 17, 2015 Tom Nelson Assateague Surf 20 lbs.	<div>NEW</div> May 25, 2015 Kyle Moore Coral Beds 71 lbs.	 <b>White Marlin</b>	Most Releases in One Day  None Reported	

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Mike Hastings of Berlin, MD caught a 31-inch, 10 lb. striped bass and a 34-inch, 15 lb. bluefish while soaking fresh cut bunker in the suds off Assateague Island. Weighed at Buck's Place.



Colby Thiel, age 13, from Woodbridge, NJ is overjoyed with the 19 1/2-inch flounder he caught while fishing with shiners across the Thorofare flats.



# Delaware Regulations State Waters Only



 <b>BLACK SEA BASS</b> 12.5" minimum 15 per person/day 5/15 - 9/18 & 10/18 - 12/31	 <b>BLUEFISH</b> No minimum size 10 per person/day No closed season	 <b>BLACK DRUM</b> 16" minimum 3 per person/day (Delaware River & Bay Only) No minimum size or creel elsewhere	 <b>STRIPED BASS</b> 28" - 37" or 44" and greater 2 per person No closed season
 <b>CROAKER</b> 8" minimum No creel limit	 <b>RED DRUM</b> 20" - 27" minimum 5 per person/day	 <b>SHEEPSHEAD</b> No limit	 <b>SPECKLED TROUT</b> 12" minimum No creel limit
 <b>COBIA</b> No limit	 <b>TAUTOG</b> Season closed until 7/17	 <b>SUMMER FLOUNDER</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day No closed season	 <b>WEAKFISH</b> 13" minimum 1 per person/day



# SHIP TO SHORE

## BY STEVE KATZ

### STEVE'S MARINE SERVICE



On May 14, 2015 at 4:30am, 90-miles east of Ocean City MD, the "Solarus", a 43-foot boat began taking on water quickly. Owner Noel Sterrett and Captain Bill Kneller quickly assessed the situation and determined a MAYDAY was required.

In a *Coastal Fisherman* exclusive interview, I spoke with Captain Kneller to learn about the tools and procedures they used to obtain the help that allowed them to arrive at Sunset Marina under their own power the day after the emergency. They were mentally exhausted, but in good physical condition.

The pair was traveling from Charleston, SC directly to Newport, RI, putting them about 90-miles off the Maryland coast in their J/130

sailboat. At about 4:30am in eight to ten foot seas and strong winds, the boat was hit by a submerged object (possibly floating lumber) that punctured the compost hull outer skin (2-inch hole) below the water line and cracked 15-inches of the interior structure. The hole and crack allowed water to rush in faster than the bilge pumps could pump it out. The water quickly rose 6-inches above the cabin floor and the crew was unable to locate the source of the leak and determined that a MAYDAY was necessary.

The pair was prepared for an emergency and put their skills into action. The life raft was brought on deck and the satellite telephone, VHF and EPIRB were prepared for use.

The first MAYDAY

broadcast was transmitted using their Standard Horizon GX2150 VHF radio on Channel 16. Interestingly, they used the traditional MAYDAY method and not a digital DSC call. The captain was prepared with all the details: who, what, where, kind of vessel, number and description and was able to clearly give this information to the responders. Captain Kneller got an immediate reply on the VHF radio, from a US Navy ship, the USNS William McLean (T-AKE12), a 690-foot cargo ship. It turns out the USNS William McLean was only three miles away!

At the same time they were using the VHF, Captain Kneller grabbed the Globalstar docking phone equipped with an external antenna to call the USCG directly. Captain Kneller referred to his laminated emergency number sheet that he picked-up in Annapolis at the "Safety at Sea Seminar" and made a direct phone call to the nearest Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center (RCC). While speaking to the USCG, Captain Kneller told the USCG that he was manually activating the vessels McMurdo EPIRB. The conversation with the USCG was long, with many scripted questions by the USCG. The satellite phone call was dropped numerous times during the conversation and return calls were necessary.

Yes, a lot of purposeful duplication. At this point, the

US Navy and the USCG RCC both knew where the boat was and now the Cospas-Sarsat Program was receiving an EPIRB alert with the boats latitude and longitude position.

I asked Captain Kneller why he activated the EPIRB after talking to the USCG and Navy. He indicated that he wanted the USCG to have his exact position and to allow any responders to find his EPIRB using the 121.5MHz homing signal broadcasted by the EPIRB. The EPIRB remained on and transmitting until the Navy arrived on scene and only then did he manually turn off the EPIRB.

It was only 30 minutes after the first VHF MAYDAY call when the USNS William McLean had changed course and headed towards the "Solarus". Once on the scene, they lowered a tender with 5 crew members and a dewatering pump. The Navy pumped the water out, found the source of the leak and provided materials, 2x4 lumber, nails and a rubber sheet to brace the damaged area and slow the leak. While this was going on, the USCG dispatched a Eurocopter HH-65 Dolphin helicopter from Cape May to assist at the scene. The USCG helicopter brought a dewatering pump, and the Navy provided some extra diesel fuel, to be used during the slow ride to Sunset Marina. Once the "Solarus" was deemed manageable, Bill and Noel headed it west, with the USNS William McLean

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providing an escort and protection from the wind and waves for about 20 miles until they were met by an USCG Ocean City based 47-foot Motor Lifeboat (MLB). Two USCG crew transferred to the "Solarus" for the duration the ride back to shore, with the USCG MLB close by.

The "Solarus" is at Sunset Marina, awaiting approval to head to Rhode Island for repairs. The insurance company and surveyor have already inspected the boat and Noel hopes to have it repaired quickly so he can participate in the June Transatlantic Race, from Newport to England and the Fastnet race in August.

In past articles, we have reviewed the importance of the VHF radio. In this scenario, the VHF radio was used to communicate with the US Navy and the USCG (boats and helicopter) with ease. Interestingly, the USCG also used the VHF channel 16 to talk to the US Navy. Captain

Kneller indicated that the satellite phone was helpful, though it was not the primary means of communication. As experienced boaters, the captain and owner regularly checked their communications gear before each trip and had rehearsed their emergency procedures.

While a VHF radio has a range of 20 to 25 miles, you do not always need to broadcast back to land for help; it may come from another nearby boater who hears your call.

Thank you to Captain Bill Kneller for providing the details about his experience and thank you to the US NAVY and USCG for their efforts to save the boat and crew.

*Captain Steve Katz is the owner of Steve's Marine Service and holds NMEA, AMEI and NMEA2000 certificates along with ABYC Master Technician certification and factory training from many manufacturers.*

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Jeromy Poore held on to slay this 14 lb. citation bluefish after hooking it on a minnow near the Cape Henlopen Pier. Jeromy was fishing with his Pop Pop, John Halsey on the "Miss Vicky" and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Mike Vernarchick from Quakertown, PA was fishing with a bucktail at the Cape Henlopen State Park when he muscled in this 36-inch, 12 lb. 5 oz. bluefish. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.



Kyle Keemer, age 8, from Lancaster, PA landed his very first flounder while fishing with minnows in the Indian River Bay. Kyle's flattie weighed an even 2 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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On May 29th, Kim Cooper ventured down from Pennsylvania and spent the day fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Dean Lo and mates Rich Fouts and Jake Shaffer. Kim ended up boating a 6 lb. tog after hooking it at a natural reef.



Oak Thompson from Wilmington, DE is all smiles after catching a 17-inch tog and a 10 lb. 6 oz. bluefish while jigging at the Outer Wall. Pictured at Bill's Sport Shop.

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# VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

BY DR. JULIE BALL  
I.G.F.A REPRESENTATIVE



The summer saltwater scene is coming together nicely, making the lingering setbacks of the harsh winter but a mere memory. Now anglers are turning their attention to a great start to the warm water fishing season, with many species now right on track. It looks like it's going to be a good summer.

The arrival of the local summertime staple has everyone's attention. Cobia are pouring into local waters, with some really big fish already making a showing. Jamal Esfahani of Virginia Beach boated the fish of a lifetime when a 90 lb. early season stud took his frozen bunker for a run while he was targeting drum off the Eastern Shore last week. Scattered catches of all sizes of cobia around the lower Bay are just the beginning as these fish settle in for the season.

Anglers continue to experience very good drum action on the Eastern Shore side

of the lower Bay. Huge red drum continue to roam the shoals off Fisherman's Island and Nautilus Shoal, with more fish now hitting on the Nine Foot Shoal area near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Black drum are still hitting along the shoals near Buoys 10, 13 and 16, where chowder and sea clams are the top baits. Although we are on the downward trend for black drum on the shoals, they are still available for those willing to put in some time.

Flounder action in Bay waters is evolving slowly at best, as anglers struggled for catches in lower Bay waters last week. Folks are finding some luck around the 2nd and 3rd Islands and Tubes, and near the bend at the 3rd Island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, near Buoy 36A and Back River Reef. Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets are providing some decent action, depending on the day. The best flatfish catches continue to come

from the shallows on the Eastern Shore, with locations in Wachapreague and Oyster still leading the way. Limits of fish pushing to over 21-inches are common lately from these areas.

Sheepshead are making a low-key introduction, as sporadic reports trickle in of mostly incidental hook-ups by drum anglers, with some nice fish pushing to over 10 lbs. making a great early season debut. Spadefish are still available at the Chesapeake Light Tower as well as some inshore wrecks, with scattered reports of catches of 3 to 5 pounders last week.

Captain Jake Hiles, skipper of the "Matador" out of Rudee Inlet, shared accounts of several really big shark releases during a trip aboard his boat last week, including tiger sharks stretching to over 9-feet long and even a nerve-racking great white shark hook-up.

Rudee, Lynnhaven and Little

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Creek Inlets are a good source of some respectable puppy drum catches right now. Several Peninsula backwater locations and the Eastern Shore inlets and shallows are also providing some pup action lately.

For those venturing to deeper water, keeper-sized sea bass are biting on several wrecks, with a few pushing to over 4 lbs. Further out, deep dropping is still a good choice. For those fishing on the bottom near the Norfolk Canyon, big tilefish, with a smattering of grouper, wreckfish and black bellied rosefish are providing good results. Big sea bass are still a welcome by-catch in these areas.

Finally, the Virginia offshore scene is taking off with the arrival of tuna last week. Boats venturing out to blue water are returning with bounties of quality yellowfin tuna, along with gaffer mahi. Some nice bigeye tuna are also busting spreads, with scattered catches of fish ranging to over 200-pounds hitting the docks last week.

*Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A. representative for Virginia Beach, VA. For more information, go to [www.drjball.com](http://www.drjball.com).*



## Virginia Regulations



### Coastal State Waters Only

			
<b>BLACK SEA BASS</b> 12.5" minimum 15 per person/day 5/15 - 9/21 & 10/22 - 12/31	<b>BLUEFISH</b> No minimum size 10 per person/day	<b>BLACK DRUM</b> 16" minimum 1 per person/day	<b>COBIA</b> 37" minimum 1 per person/day
			
<b>CROAKER</b> No limit	<b>RED DRUM</b> 18" - 26" 3 per person/day	<b>SHEEPSHEAD</b> No minimum size 4 per person/day	<b>SPECKLED TROUT</b> 14" minimum 5 per person Only 1 fish of the 5-fish limit may be 24-inches or greater
			
<b>STRIPED BASS</b> 28", 1 per person 5/16 - 12/31	<b>TAUTOG</b> Season closed 5/1 - 9/19	<b>SUMMER FLOUNDER</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day	<b>WEAKFISH</b> 12" minimum 1 per person/day





Quite a few big bluefish have been caught this season as shown by the 15 pounder landed by Dean Lokey of Delmar, DE while trolling a bucktail in the Indian River Bay. The fish measured 34-inches and was one of at least twelve Dean caught during the trip.



During the 6th Annual Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament, junior angler, Chazz DiDomenicis reeled in a 37.2 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Big Billin" with Mike Zorzi, Bill Vernon and Tara McDonald (not pictured). The yellowfin was caught on the troll in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 36"
Red Drum *	36"	45"
Sailfish *	Any Size	-
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"
Speckled Trout	24"	-
Striped Bass	40"	30 lbs. or 40"

\* Only released fish are eligible in Maryland program

\*\*\* Use curved-fork-length measurements

	<u>MD</u>	<u>DE</u>
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Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Tuna:		
Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lbs. or 32"
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Bigeye ***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
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Sat. June 6	Low 05:16 am Low 05:12 pm	High 11:25 am High 11:53 pm
Sun. June 7	Low 06:08 am Low 06:11 pm	High ----- High 12:18 pm
Mon. June 8	Low 07:03 am Low 07:14 pm	High 12:45 am High 01:18 pm
Tues. June 9 <b>Last Quarter</b>	Low 07:57 am Low 08:19 pm	High 01:42 am High 02:23 pm
Wed. June 10	Low 08:52 am Low 09:26 pm	High 02:42 am High 03:31 pm
Thurs. June 11	Low 09:48 am Low 10:33 pm	High 03:45 am High 04:39 pm
Fri. June 12	Low 10:44 am Low 11:37 am	High 04:46 am High 05:40 pm
Sat. June 13	Low 11:40 am Low -----	High 05:43 am High 06:36 pm
Sun. June 14	Low 12:37 am Low 12:33 pm	High 06:36 am High 07:29 pm
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**CAROL LIBBY - 2013 60' Spencer**  
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**\$1,895,000**

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**SHIP'S CAFE - 1987 60' Merritt**  
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**NEW TO MARKET**

**\$699,000**

**REEL HOOKER - 1998 60' Ricky Scarborough**  
Custom Carolina - Call Jimmy Fields



**NEW PRICE**

**\$1,549,000**

**SUSHI - 2014 57' Island Boatworks**  
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**NEW PAINT & RECENT UPDATES**

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**1988 58' Monterey**  
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**TAILWALKER 2 - 1998 50' Viking**  
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**SOLD**

**WHY NOT - 1992 45' Ricky Scarborough**



**NEW PAINT, TEAK & UPGRADES**

**\$335,000**

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**NEW MOTORS**

**\$89,000**

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**TWIN DIESELS**

**\$98,900**

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**TWIN DIESELS**

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**SEA ROBIN - 2000 28' Carolina**  
Classic - Call Steve Trattner



**NEW PRICE**

**\$74,900**

**GROUPE THERAPY - 2001 30' Pursuit**  
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**JUST LISTED**

**\$35,000**

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