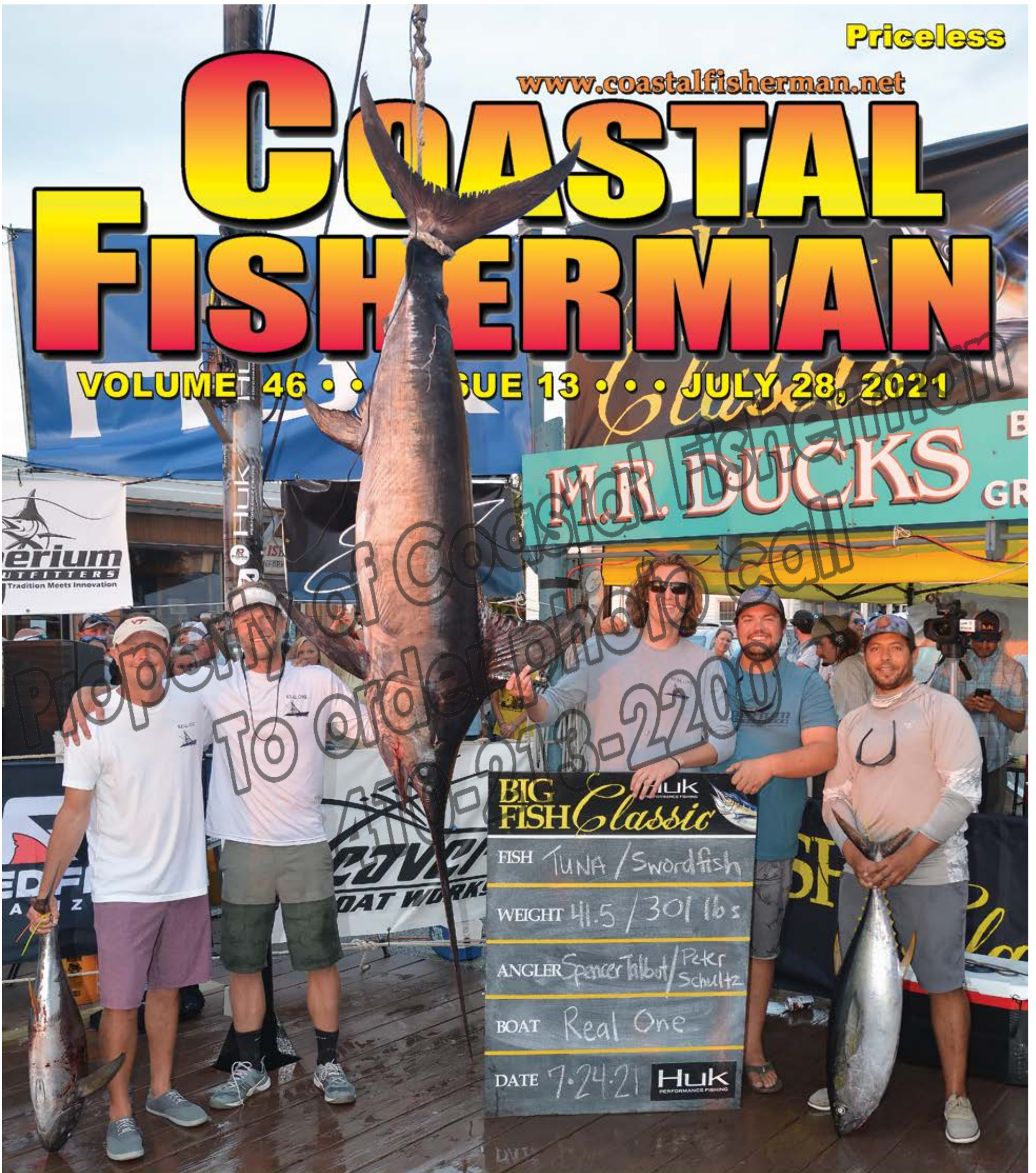


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For angler Peter Schultz, the 2021 Huk Big Fish Classic may have felt more like an endurance test or an Earnest Hemingway novel than a million dollar fishing tournament! He spent 8 hours on the reel to single handedly bring in this giant swordfish in the Washington Canyon. Beyond a once in a lifetime experience, he and fellow crew members Capt. Doug Rollins, Spencer Talbot, Adam Gray and Ahmad Rush turned the leaderboard upside down and sideways when the monster weighed in at 301 lbs. at the tournament scales. This trophy fish combined with other tunas they caught locked the crew of the "Real One" into not only overall Big Fish, but also Heaviest Swordfish, Heaviest Fish Winner Take All, Heaviest Stringer, Heaviest Stringer Winner Take All, Heaviest Billfish and Heaviest Swordfish Winner Take All, earning a combined total winnings of \$542,648. After review by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources the catch will most likely set the first Maryland State Record for swordfish.

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The Rush family had quite the rush at the Hot Dog when they went chunking for tuna. Anglers Ryan & Grayson traded off the rod to get this 51" and 70 lb. yellowfin in the box. Rounding out the crew of the "Reel Rush" from Timonium, MD and Los Angeles, CA were Capt. Ryan Rush, Les Rush, Darren Rush, Randolph Rice, Kyle Rush, Logan Rush and Rex Rice.



Tom Casper was trying his luck at Massey's Landing working with sand fleas and looking for some drum. His luck definitely came in when he caught this 6 lb. and 21" beast. Pictured at Rick's Bait and Tackle.

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The OFFSHORE REPORT

by Larry Budd

This Week Last Year

- The 2020 Big Fish Classic had 105 boats register and a purse of just under \$900K. A record for both. It was angler Kramer Whitlaw that got the 'Big Fish' with a blue marlin at 384 lbs. The billfish division's top 2 spots were only separated by 1/2 pound. The "Chaser" at 80.5 lbs. and the "Leslie Ann" at 80 lbs.
- Chunking at the Hot Dog was yielding limit catches for yellowfin tuna early in the week, however the bite slowed considerably as the week progressed.
- For those that took the time to venture to the Washington and Norfolk Canyons, there were nice bull dolphins being boated.

Last week into Saturday saw generally good offshore fishing and moderate weather. While starting off a little slow, last Wednesday turned on the bite for tuna and white marlin, only to moderate again as we approached the 8th Annual Big Fish Classic.

With an all time high of 110 boats registered and a record purse of over \$1.22 M and a good weather forecast for Saturday and Sunday, the Big Fish Classic was destined to be epic. The Big Fish is unique in a few ways in that unlike most tournaments where you select a few days out of the total to fish, this event features two fishing windows. One that starts on the first day at 7AM through the next at 3PM, and the second window

following the same pattern starting on day 2. Boats may fish overnight and most do. With questionable weather forecast for Sunday, 97 boats elected to fish on the Friday/Saturday 32-hour window, so all the offshore action was concentrated on those two days!

Day 1 at the scales saw only a few boats come back to the scales, however for the ones that did they put some nice fish up. First in was the "Cinde Anne" with a nice 63 lb. white marlin. This was followed by two nice



swordfish from just north of the Baltimore Canyon. The first one at 159 lbs. came in on the Small Boat category "Longshot" and the second at 184 lbs. was from the "Restless Lady II" who also weighed two mahi with the largest at 25.5. This set a good tone for the event, however we all knew that Saturday would be busy.

It did not take long for the boats to arrive at the scales on day2. The yellowfin tunas rolled in starting with Capt. Johnny Oughton on the "That's Right" with a stringer of tuna at 161 lbs. A great beginning, but over double that would be needed to place by the end of the day! The pace remained steady with over 40 boats bringing fish to the



docks and forcing the scales to run past the 9PM closing time for another 30 minutes to get them all the boats that arrived in time processed.

Yellowfin tuna dominated the tuna category, yet size proved to be a challenge. The tournament minimum was 35 pounds and many fish came in just under with lots left on the boats that were above the federal length limit but were visibly not going to weigh 35 lbs. So the good news was the fishing was good, but it would take a special catch or finding a group of 40+ pound yellowfins to place in the tuna stringer categories. Three boats did a combination of both with two on coming in on day 2. First the "Mj's" brought a 104.5 lb. yellowfin that most thought would be a lock only to be outdone by the "Chaser" who closed out the day with a 111 lb. yellowfin they found in 1200 fathoms in the Spencer Canyon about 102 miles from Ocean City!

As the day progressed it was becoming evident that the big fish for the "Big Fish" would be swordfish. "Dirt Money" started with a 142.5 lb. fish, followed by a 213 lb. sword that was caught on the "Playmate" on a lure with a Trump label! They just kept coming with the "FFMD" pushing up the bar to 239.5 lbs. with a sword they caught near the Southern Heyes Canyon and "Fabricator" landing 2 swords with only 2 people on board. It all came to a crescendo though at 7:40 PM when the "Real One" brought their 301 lb. sword to the scales! Beyond jumping to the top of 6 or 7 Divisions of the tournament, this fish represents and most likely new Maryland

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State Record.

Day 3 only had 13 boats still fishing but did see some excitement as the leader board continued to shift. The "Rebel" brought the first update with the only wahoo brought to the scales by a boat in that Division. Their nice 61 pounder took all the wahoo and shark money, stealing a little bit from the lead mahi had no wahoo been



reported! The final change came from the "Sea Note" and a 104 lb. yellowfin they raised in the Washington Canyon, putting all three top Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna's above 100 lbs.

It was a great event hosted by the Lewis family and the Talbot Street Pier. Check out more details on catch locations, tactics and stories in our coverage starting on page 72

Upcoming Tournaments

Two big tournaments are on the immediate horizon!

• The 13th Annual OC Marlin Club's Ladies tournament, "Heels and Reels", hits the scales at Atlantic Tackle on July 30 & 31. Sure to be fun with categories for billfish release, tuna and mahi as well as anglers in themed outfits! Check out ocmarlinclub.com for details.

• The big show of the 48th White Marlin Open starts on Monday August 2 and runs through the 6th. Scales will be at Harbor Island as usual, however we recommend checking out the Marlinfest, a new free outdoor viewing experience at the 3rd Street Bayside Ballpark that will coincide with the 48th annual fishing tournament. The event will feature a festival-like atmosphere as well as real-time, unobstructed views of the live stream of the tournament weigh-ins via large LED screens.

• Follow our Tournament Schedule in the paper and online to keep up to date!

Until next week, I will see you at the scales! §



New boat owners James and Julie Trickey took their appropriately named "Reel Trickey" to the Old Grounds early last week to give it a try. They got a nice start with these 3 keeper flounder, up to 19", as well as a couple of sea bass and many throwback flounder. All the fish were caught on Gulp and minnows.

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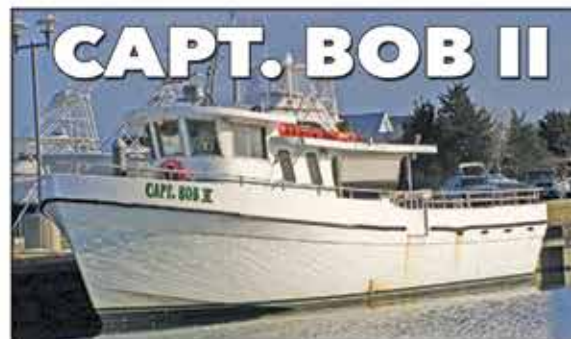
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Rob Stegman from Shelltown, MD can check another item off the bucket list, catching and releasing his first white marlin. He was fishing in the Poor Man’s Canyon on the “Hot Tuna” with Capt. Steve Linhard (pictured) when this fish hit a naked ballyhoo. Completing the crew were Bridget Stegman and Bill Caspari of Timonium, MD. They also boated 3 yellowfin tuna with the largest at 48 lbs.

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Rich Painter from York, PA is passing down a passion for fishing to his granddaughter Kaylee Painter who lives in North Carolina. They and Kaylee's dad Ryan were on the headboat "Tortuga" when she caught this throwback flounder in the East Channel on the incoming tide.



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Long time fishing buddies Tom Malewski and Dave Haldeman headed out to 19 fathom lump in Dave's boat "Outcast". They trolled with blue/white and purple/black lures with spreader bars. It took a while, but eventually this 56 pound wahoo decided to eat a blue/white Joe Shute lure. Tom fought it to the end and set a new heaviest in DE for wahoo.



Cameron Maas brought in a nice surprise to the Old Inlet Bait & Tackle shop just north of the Indian River Bridge last Thursday. He was on the beach in Fenwick Island when he caught an unusual 2.3 lb. pompano!

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OCEAN CITY FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



This week gave us warmer temps and steady west winds. Fishing is really getting good both in the bays as well as on near shore wrecks. Most wrecks are full of triggerfish and flounder.

Flounder, Croaker & Triggerfish

Flounder in the back bays are the best I've seen in years. Most of the bay boats are reporting good catches on all trips with some real nice flatties being caught. Most anglers are using squid or live minnows to target these fish. The main channel near the inlet is a good place to start. Most of the ten pound flounder caught in Ocean City have come from the channels along the south

side of the Rt. 50 Bridge. The Sinepuxent Bay area has fast moving water and deep troughs for the flounder to travel and feed in. Drifting traditional strip baits is popular but large plastic jigs in white or pink are working the best for the larger flounder. The "Miss Ocean City" headboat reports good catches of flounder on all their trips mostly on squid strips. The end of the incoming and the beginning of the outgoing tides are the best time to get a big keeper. The area around the 2nd-4th street bulkhead is also producing some nice fish. Also received reports that areas near the airport and the Verrazano Bridge are giving up some nice flat fish.

This area also has some pods of decent croaker. Croakers are hitting on bloodworms and small pieces of squid. The vicinity of the Verrazano Bridge is a great place to cast paddle tails for small redfish, stripers and sea trout. Rockfish have been caught on white bucktails as well as light color paddle tails cast along the shoreline and along the bridge structure. Fish these areas during a high tide as early in the morning or late in the afternoon as possible. Striped bass tend to like the lures closer to the bottom while the sea trout will be more likely to chase a bait higher in the water column. Most of the stripers will be undersized but are still really fun to catch.

Speaking of croaker, I have reports that they are on the near shore humps and structure. The area of the Ocean City Pipeline is a great place to start. Nighttime is the best for these fish. During the next month many of the head boats will begin to target these fish as a mainstay for their clients. Chumming also works well. Croaker is also great fun for kids as they will bite your hook readily. Croakers are also on many of the near shore wrecks.

Many of these wrecks are also holding good numbers of triggerfish. They will bite squid tipped baits as well as sand fleas. Once you have one hooked watch for others to follow it to the surface. Leave the hooked one in the water and cast to the other ones. Many times you can clean off a wreck using this

method.

Sea Bass, Cobia & Sharks

Sea bass remains pretty strong despite the warming water. The deeper water in the 100 ft. range is best for finding limits of sea bass. The Jack Spot and Great Eastern Reef are among the best areas for this time of year. The African Queen is giving up nice keeper sea bass but there are a lot of undersized fish. Clam remains the top bait but many anglers have switched to squid to also entice the triggerfish into biting. The Ocean Princess reported some good catches of sea bass on their trips with several large flounder added to the mix. Capt. Victor also reports that a few wrecks are holding good numbers of triggerfish. The "Judith M" headboat out of Bahia Marina also reported great fishing this week with some big sea bass coming on board along with flounder and triggerfish. Sea bass were reported up to 19". Their ¾ day trips seem to be doing very well. The Angler reports they had a couple great days this week with Deborah Szarko and Rich Fouts catching a nice limit of big flounder. All the head boats in Ocean City have very professional crews and captains. They are very kid friendly, and the mates are more than happy to help out novice anglers. These trips are half days, ¾ days or full days depending how much time you want to spend on the water. Check out the ads in the charter section of this issue for more information. Cobia is beginning to turn on south of Ocean City, however, most of the big fish are still near the Virginia line. Live eels are the bait of choice with site fishing being the preferred method. Along with the



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 cobia, various sharks have also moved inshore making for some fun fishing. Most of these sharks are protected and can not be harvested but still make for an epic fight. Chumming on the nearby shoals is the best way to target these predators with late afternoon being the best time of day.

A last minute note to all my Ocean City anglers. I get tons of pictures and reports from Delaware anglers but very few from the Maryland ones. If you have caught a fish on your boat please send me an instant message on Facebook or email me at nebeachboy@yahoo.com with the info so I can add it to the MD reports. I would love to mention more individual catches!

Till next week...

Tight lines and fins up



It was another good day on the charter boat "Rhonda's Osprey"! Capt. Joe Drosey had Frederick, MD anglers Marvin Aushman, Ric Adams and Nick Adams with Phil & Eric Schuchart from Gettysburg, PA out in the Massey's Canyon. Mates Mario Rosales and Eric Strauss set the troll with spreader bars and chains and put the crew onto 13 yellowfin tuna with 2 nice sized one. Pictured at Sunset Marina D Dock.

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Phil Young from Berlin, MD looks as surprised as this barracuda he caught at the Jack Spot last Thursday! Phil was trolling on his 23' Parker, "Reel Good" when the fish hit the green, yellow and pink lure we see in the picture. No measurement since Phil released this one.

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Key Distinguishing Markings:

- The white marlin's upper jaw is twice as long as its lower jaw.
- The upper jaw forms a bill, which is long and slender in comparison to many other billfishes.
- The body is dark blue above and silvery white below, with brown spots on the sides of the white portion.
- In some specimens, many rows of blurred white lines may run the length of the body.
- The first dorsal fin, which runs almost the length of the body, is dark blue with many black spots, although these may fade towards the back of the fin.
- The second dorsal and pelvic fins are dark blue.
- First anal, first dorsal, and pectoral fins are blunt or rounded at tips.
- The pectoral fins and caudal fin are blackish brown; the long pectoral fins may be tipped in white.
- The body has a dense covering of bony scales.
- The lateral line is distinct, and with the exception of a single curve over the origin of the dorsal fin, runs straight along the body.

Size:

- The white marlin is smaller than many other billfish.
- The maximum length for the white marlin is 110 in and maximum weight is approximately 180 lbs.
- More commonly, white marlin range from 51-83 inches in length.

Habitat:

- Its distribution varies seasonally, reaching higher latitudes in both the northern and southern hemispheres only during the respective warm seasons.
- White marlin are considered oceanodromous, that is a migratory fish that migrates within the seas only.

Spawning:

- Once a year, white marlin migrate into subtropical waters to spawn, with peak spawning occurring in early summer in deep oceanic waters.
- The spawning areas are found in deep and blue oceanic waters, generally at high temperatures ranging from 68° to 84°F.
- In the western North Atlantic, spawning grounds have been identified northeast of Little Bahama Bank, northwest of Grand Bahama Island, and southwest of Bermuda.

Fishing Tips:

- The white marlin is a popular game fish, which can be caught trolling at or close to the surface.
- The largest fishery for this species occurs in the summer, between Cape Cod, Massachusetts and Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.
- Baits including ballyhoo, mullet, mackerel, herring and squid as well as lures, such as green machines, can be successful in getting a white marlin to bite.
- When fishing for white marlin, it is advisable to wear protection on your hands when handling your catch since they are capable of inflicting serious wounds due to the roughness of the bill.
- A furious battler when hooked, white marlin engage in tail-walking and fantastic leaps into the air.
- The Highly Migratory Species Division (HMS) of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages Atlantic highly migratory species including Atlantic tunas, sharks, swordfish, billfish (blue marlin, white marlin, sailfish and longbill spearfish) and Atlantic swordfish to ensure long-term, sustainable fisheries for these species. Owners of vessels used to fish recreationally (i.e., no sale of fish) for Atlantic HMS (billfish, swordfish, sharks and tunas) are required to obtain an HMS Angling category permit from NMFS.

Fun Facts:

- While swimming, they commonly display a technique known as "tailing," in which only the dorsal lobe of the caudal fin is visible above the surface of the water.
- White marlin are generally not considered a schooling fish and most often appear solitarily or in pairs.
- Small schools of 5 to 12 fish are occasionally seen feeding on schools of bait, or tailing; however, loose aggregations of numerous fish scattered over fairly large areas are most typical.
- The Maryland state record for white marlin is 135 lbs, taken in Poor Man's Canyon in August 1980.
- The I.G.F.A. World Record white marlin weighed 181 lbs. 14 oz. and was caught off Vitoria, Brazil in December 1979.
- White marlin live to be 25-30 years of age.
- Tagged white marlin have been recaptured after being at liberty for almost 12 years.

Source:
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Matthew Brannan age 11 wields his first tuna catch ever, at 38 lbs.w it must have been a chore! He was fishing with Capt. Tim Babikow and mates Derek Crossley & Brian Beannan in the Baltimore Canyon last week when he connected with this tuna on a spreader bar. Fellow anglers on the trip were Erika, Nate and Reese Babikow.

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Dan McGeady of Bethany Beach, DE has a real doormat on his hands! He caught this 26¾" and 7.79 lb. flounder last Wednesday at an ocean structure while fishing with Capt. Brent Wiest on the charter boat "Katydid". Pictured and weighed at Lewes Harbor Marina.



Anglers Ricardo Pitti and Ricardo Antonio from Smyrna, DE had good luck finding some keepers while fishing with Capt. Aaron Hurd and mate Logan on "Gale Force Charters" last week. They were working at an ocean wreck when they landed a 16" tautog and a sheepshead. They also released a black drum.

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Capt. Chris Little on the charter boat "Talkin' Trash" has been on a good run lately with tuna. On this trip to the Washington Canyon early last week he got 6 yellowfins on the troll with spreader bars and chains. Unlike some other reports they were not hit by the shark 'tax man' on this trip to the south.



Anglers Roy Case, Ryan Powell, Brian Bowden, Kenny Littleton, Chucky Durham and Andy Mullin took full advantage of the hot bite last Wednesday. Fishing on the charter boat "C-Boys", the crew boated 6 yellowfins, released 8 and got 3 dolphins for the box. They were with Capt. Luke Blume and Mates Nate Lang & Josh Blume in the Washington Canyon trolling with ballyhoo and spreader bars.

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Ethan Bullard from Dundalk, MD paid his dues fishing many times and only catching undersized fish. Well, his card came up last week when he landed his first 17" keeper flounder! He was fishing on the charter boat "Get Sum" behind Assateague Island using a white Gulp and minnow combo.

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There were a lot of tuna on the deck when the "Spring Mix II" got back to the dock. Anglers Eric & Christina Rudden with Nicole Chabot, Craig Lemons and Sam Chitty were in the Washington Canyon trolling the spreader bars with ballyhoo when they raised 6 yellowfin tunas. Capt. Chris Watkowsi was at the helm with mate Jacob Bialk in the pit.



How could Chloe and Brock Swavely from Lancaster, PA not have big smiles on their faces with these 3 keeper flounder! They found these flatties using minnows in the Ocean City East Channel, the largest at 21.5". They were fishing with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock on the charter boat "Lucky Break".

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There were just too many yellowfin tuna to hold for this crew after their charter trip with Capt. Mark Hoos on the "Marli". Jerry Holtzman, Bill Popovitch, Jack Arblaster, Mel Hofecker, Mike Orchulli and Mike Gehr are friends from living in or near the Jada Condo complex in Ocean City. They picked these 13 yellowfin tunas in single or double hook ups on spreader bars while trolling in the Washington Canyon.

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Flat calm seas and low wind graced Capt. Monty Hawkins and his anglers on the "Morning Star" during this trip last week. They had to keep moving, hitting one spot then moving again when the bite slowed to get several anglers to just short of their sea bass limits and found a few flounder for the dinner table.



Scott Neuschwender from Elmira, NY and his friend Walt Smakulski of Berlin, MD had a successful trip to the Baltimore Canyon. They were trolling on the "On Point" in 120-140 fathoms on the wall when these 5 yellowfin tunas hit their widetrackers, mixing purple & green through the day.

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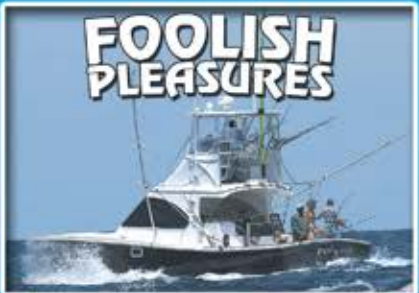


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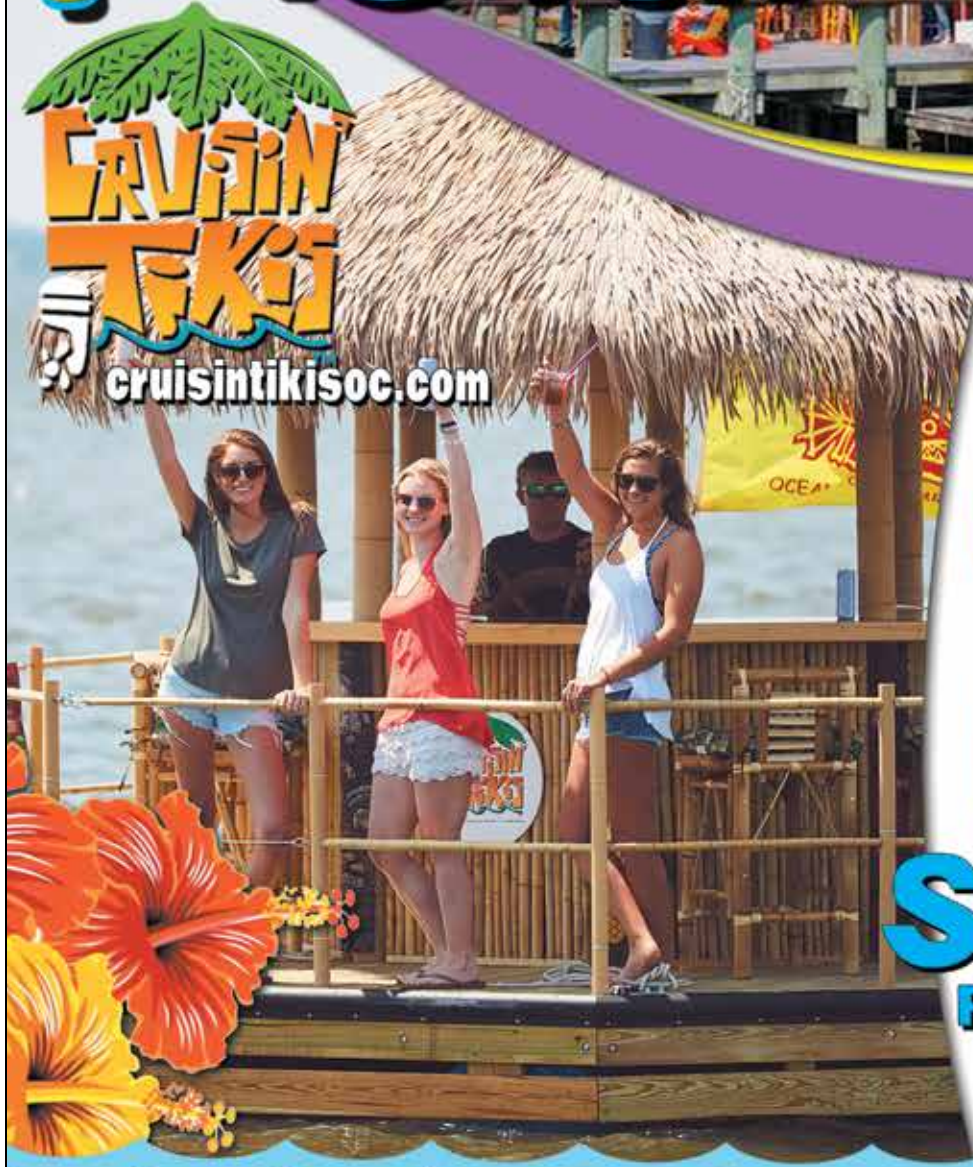
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Maybe you saw the ElectroSea brand during a recent fishing tournament, in a marine publication or even saw the system on a new Viking or other boat and wondered what it is all about. (most new Viking sportfish boats come with this system as standard equipment).

ElectroSea is a newer company with an innovative product for the marine market. They make a product called ClearLine, designed to reduce or eliminate

marine growth in raw water systems for boats operating in saltwater. The most common application would be for a boat with a salt water cooling system for on-board air conditioning and heat exchangers. This system is not used on engines, that water doesn't suffer the same issues as lower volume and flow cooling water.

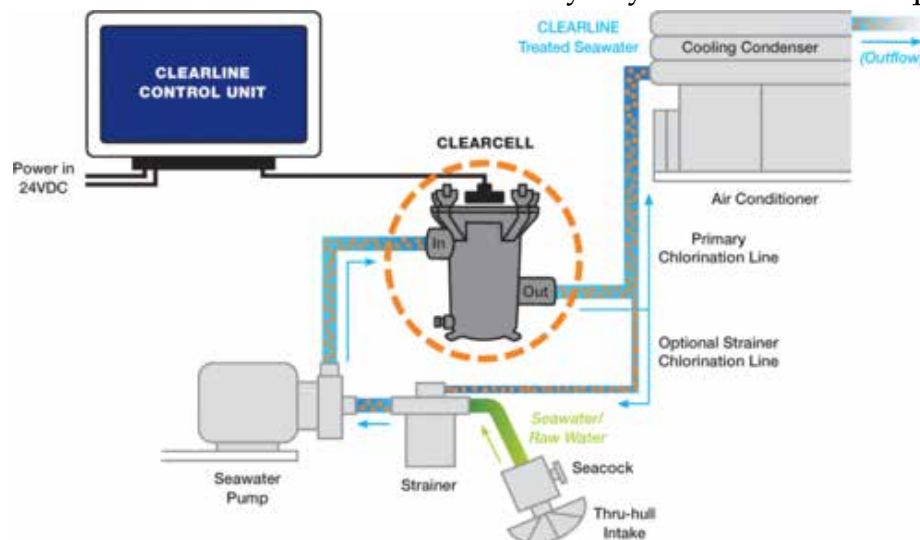
If you happen to see one of the ElectroSea ClearLine units, you will see that it looks simple, just a few components. So how does a compact simple system do so much work that it can keep the entire raw water cooling lines clear of growth?

The ClearLine system is a biocide generating system

for inhibiting bio-fouling within a sea water cooling system of a watercraft. The heart of the system is the electrochlorinator. Using a small amount of electricity, the electrochlorinator produces a controlled amount of chlorine from sea water. This small amount of chlorine inhibits most marine growth in the piping systems without harmful chemicals.

www.coastalfisherman.net that specialize in descaling boats seawater system, this service could cost upwards of \$1500 for a large sportfish boat. Cleaning of these systems can be short lived depending on how often the systems are operated and other environmental factors, with many boat owners descaling their systems a few times a year.

Maybe you decided to drop



Up until now, there was not a simple way to keep these seawater plumbing systems clean. Depending on the season and location, a seawater cooling system can become clogged in just a few weeks, requiring a descaling to keep the components operating properly. The descaling process can be complicated and expensive, using popular chemicals products geared to boaters such as Barnacle Buster and Rydlyme.

a chlorine tablet designed for a swimming pool into the sea strainer. That was once a popular idea to help eliminate fouling of the downstream water lines, though this method does not allow you to regulate the amount of chlorine in your system and many have found out that excessively chlorinated water can damage plastics and metals used in onboard systems.

Many of you may have heard the horror stories where a boat owner thought it would be a good idea to use Muriatic Acid or similar harsh chemicals to descale the cooling system and the acid ended up eating away or damaging the critical components of the cooling system.

As with many modern products, technology is the key to the ClearLine system. The system monitors water flow and adjusts the amount of chlorine generated to match the water flow. The system is designed to operate continuously when there is water flowing throughout the system. The system also carefully measures the amount of chlorine in the system, keeping it at predetermined safe levels at all times. If you are wondering if the Chlorine is safe for your on-board systems, many municipal

If you have ever descaled your cooling systems, you know it is a laborious job taking hours and lots of costly chemical products. In Florida there are companies

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drinking water systems have a higher concentration of chlorine than the ClearLine system produces!

Incorporating a ClearLine system to your boat is simple and straight forward. You continue to use your existing intake, strainer and pumps, the ClearLine electrolytic cell is housed in its own "strainer" that is installed after the sea water pump, where it generates the chlorine and disperses it at a controlled rate into the downstream components. A small computer controller, with indicator lights and a display provides real time system status. The system is automatic and only operates when seawater is flowing through the system. The controller has the ability to tie into with other shipboard systems and can easily be temporarily inhibited if you are using this same seawater

CLEARLINE MODELS



for bait live wells etc.

The ClearLine system is available in many sizes to match the size of seawater hoses and the water flow for your boat's systems. There are a few options for the controller, depending on the desired features.

The ClearLine system won't descale a clogged system, it is designed to maintain a clean sea water plumbing system. Just before installing the system a professional descaling is required. After that your boat should never

need a full descaling. While this product has been out for a few years with positive results, historical testing during the R&D stage has shown nearly all growth eliminated using this system.

There are an abundance of products designed to attract boaters and fisherman, from fishing lures and gear, marine electronics and appearance accessories, this ClearLine product can actual save you time and money by reducing your maintenance costs and offering a better performing vessel. At the moment there are no other similar products in the marketplace and this patented system is destined to become a must have option on board many boats.

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Last Wednesday, Dylan Der, Greg Der and Ryan Fitz ventured out to the Jack Spot and caught 19 keeper sea bass on squid. Dylan (shown here) shares a double hook up from the trip.

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It was a first for Jon Kyle from Pittsburgh, PA, his first keeper flounder! He found this 17" flattie near Harbor Island using white Gulp. Taylor joined him for the memorial photo snap.



Last week saw good flounder action at the Oceanic Fishing Pier at the Ocean City Inlet. Many keeper flounder were caught as well as shorty rockfish and snapper blues. There was even a small shark caught at night!

OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

WED. JULY 28	High ----- High 12:01 pm	Low 05:52 am Low 06:02 pm
THUR. JULY 29	High 12:20 am High 12:49 pm	Low 06:37 am Low 06:59 pm
FRI. JULY 30	High 01:01 am High 01:41 pm	Low 07:21 am Low 07:57 pm
SAT. JULY 31 <i>3rd Quarter Moon</i>	High 01:45 am High 02:38 pm	Low 08:03 am Low 08:55 pm
SUN. AUG 1	High 02:34 am High 03:37 pm	Low 08:45 am Low 09:53 pm
MON. AUG 2	High 03:26 am High 04:33 pm	Low 09:29 am Low 10:52 pm
TUE. AUG 3	High 04:19 am High 05:25 pm	Low 10:16 am Low 11:47 pm
WED. AUG 4	High 05:10 am High 06:13 pm	Low 11:06 am Low -----

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Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
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Bluefish 	May 8 Gavin Murray Gull Island	May 29, 2020 Kathy Grab Fenwick Island State Park	Mako Shark 	May 28 Michael Eid "Hot Line" Fingers	April 16, 2020 Ron Griggs "Finatic" Wilmington Canyon
Black Drum 	March 31 Allen Skylar Assateague Island	April 19, 2020 Bill Grubb Fenwick Island State Park	Thresher Shark 	May 22, 2021 Patrick Snell "MAKO me CRAZY" Twin Wrecks	June 13, 2020 Charlie Boyles "Hook It Up" Old Grounds
Cobia 	June 17 Shannon Pickens South OC Inlet	June 21, 2020 Aaron Reeves "On the Run" South Jetty	Bigeye Tuna 	May 28 Pete Gudiatas "Blood Money" Poor Man's	May 27, 2020 Ryan Turner "Full Service" Norfolk Canyon
Flounder 	April 18 Danny Cox Rt. 90 Bridge	May 5, 2020 Mackenzie Cathell Thorofare	Bluefin Tuna 	May 7 James Hammond "Hot Lick" Norfolk	June 9, 2020 Shannon Gore Baltimore Canyon
Sea Bass 	April 12 Camryn Baeder Inshore Wreck	May 15, 2020 Brent Bortner "Green Machine" Offshore Wreck	Longfin Tuna 	July 17 Morgan Michael "Reel Fun" Baltimore Canyon	June 9, 2020 Evan Winterbottom "PYY Fishing" Poor Man's Canyon
Sheepshead 	June 17 Veronica Cannuli Outside OC Inlet	June 12, 2020 Keith Smith "On the Run" South Jetty	Yellowfin Tuna 	May 28 Bill Pino "Blood Money" Poor Man's	April 29, 2020 Dylan Wiley Washington Canyon
Striped Bass 	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel	May 7, 2020 Patricia Cropper Rt. 50 Bridge	Dolphin 	June 10 Michael Seicke "Second Chance" S. Poor Man's	May 23, 2020 Jeremy Phares "Reel Fin Addiction" Norfolk Canyon
Tautog 	January 1 Mike Sadowski "Tide Runner" Ocean Structure	January 2, 2020 Patrick Enoch "Morningstar" Artificial Reef	Wahoo 	June 17 Gary Welch Washington Canyon	June 18, 2020 Jack Hannum "Blood Money" Poor Man's Canyon
Weakfish 	May 6 Rich Harpel North Jetty Indian River Inlet	June 17, 2020 Muhamad Arshad Oceanic Fishing Pier	White Marlin 	June 13 Brad Young "TUNAFOWL" Washington Canyon	May 23, 2020 Carl Sauer "Reel Escape" Washington Canyon

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Tom DiCampi from Wilmington, DE and Chris Maiuri of Lewes, DE fished out at the Old Grounds using minnows and Gulp. They ended the day with their two man limit of 8 keeper flounder. The largest weighed in at 6 lbs. and measured 25 1/2 inches. Pictured at the Indian River Marina.



Big smiles for Cody Saunders from Bel Air, MD and Kevin McNulty from Eldersburg MD after their first offshore trip. They caught two yellowfin tuna fishing on the "Canyon Blues" with Capt. David Grossman and mate Daniel Grossman at the Rockpile using ballyhoo and Green Machine.

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The magic was happening for Capt. Jim Bugg and crew, landing this 86 lb. yellowfin tuna while chunking with butterfish in 75° water at the Hot Dog. Anglers Tim Talbot from Ocean City, Chris Daugherty from Glen Burnie, MD, Aaron Salisbury and Billy Miles of Easton, MD and mate Richard Hutchison were on the private boat "Magic Moment". They only had one bite on this trip, but it was the right bite!



The 'Reel Doctor' Dennis McDermott got the chance to use some of the equipment he has been maintaining for Capt. Frank Goodhart III on the private boat "Brenda Lou". Last Tuesday the two took mate Tommy Howes and his son Jacob along with David Conner marlin fishing in the Wilmington Canyon where Dennis caught and released his first white marlin! This first was in addition to him catching his first tuna about a month ago with Capt. Frank.



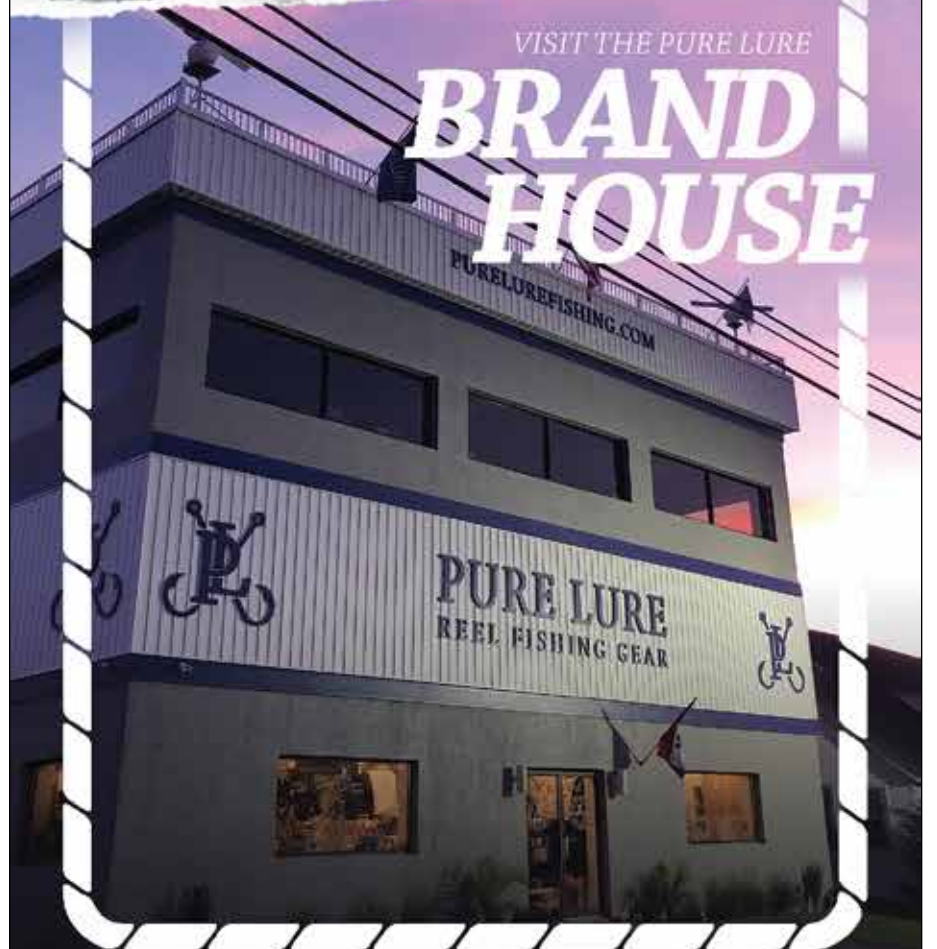
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Ingredients:

- 24 top neck clams thoroughly rinsed
- 8 ounces butter - 2 sticks
- 8-10 slices bacon thinly sliced
- 1 large bell pepper small dice
- 1 large Spanish or Vidalia onion small dice
- ½ cup Romano cheese grated
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- ½ teaspoon black pepper

1 tablespoon Italian parsley finely chopped

- 1 lemon optional- garnish
- ½ cup bread crumbs unseasoned

Directions:

You can open your clams the old fashioned way or use my shortcut and place the thoroughly rinsed clams in the freezer for a minimum of one hour up to a week. The clams will open slightly which will allow you to easily open them without risking cutting your hand.

Preheat oven to 375° Fahrenheit.

Place sliced bacon and butter into a large sauté pan or pot and allow to cook for 3-4 minutes.

Add chopped bell peppers and onion and continue to cook over low heat for about 15 minutes.

Remove the pan from the heat and



add the grated Romano cheese, bread crumbs, black pepper and oregano. Mix well.

Place casino mixture into the refrigerator to allow the fixture to firm up. Stir mixture occasionally so all the ingredients stay well blended.

This will take at least 2 hours, so give yourself enough time.

Open clams, running a knife

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under the clam to make sure it is unattached from the shell. Place the opened clams on a cookie sheet until ready to fill.

Remove casino mix from the refrigerator. Using a tablespoon add the prepared casino mix to the clam. Make a nice mound of it on top of the clam by pressing the casino mix into the clam firmly with your hand.

Repeat this process until all of the clams are stuffed.

Place the clams into a preheated 375 degree Fahrenheit oven for 15-20 minutes or until the bacon and tops begin to get nicely browned.

Remove carefully from the baking dish. Re-stuff clams with the mix that fell out if necessary.

Serve clams on a serving dish or on a bed of rock salt with lemons and parsley as a garnish.

Rockfish with Crab & Old Bay Cream Sauce

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds rockfish fillets
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- 1 cup heavy cream
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Directions:

Season flesh side of fish with 1 teaspoon of the Old Bay. Melt 2 tablespoons of the butter in large skillet on medium-high heat. Place fish skin-side up in skillet. Cook 5 minutes, turning fish after 3 minutes. Remove fish from skillet and keep warm. Reduce heat to medium.

Stir wine into skillet scraping bottom to loosen browned bits. Add remaining 1 tablespoon butter and green onion; cook and stir 1 minute.



Stir in cream, mustard and remaining 1/2 teaspoon Old Bay. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low;

simmer 2 minutes or until slightly thickened. Stir in crabmeat. Return fish to skillet & cover. Cook 3 minutes longer or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Soft-Shelled Crabs Meunière

Ingredients:

- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 4 small (4-inch-wide) live soft-shelled crabs, cleaned
- 1 cup Wondra or all-purpose flour
- 4 tablespoons clarified butter
- 1 1/2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 3 pieces
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

Directions:

Combine milk, salt and pepper in a shallow dish and soak crabs 5 minutes. Lift 1 crab out of milk, letting excess drip off, and dredge in flour. Knock off excess flour and transfer to a tray. Repeat with remaining crabs, arranging them in 1 layer as coated.

Heat clarified butter in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over moderately



high heat until hot but not smoking, then sauté crabs, upside down, 2 minutes. Turn over and sauté until golden brown, 2 to 3 minutes more.

Transfer crabs to a serving dish. Add butter pieces to skillet and cook until golden brown with a nutty aroma. Add lemon juice and parsley (mixture will bubble up) and remove from heat.

Season sauce with salt and pepper and drizzle over crabs.

Note:

If the crabs you get are larger and don't fit 4 to the skillet, cook them in batches using more clarified butter.

Ceviche Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. shrimp (raw or cooked) peeled, deveined and diced

- 1 cup lime juice from 6 limes
- 1 cucumber peeled and diced
- 1 large avocado (or 2 small avocados)
- 2 roma tomatoes diced
- 1/2 red onion diced
- 1/4 bunch cilantro chopped
- 1 jalapeno seeded and minced
- 1/4 tsp black pepper or to taste
- 1 cup clamato juice (use "picante" version for spicier salsa)



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Chop the vegetables: cucumber, avocado, tomatoes, red onion, jalapeno and cilantro.

When shrimp are done marinating, add vegetables to the bowl.

Add 1/4 tsp. black pepper or season to taste and gently stir to combine. Lastly, stir in 1 cup Clamato juice, mixing just to combine. Serve with tortilla chips or over tostadas.

Ahi Tuna Salad with Sesame Ginger Dressing

Ingredients:

1 tbsp. olive oil

2 medium-sized tuna steaks (fresh or frozen, each steak should be about 8oz.)

Sesame seeds for encrusting tuna, plus more for garnishing

1 head romaine lettuce, chopped



1 cup carrot matchsticks

1 cup sliced red cabbage

1 cucumber, cut into matchsticks

4 green onions, thinly sliced

1 avocado, thinly sliced

Wonton or tortilla strips (optional, for garnish)

Carrot Ginger dressing:

1/2 medium sized carrot, grated

1 stalk celery, chopped

2 tbsp. sesame oil

2 tbsp. rice vinegar

1 tbsp. honey

1 tbsp. minced ginger

1 tbsp. soy sauce

Directions:

In a Magic Bullet, blender or food processor, blend ingredients for dressing and set aside. If you don't have carrot or celery, you can just

mix sesame oil, rice vinegar, honey, ginger and soy sauce together but it won't be as authentic as real sushi-style dressing. It will still taste great though!

Meanwhile, prepare veggies for the salad and divide evenly among four large salad bowls. Season tuna with salt and pepper before coating in sesame seeds.

Add olive oil to a large frying pan over high heat. Wait until oil is smoking, then add tuna steaks, searing for 30 seconds per side. Remove from heat and slice with a sharp knife, adding half of each steak to each salad.

Garnish each salad with sesame seeds and wonton strips, then add dressing. Serve and enjoy!

Fillet of Fish Stuffed with Spinach & Feta

Ingredients:

4 flounder fillets (tilapia works great too)

1 (10 ounce) package frozen spinach, thawed and drained

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

1 garlic clove, minced

1/4 cup chopped onion

2 ounces crumbled feta cheese

1 tablespoon grated parmesan cheese

1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

1 tablespoon paprika

1 tablespoon oregano

Salt and pepper

Directions:

Heat oil in saucepan.

Add garlic and onion and sauté for a minute or two.

Add spinach to pan.

Sauté until all water evaporates. About 3 minutes.

Take off heat. Add feta and parmesan. Season with nutmeg, salt and pepper.

Set aside to cool.

Season fish with salt and pepper.

Place about 2 tablespoons of filling onto the center of each piece of fish.

Roll fish around stuffing.

Place fish seam side down into baking dish.

Drizzle with olive oil (if desired).

Sprinkle fish with oregano and paprika.

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Someone must have gotten their prayers answered because the crew of "God Willing" had an outstanding day offshore last Tuesday! Anglers Ryan Sutton, Ryan Richardson, Traye Matthes, Vernon Wheln and Jeff Gehm departed from the Indian River Marina and headed to the Wilmington Canyon where they went 6 for 6 bites on yellowfin tuna and boated a gaffer mahi.

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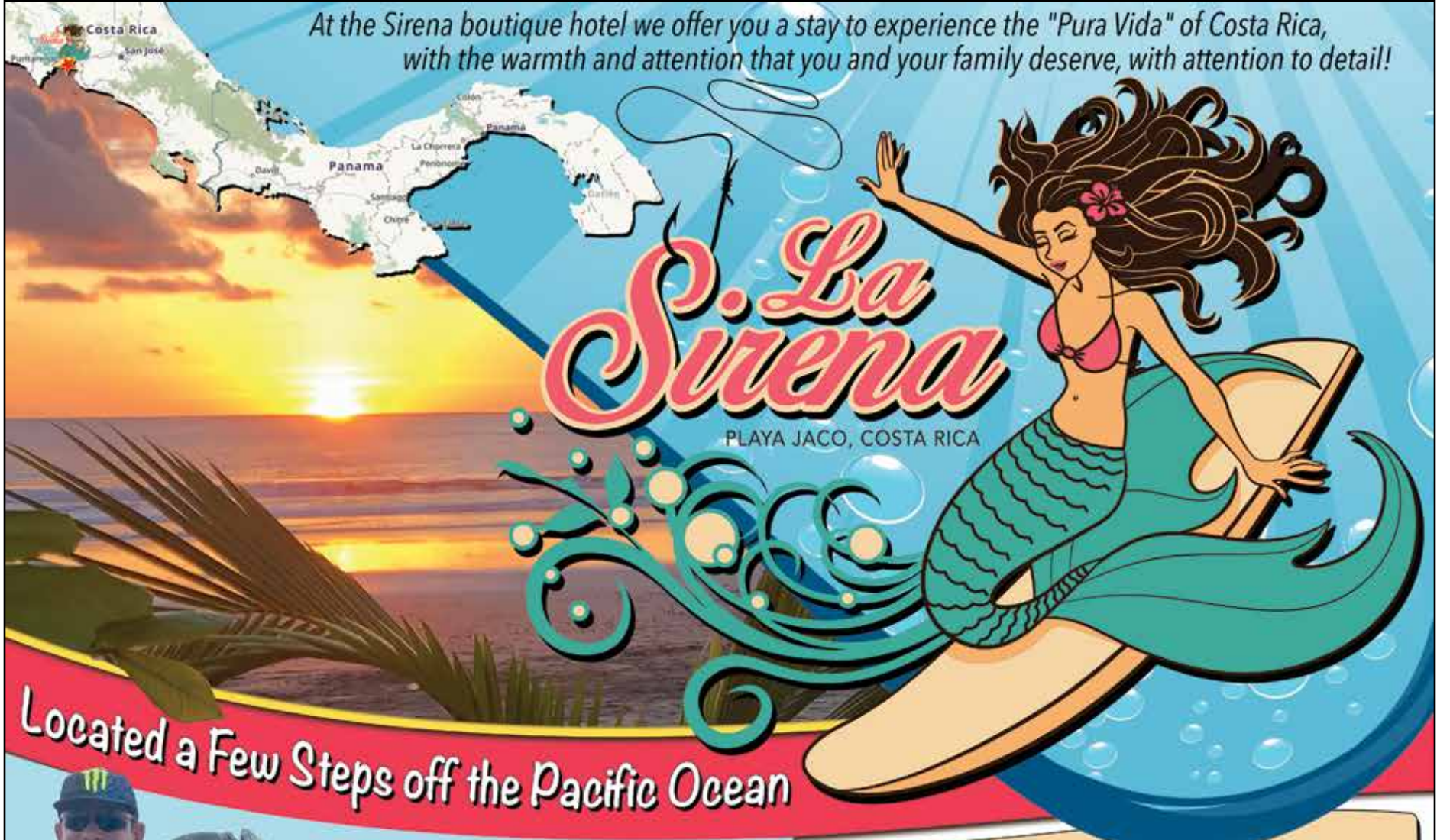
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In one-way or the other the increase in fuel prices we've experienced over the last six months is making an impact on us all. Whether on the road or on the water, paying for the go-go juice that keeps us all moving to and from where we need to be is becoming an increasingly painful experience. I really don't know what the answer is for this newfound problem (well actually I do but I don't want to get political on you), however, for the short term (let's hope it's a "short term") I have a few ideas I came up with back on April 1st that might help anglers keep

on fishing for the next 3 1/2 years while the price of gallon of fuel rivals that of a good box of wine.

Use the current to your advantage

As the tide rises and falls we all know that in most places it creates a current that travels in one direction for about six hours and then the other direction for another six hours. By paying close attention to exactly when the current ebbs (goes out) and floods (comes in) and angler should be able to shove their boat away from the dock and allow the current to take them right on out to the fishing grounds and then

drift right on back home without ever starting their engines! Of course timing is everything and this tactic requires that fishermen schedule their trips precisely around the change of the current. For instance, if the slack current is supposed to occur in four hours, then anglers will have to allow eight hours for their trip. If they want a shorter trip they'll just have to leave the dock later. While this fuel saving method only works in inshore waters where currents are strong and predictable, offshore anglers can use a spin-off version of it by allowing the wind to push them off in a particular direction, although I wouldn't suggest it unless there's a very reliable forecast calling for the breeze to turn around and blow from the opposite direction in ample time before the beer and sandwiches run out.

Get a tow

A nice thing about folks with boats is that they're always willing to help a fellow boater in trouble. Anglers can use this good nature to their advantage by allowing strangers to tow them to-and-from the fishing grounds. To start their trip anglers need only to push their boat away from the dock and wait. It helps to take the cowling off the outboard because nothing says HELP like exposed cylinders! In areas where there might be some uncertainty as to the generosity of others it can't hurt to also have a couple young kids aboard, everybody stops for kids! When a

good-Samaritan pulls up and asks if they can lend a hand, the shrewd angler should respond by pointing off to the direction they want to fish and say "yea if you could just tow me over there I've got some friends who will come along and take me the rest of the way." Once the towboat departs the fishermen can pull their rods out and get to business. When it's time to go home a simple lift of the cowling should attract another free ride in no time.

Row out



People have been rowing across the oceans and waterways for thousands of years. There's no reason why fishermen can't pull their way out and back from the Thorofare or even the Baltimore Canyon if they wish. All it takes is enough oars for everyone aboard, except of course the captain who will have to steer the boat, watch the depth finder, and crack a "motivational" bullwhip once in a while. In the old days they used to beat a drum to keep the rowers in sync and pulling at the right speed, now a good CD player and a wide selection of music (rock, country, classical) works just like a throttle, faster music - faster boat. Captains should never leave the dock without at least one CD with high-energy-head-banging music just in case they're inclined to rush off to a hot bite, race a storm home, or do a little water skiing. Of

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course, since the rowing method makes it very difficult to forge lasting relationships with fishing partners, it should only be considered as a short-term solution to saving fuel.

Use longer rods

When you think about it, anglers burn a lot of fuel in efforts to get close to their quarry. But it really doesn't matter if the "fisherman" is close to the fish as long as their "bait or lure" is close to the fish. These days when so many manufacturers of high-tech rods, reels, and lines are bragging about how their products allow anglers to cast farther and more accurately than ever before, I say, "let's take advantage of the technology and just cast our way out to the fishing grounds!" With a 24-foot Magnaflip rod, a Z-50,000 Penncutta reel, loaded with 60-thousand yards of Minibraid line there's no reason why someone shouldn't be able to heave a ballyhoo out to the Hotdog, hook themselves a tuna, and not burn a drop of fuel in the process!

Let the fish come to you

After all these years of anglers running offshore to reach the fish, I think it's time the fish returned the compliment and started coming to the fishermen. We all know how effective chumming can be for bringing fish close to a boat, the way I see it maybe we should forget the boat and do our chumming right from the dock. Sure, it'll take more chum, not to mention a lot more time for the chum to drift 40-50 miles out to the fish and for the fish to work their way inshore to the harbors and our backyard canals, but it sure would be nice to be able to hook billfish from the back deck, tuna down at the public boat ramp, and mako sharks under the Rt.90 Bridge!

Armed with a good tide chart, a couple kids, a few sets of oars, a long fishing rod and a truckload of chum, anglers should have no problem enjoying another fun and productive fishing season - no matter how high fuel prices go. \$



Tyler Behrens of Ellicott City, MD had nothing to be angry about after catching his first golden tilefish, and a big one at that! He was in the Baltimore Canyon on the boat "ANGER MANAGEMENT" with Capt. Jordan Lukiewski with fellow anglers Rob Behrens and brother Tyler Behrens. They also raised a white marlin.

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Shaun Flahery and Big Bird Cropper continue to have their best year ever on rockfish, and on this trip hit an inshore grand slam with a rock, flounder and weakfish on the same trip. This trio were caught on Roy Rigs at the South Ocean City Jetty.



Connor Walls from Lewes, DE and his dad Donald are all smiles after landing this 23" and 2.4 lb. flounder drifting in the Lewes Canal. This one fell for a minnow and squid combo.

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Capt. Howard Lynch and mate Burro Gonzales shared a nice shot a white marlin on the hook completely out of the water. A great sight for those that get offshore. For this trip they were in 100 fathoms and east of the Rock Pile, this one hit on the troll with a green and white skirted ballyhoo.

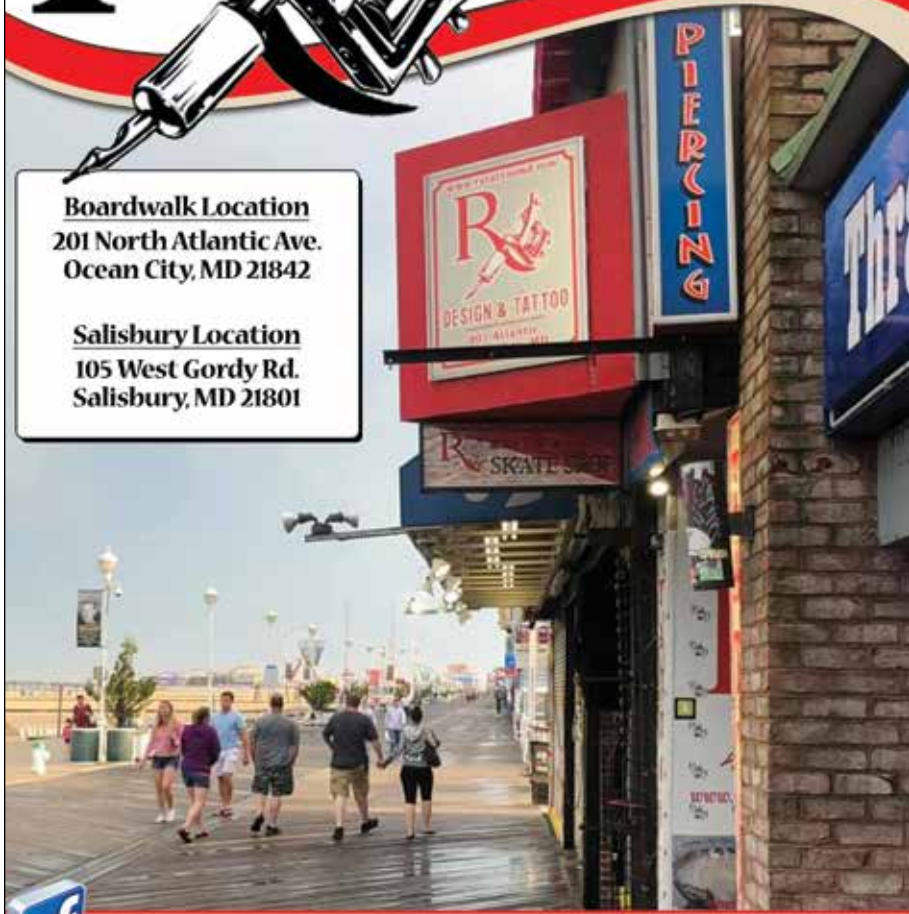
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These anglers clearly had a good time fishing on the charter boat "Covered Up"! Pasadena, MD anglers Rob Davis, Pat Myers, Rickie Harris, Tom Latta, Dave Chapman and Allen "I gotta bite my tuna" Stanton where in the capable hands of Capt. Keath Puller and mates Jim Frazetti & Dawson Hoover. They caught these 5 yellowfin tunas in the Poor Man's on a mix of spreader bars and chains with skirted ballyhoo. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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 Bluefish	June 9 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs. 3 oz.	May 8 Gavin Murray Gull Island 15.1 lbs.	 Mako Shark	July 1 Vince Cusimano Poor Man's 250 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Black Drum	April 11 Emily Blume Assateague Island 48 lbs.	May 7 Adam Clarke Slaughter Beach 77.5 lbs.	 Thresher Shark	June 7 Roman Brady Fingers 542 lbs.	June 17 Rory Badger Old grounds 458 lbs.
 Cobia	June 17 Shannon Pickens S. of OC Inlet 36 lbs.	No Weights Reported	 Bigeye Tuna	June 27 Greg Eckard Washington Canyon 235 lbs.	July 11 Fiore Lelano Poor Man's 171 lbs.
 Flounder	July 4 Richard Rudell Old Grounds 10 lbs.	 July 20 Mark Bonk Site 10 8.8 lbs.	 Bluefin Tuna	May 28 James Hammond Poor Man's 150 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Sea Bass	May 27 Michael DePalma Jack Spot 4.05 lbs.	May 28 Denise Eddinger Del Jersey Reef 4.1 lbs.	 Longfin Tuna	July 17 Kayler Michael Baltimore Canyon 61 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Sheepshead	July 14 James Williams OC Inlet 13 lbs.	July 8 Chris Gratton Indian River Inlet 6.1 lbs.	 Yellowfin Tuna 	July 24 Shane Surrency Spencer Canyon 111 lbs.	June 26 Julia Dadisman Poor Man's 118 lbs.
 Striped Bass	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel 17 lb. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	 Dolphin	June 25 Jimmy Carr Washington Canyon 28 lbs.	July 15 Bill Dickinson Poor Man's 26.6 lbs.
 Tautog	April 27 Kurtis Berry Ocean Structure 22.7 lbs.	April 19 Johnny Justison Ocean Structure 8.9 lbs.	 Wahoo 	July 19 Brian Jacobs Hot Dog 90 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Weakfish	June 23 Doug Stewart OC Inlet 3.9 lbs.	July 3 Michael Steffy Outer Wall 5.95 lbs.	 White Marlin 	July 24 Frank Green Washington Canyon 72 lbs.	No Weights Reported

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Laura Foerster is clearly a saltwater girl, from her "saltwater heals everything" shirt to the homemade double rig she used to catch this 19.5" flounder. This one was caught last Thursday while she was drifting in her skiff in the Indian River Inlet using that homemade rig tipped with minnow. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



At least Jeannette Newton looks bright eyed after an overnight trip with Ken & Zeke Phillips! The were on the Charter boat "Strike Zone" out of Lewes, DE with Capt. Christopher Keller in the Wilmington. In the morning they hooked 2 yellowfins (up to 40 lbs.) and a skipjack tuna. This was Jeannette's first tuna ever!

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DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Well this week it got cooler... just kidding, it's been extremely hot and so is the fishing! Both offshore and inshore fishing is full throttle as we hit mid summer. Flounder remains the main inshore target but the other species have also really turned on.

Flounder, Sheepshead & Croaker

Flounder in the back bays has really gotten good this year. In the Delaware Bay most of the shoal area is holding nice flounder. Drifting live minnows and squid along the rise and drop offs of the shoals is your best method for targeting these fine fish. Looking to Indian River, the flatties are everywhere. Steve Mariner fished out of Indian River and ended up with a 3 man limit of nice big flounder. Not a bad day at all. Mark Bonk weighed in an impressive 8.8 lb. and 28 1/4" flounder

at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle shop this week. Mark caught the fish drifting with Gulp baits. The "Fishing Tradition" out of the Indian River also ended up with a limit plus a few throwback keepers on Wednesday. Frank Tucker and Joe Waski were at it again this week catching 12 keeper flounder from 18-22 inches. Rick Paskowski also caught a few nice fish for dinner. Although the flounder seem to be everywhere, fishing during the week along the main channel edges is your best bet for targeting these fish. The sand bars have gotten overrun on the weekends with boats covering every inch of them. With all the people in the water and boats driving up to and away from the sand bars, the fishing really shuts down on the weekend. Rehoboth Bay is a little less crowded, as well as the channel up towards the power plant.

Looking to the coral grounds, the fishing is superb. The Old Grounds as well as coral near A Buoy are on fire. Using big Gulp baits or live spot is the key to getting some really big fish. Targeting coral on a dropoff or along the shipping channel is the place you want to be. Michele King was out on the Old Grounds and her crew managed some real trophy fish. Zandar Plaches left Indian River at 6:15 am and they were limited out by 9:40 am catching over 25 flounder and keeping 10 to bring home for dinner. They ranged between 19-22". Joseph Blair caught a nice limit on Thursday. Sheepshead are all along the rocks of Indian River as well as on a few wrecks near shore. Ryan West caught a slab of a sheepshead on the rocks of the Indian River Inlet on Thursday. Crab or sand fleas are your best baits for these fish. On the

near shore wrecks, once you find a wreck that you believe holds sheepshead, drop down some crab or sand fleas on a small hook with the lightest line you can and hold the rod feeling for the slightest tap. They do not attack baits but in fact peck at them trying to steal the bait from the hooks. Further offshore at the Fenwick Shoals, bluefish and weakfish are being caught on a regular basis. Dave Miersch caught several bluefish and spanish mackerel on the troll out at the shoals. Small spoons or bucktails are the best when trolling. Dave also reports that when the tide was moving he consistently had fish on his lines and more were ready to eat his lures, however once the tide changed the bite completely stopped. Sam Reeder caught several croaker and weakfish just outside of Indian River Inlet on Tuesday. Croaker have begun to show up both in the back bays as well as on near shore humps just outside of the inlet. Small pieces of squid or bloodworms are the best baits for this

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type of fishing. Targeting structures like the Bethany Sewer Pipes are a great place to look for these fish. The shoals just outside of the bridge are another great spot that will only get better as the water warms up.

Sea Bass, Cobia & Sharks

Sea bass remains pretty strong, however, the water is getting a bit warm for these fish. Targeting cooler water in a depth of over 100 feet will greatly increase your chance of finding keepers. Inshore the ratio is about 10 throwbacks to one keeper. Clam and squid appear to be working about the same for these fish. Cobia is slow to take off this year with many fish still further south near the Virginia line. Near shore sharking is in full swing with tons of dusky sharks as well as a few hammerheads being reported in the 40-60 foot depth areas.

Surf Fishing & Crabs

Surf fishing is in summer mode with mostly spot and kingfish being caught on bloodworms. The hour leading up to and after high tide appears to be the best time to fish the surf. Clamming was once again great this week with last week's storms cleaning up the water. 10-15 keepers per pot was the average for this week. Once again targeting the deeper water along the channels is producing better numbers and bigger crabs.

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2021 JIMMY JOHNSON "Quest for the Ring" ATLANTIC CITY



Local boat "Fish On" took top honors in the Heaviest Dolphin Division during the Inaugural Jimmy Johnson Quest for the Ring in Atlantic City. Angler Jake Emche boated the winning 36.7 lb. mahi in Toms Canyon in 7000 ft. of water while fishing with owner Todd Willard, Capt. Andrew Dotterweich and fellow anglers Josh Jasper, Andy Strine Jamie Barnett and Kelsey Baumgart. This fish earned the crew a combined \$40,000 in award money.



The "Blood Money" from Ocean City had an adventure during the Inaugural Jimmy Johnson Quest for the Ring in Atlantic City! Fishing on Thursday started well for Pete Gudaitis, Capt. Anthony Pino and anglers Bill Keller, Donnie Moore, Bill Pino, Zak Smith, Kevin Knotts and Ernie Eckenrode. They ran deep into Toms Canyon and hooked into 3 white in the first few hours, but it was the fourth one in the late morning that made the story. As Ernie and Kevin brought the fish on board it slipped over the covering boards and the bill went straight through Ernie's leg! Back at the dock, Ernie was off to the hospital and the offending fish proved to be a winner weighing in at 73.1 lbs.! Ernie was back on the boat the next day, but the white was bested by 2/10ths of a pound finishing in 2nd Place in the Heaviest White Marlin Division. Still valuable, the crew earned \$65,000 in prize money.



Michael Jordan and his "Catch 23" brought star power to the Inaugural Jimmy Johnson Quest for the Ring in Atlantic City. The crew of Michael with Capt. Stetson Tunrey and fellow anglers Anibal Moya, Jimmy David, Patrick Field, David Gram, Jorge Heru, Scott Runyan, and Danny Young won the overall 1st Place in the Catch & Release Division Tournament with 12 white marlin releases and 1 blue marlin earning \$94,600 in award money.



2021 JIMMY JOHNSON "Quest for the Ring" ATLANTIC CITY



It was the "Roll Grove" from Ocean City that dominated the inaugural Jimmy Johnson Quest for the Ring in Atlantic City. Owner Darren Helweig with Capt. Jake Farley and Anglers Josh Shelton, Steve Poore, Eddie Kehl, Emma Helwig, Joey DiLodovico, and mates Charlie Coates and Jim Arnold had an epic tournament taking four 1st Place positions in the Blue Marlin Division with this monster 679 lb. marlin! They fished the Hudson Canyon on July 16th and raised this one on a soft plastic lure taking 35 minutes to get it to the boat on a 130 reel. In total the boat took home \$295,000 in prize money and the coveted Ring of Honor trophy ring.



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Angler Todd Phinney and mate Jacob Bialk show off a 112 lb. bigeye tuna they caught in the Washington Canyon on a squid chain. Capt. Chris Watkowski on the charter boat "Spring Mix II" also put them onto 4 yellowfin tunas using spreader bars and ballyhoos.



Andrew Jobes from Havre de Grace, MD stopped by our office last Friday to share the 21" flounder he caught off of the Castaway Campground in the bay behind Assateague Island. He used a top & bottom rig with minnows and had to work through 15 throwbacks to get this nice keeper.

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 2nd Place - FFMD • Swordfish • 239.5 lbs. • \$3,500
 3rd Place - Restless Lady II • Swordfish • 243.5 lbs. • \$1,500

HEAVIEST FISH \$500

1st Place - Real One • Swordfish • 301 lbs. • \$24,278
 2nd Place - FFMD • Swordfish • 239.5 lbs. • \$9,338
 3rd Place - Restless Lady II • Swordfish • 184 lbs. • \$3,735

HEAVIEST FISH \$1,000

1st Place - Real One • Swordfish • 301 lbs. • \$43,290
 2nd Place - FFMD • Swordfish • 239.5 lbs. • \$16,650
 3rd Place - Restless Lady II • Swordfish • 184 lbs. • \$6,660

HEAVIEST FISH \$1,500 WTA

1st Place - Real One • Swordfish • 301 lbs. • \$83,700

HEAVIEST STRINGER \$500

1st Place - Real One • Stringer • 343.5 lbs. • \$24,278
 2nd Place - Fabricator • Stringer • 333.5 lbs. • \$9,338
 3rd Place - Chaser • Stringer • 329.5 lbs. • \$3,735

HEAVIEST STRINGER \$1,000

1st Place - Real One • Stringer • 343.5 lbs. • \$39,195
 2nd Place - Chaser • Stringer • 329.5 lbs. • \$15,075
 3rd Place - Playmate • Stringer • 300.5 lbs. • \$6,030

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1st Place - Real One • Swordfish • 343.5 lbs. • \$54,900

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1st Place - Real One • 301 lbs. • \$18,720
 2nd Place - FFMD • 239.5 lbs. • \$7,200
 3rd Place - Restless Lady II • 184 lbs. • \$2,880

HEAVIEST SWORDFISH \$1,000

1st Place - Real One • 301 lbs. • \$30,420
 2nd Place - FFMD • 239.5 lbs. • \$11,700
 3rd Place - Restless Lady II • 184 lbs. • \$4,680

HEAVIEST SWORDFISH \$500 WTA

1st Place - Real One • 301 lbs. • \$25,200

HEAVIEST WHITE MARLIN \$500

1st Place - Cinde Anne • 63 lbs. • \$19,305
 2nd Place - In The Doghouse • 62 lbs. • \$7,425
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HEAVIEST BILLFISH \$500

1st Place - Real One • Swordfish • 301 lbs. • \$21,938
 2nd Place - FFMD • Swordfish • 239.5 lbs. • \$8,438
 3rd Place - Restless Lady II • Swordfish • 243.5 lbs. • \$3,375

HEAVIEST BILLFISH \$1,000

1st Place - Real One • Swordfish • 301 lbs. • \$39,780
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 2nd Place - Sea Note • 68 lbs. • \$9,338
 3rd Place - Black Irish • 67 lbs. • \$3,735

HEAVIEST TUNA \$500

1st Place - Chaser • Yellowfin • 111 lbs. • \$23,985
 2nd Place - MJ's • Yellowfin • 104.5 lbs. • \$9,225
 3rd Place - Sea Note • Big Eye • 99 lbs. • \$3,690

HEAVIEST TUNA \$1,000

1st Place - Chaser • Yellowfin • 111 lbs. • \$38,025
 2nd Place - MJ's • Yellowfin • 104.5 lbs. • \$14,625
 3rd Place - Sea Note • Big Eye • 99 lbs. • \$5,850

HEAVIEST TUNA \$1,000 WTA

1st Place - Chaser • Yellowfin • 111 lbs. • \$54,900

HEAVIEST TUNA STRINGER \$1,000

1st Place - Chaser • 329.5 lbs. • \$39,780
 2nd Place - Absolut Pleasure • 235.5 lbs. • \$15,300
 3rd Place - Got Game • 229 lbs. • \$6,120

HEAVIEST DOLPHIN \$300

1st Place - Restless Lady II • 25.5 lbs. • \$26,460

HEAVIEST WAHOO \$300

1st Place - Rebel • 61 lbs. • \$22,140

HEAVIEST FISH DAILY \$500

DAY 1 - Restless Lady II • Swordfish • 184 lbs. • \$10,350
 DAY 2 - Real One • Swordfish • 301 lbs. • \$10,350
 DAY 3 - Sea Note • Yellowfin • 104 lbs. • \$10,350

HEAVIEST FISH SMALL BOAT \$1,000

1st Place - Fabricator • Swordfish • 159.5 lbs. • \$15,210
 2nd Place - Long Shot • Swordfish • 159 lbs. • \$5,850
 3rd Place - Dirt Money • Swordfish • 142.5 lbs. • \$2,340

HEAVIEST FISH SMALL BOAT \$1,000 WTA

1st Place - Long Shot • Swordfish • 159 lbs. • \$18,000

2020 Boats Entered - 105 • 2020 Payout - \$891,560 / 2021 Boats Entered - 110 • 2020 Payout - \$1,224,290



A big check deserves a big picture! The crew of the "Real One" accepts their check from Tournament Director Brian Roberts for \$542,648, as well as the Big Fish Classic 'Big Fish' custom trophy during the awards ceremony following the last day of the event on Sunday.



The crew of the "Fishing for Muscular Dystrophy" had only 3 bites during the 2021 Huk Big Fish Classic, but boy did they make the most of them! After fishing in the Washington Canyon all day, they decided to head to the South Heyes and then drift overnight into the Baltimore. It was the right move as angler and mate Joey Hurley connected with 2 swordfish including this 239.5 lb. beast that practically jumped in the boat, taking only 10 minutes to catch! The fish finished in 2nd Place in both the Heaviest Fish and Swordfish Division to earn the crew of Capt. Paul Roberson with fellow anglers Phil Medlin, Kenny Garufi and John Denny with mates Joey Hurley and Brandon Vermillion \$72,125 in award monies.



Most of the 110 boats in the 2021 Huk Big Fish Classic started their 32 hour fishing window on Friday, so few were expected at the scales that day. The "Restless Lady II" however, made the run back in after catching this 184 lb. swordfish. Anglers Sean Connolly, Shane Kline, Father Mike Chandler, Pat McCurmin, John Denolfi, Brian Connolly, Brandon Gates and Andrey Borovkov with mates Shane Noll and Josh Brindley all had a hand in bringing this one to the boat! Capt. Chris Huk had them north of the Baltimore to find this winner that took over 2 hours to boat. It set the tone for the tournament as the 'big fish' were all swordfish. This one held onto the leaderboard and finished in 3rd Place for both Heavy Fish and Swordfish. They also took top honors in the Mahi Division earning a combined prize of \$65,760.



The crew of the "Chaser" is known for showing up later in the day at the scales and putting big fish on the dock, and their performance during the 2021 Huk Big Fish Classic was no exception. Todd Burbage, Mike Pitarra, Chase Burbage and Shane Surrency with Capt. Dale Gurgo and Matt Wyatt Melocik headed out 102 miles to the Spencer Canyon. Trolling in 1200 fathoms they raised several tunas including this 111 lb. yellowfin that Shane caught. Combining this with 4 others averaging over 50 lbs. they had a tuna stringer of 329.5 lbs! These fish dominated the tuna categories taking top honors for Heaviest Yellowfin, Heaviest Tuna, Heaviest Yellowfin Stringer and Heaviest Tuna Stringer. They also tied for 2nd place in the Billfish Release Division with 850 points earning a combined total of \$202,242.

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The last day of the 2021 Huk Big Fish Classic saw only a few boats, but several big changes to the leader board. One of those was from the Virginia Beach based boat "Rebel". They brought a large as well as the only qualifying wahoo to the scale. Angler Jack Owens hooked this one as well as a gaffer mahi on the troll in the Norfolk Canyon. The crew of Capt. Randy Butler, mates Mike Romeo, Erin Atkins and anglers Jim Tedder, Eric Mayo and Julie Shafre earned a total of \$22,140 for the wahoo and another \$20,790 from the Shark Division since no sharks were weighed for a total of \$42,930 in award monies.



The "Cinde Anne" was the first boat to bring a qualifying fish to the scales during the 2021 Huk Big Fish Classic and set the bar to beat for white marlin. Capt. Jay Monteverdi had the boat between the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons when this one hit on a plunger and angler Pat Pflaumer took only 15 minutes to get this 63 lb. and 69" one in the boat. Despite two challengers, their fish held on to take both 1st Place and 3rd Place in the White Marlin Division. Rounding out the crew were Pete Chandlor, Greg Ricketts, David Hark, Jeff George, Jon Ringler and mate Tobiah Nelson



Capt. Kevin Marshall and mate Jeff Spencer were the dynamic duo during the 2021 Huk Big Fish Classic! Fishing as the only two anglers on the "Fabricator", they had to take turns sleeping and fishing overnight! Jeff Spencer landed 2 swordfish at 90.5 lbs. and 159.5 lbs. in the Wilmington Canyon as well as the boat landing 2 qualifying yellowfin tuna. This gave the boys both a leading single fish and a stringer weight of 333.5 lbs. that held on to take 1st Place in the Small Boat Heaviest Fish and 2nd Place in Heaviest Stringer Divisions earning a combined total of \$24, 548 in prize money.



With most of the Divisions being full, day 3 of the 2021 Huk Big Fish Classic was expected to be fairly quiet, it was not! Several upsets occurred including this big yellowfin tuna from the "Sea Note". Angler Ron Strickler was fishing north of the Washington Canyon when he had a big hit, eventually getting this 104 lb. yellowfin into the box. This late day weigh in slid Ron and crew of Brent Bogue, Mitch Sachaney and Matt Miles into 2nd Place in the Heaviest Yellowfin Tuna Division as well as 3rd Place in the Heaviest Tuna category and locked them into the Day 3 Heaviest Fish for a combined total of \$29,228.



While many fish are brought to the scales during the 2021 Huk Big Fish Classic, there is a robust Billfish Release Division to complement the landed fish categories. Anglers Chris Kinsley, Andrew Kinsley, Mitch Seitz and Scott Dolmetsch on the private boat "Kilo Charlie" with Capt. Howard Lynch and mates Burro Gonzalez and Pete Pedleton took top honors with 10 white marlin releases! This earned the crew 1000 points and \$12,870 in prize money. They fished behind the Wilmington Canyon in 1300-1400 fathoms with naked ballyhoo, releasing 4 on Friday and 6 on Saturday.

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It was a close race in the Small Boat Heaviest Fish Division during the 2021 Huk Big Fish Classic last weekend. Only ½ pound separated the two top positions. Capt. Matt Crim with mate Preston Hargte and angler Dale Phipps set the bar high on day 1 by bringing this 68½" and 159 lb. swordfish to the scales after fishing in the same area where the "Restless Lady II" landed their 184 pounder. Despite sliding to 2nd Place in the Small Boat Division, the crew did take home a combined \$25,850 for 2nd and for the Small Boat Heaviest Fish Winner Take All.



Running the scales at a large tournament is no small undertaking and there are many involved that we see on camera and on-line. None of that however would be possible without the support from the dock staff, especially at the 2021 Huk Big Fish Classic held at Talbot Street Pier. This group of dedicated hands had to deal with moving fish from the pier to the scales through crowded docks as well as getting hundreds of fish measured, in and out of boats and on and off the scales. Job well done!

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I hope someone yelled 'wa hoo' when Brian Jacobs from Poolesville, MD and Joshua Carr of Dickerson, MD caught this 90 lb. wahoo! He was fishing on a custom built Parker 24' pilot house, the "Makowish", with Capt. Robert Jacobs in 30 fathoms outside of the Hot Dog when this beast hit a ballyhoo.

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- Walmart - Rt. 50 (both entrances)
- Food Lion - Ocean Pines

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Chunking butterfish was productive early last week and Tommy Medico from Wilmington, DE was there on the "Sweet Lorraine" where he landed this nice 56" yellowfin tuna.

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SALVATION - 1977 Omie Tillet Sportsman 50' Custom Carolina - Call Jeff James



HEBE - 1988 43' G&S Sportfish Call Ronnie Fields



CHUBBY - 1995 42' Liberty Call Jeff James



DONA LUCY 2017 41' Ronin Custom Viking - Call Jimmy Fields



DOUBLE TROUBLE - 2004 35' Marlago Call Terry Layton



1982 34' Crusader Call John Caselli



2007 33' Buddy Cannady Call Ronnie Fields



BILLIN TIME - 2005 32' Albemarle Express Call Jeff James



WORK LESS PAY MORE - 2019 32' Century - Call Dave Shockley



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