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On Friday, May 19th, the Joe Morris Memorial Canal Flounder Tournament was held at Lewes Harbour Marina with 335 anglers competing for the heaviest flounder of the day. Jesse Steele (far right) took 1st place honors with a 4.3 pounder that he caught on a fluke killer rig tipped with a shiner. Right behind Jesse in 2nd place was Jim Azato with a 4.03 lb. flattie. Harry Neiman won 3rd place by catching a 3.93 lb. flounder and Dean Lewis took 4th place with a 3.78 pounder. In 5th place was Ken Robinson's 3.43 lb. flounder followed by the 3.38 pounder caught by Keith Sherman for a 6th place finish. The tournament was held in memory of Joe Morris, co-owner of Lewes Harbour Marina who sadly passed away on May 2, 2016. Joe was an icon in the Delaware fishing community and the number of participants in this years tournament is a testament to Joe's popularity with fellow anglers. Proceeds from the tournament, along with sponsorships and shirt sales, resulted in a donation of over \$14,000 to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Congratulations to Joe's wife, Amanda Morris and her team at Lewes Harbour Marina for hosting such an outstanding tournament!



On a rare day last week when the wind wasn't howling, anglers on the charter boat, "Marli" ventured down to the Norfolk Canyon and ended their day with 8 gaffer dolphin and 7 yellowfin tuna in the box. All of the fish were caught before noon while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in 500 fathoms on both sides of a 62 - 72 degree temperature break. Fishing with Capt. Mark Hoos and mates Mark Stephens and Wade Jamarowicz were Jeff Archambault of Cockeysville, MD, Sam Folland and George Ellis of Mount Airy, MD, Bunky Krauss of New Market, MD, Jason Roth of Mechanicsville, MD and Chris Timms of Baltimore, MD. Their largest yellowfin weighed 40 lbs. on the scale at Sunset Marina.

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Big Bird Cropper and Dave Hrycyk continued their assault on bluefish this spring with another great catch off Martha's Landing and around the Rt. 50 Bridge. On this day last week, they hooked 20 choppers on Roy Rigs at the end of the incoming tide and throughout the outgoing tide while fishing on the "Lost Time".



Opening day of black sea bass season ended up being a blowout, so anglers were anxious to head out to the ocean the following day when these anglers on the "High Seas" caught their limit of sea bass along with 28 blueline tilefish. The sea bass were caught at the San Gill wreck and the tilefish were caught on squid in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured back at Sunset Provisions are Mike Geesaman, Jeff Kukel and Joe Bealla.


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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



With the opening of the 2017 sea bass season and an offshore bite showing potential, everyone was hoping for an exciting week of action, but Mother Nature had different plans. Windy conditions filled most days during the week and lasted right through the weekend.

The black sea bass season officially opened on the 15th, but it was too windy to venture outside the Ocean City Inlet on that day so anglers jumped at the opportunity to head out the following day and were welcomed with knotheads ready for their offerings.

The San Gil wreck proved productive as the "Jezebel" headed there on Tuesday and returned with 83 sea bass in the box. All of their fish were caught on squid and clams in 108 feet of water. Anglers on the "High Seas" also headed to the San Gil and had 60 sea bass in their cooler before moving to the

Baltimore Canyon where they caught 28 blueline tilefish.

Tuesday and Wednesday were really the only days anglers had a chance to go after sea bass. On both days, the charter boat, "Fish Bound" returned to Bahia Marina with boat limits of sea bass weighing up to 3 lbs. Anglers on headboats, "Morning Star" and "Angler" also had a couple of good days with limits around the rail.

The start of the sea bass season always takes a load of pressure off tautog, so we didn't expect to see many catches of blackfish, but Mark Levinrad managed to catch and release a beautiful 11 lb. female that was loaded with eggs. Hat's off to Mark for releasing that fish!

Windy weather just crushed the offshore bite last week, leaving only a couple of days where venturing offshore was even possible. Boats had to head all the way down to the Norfolk

Canyon on Wednesday where captains found a 62 to 72-degree water temperature break. It turned into a morning bite with yellowfins weighing up to 35 lbs. and mahi averaging 12 to 20 lbs. The charter boat, "Marli" ended up with 8 gaffer dolphin and 7 yellowfins up to 40 lbs. All were caught in 500 fathoms. "Big Billin" did return with a 46 lb. dolphin from the Norfolk, giving them a tough fish to beat for Heaviest Dolphin honors this season. The charter boat, "Last Call" also steamed 81 miles to the Norfolk Canyon and ended up with a pair of yellowfins weighing 27 and 35 lbs. in addition to 5 mahi.

On Thursday, anglers on the "Marli" took on rougher seas than the day before, and followed the water that was pushing southwest, below the Norfolk where they caught 18 dolphin while trolling ballyhoo in 150 fathoms.

We did see a couple of good tilefish bites last week. On Tuesday, Capt. Ron Callis on the "Bill\$ 4 Bills" returned from 770-feet near the Rockpile with 8 golden tilefish, weighing up to 45 lbs. and 13 bluelines. As mentioned earlier, also on Tuesday, anglers on the "High Seas" ventured out to the Baltimore Canyon and boated 28 bluelines.

Surfcasters are struggling this spring season. Striped bass have been a major disappointment but bluefish have been plentiful. On Thursday, Sarah McGovern did land a 45-inch linesider while fishing with finger mullet. Steve McGlannan also hooked a nice

one, catching and releasing a 43-incher that he fooled with a chunk of bunker. Bluefish continued to be caught all along the coast, from Assateague all the way up to Cape Henlopen. There was a great bite over the weekend for surf fishermen soaking bunker in the suds off Bethany Beach, DE.

In the Inlet and the bay, anglers are still being kept busy with a solid bluefish bite and a bunch of short stripers. The best action has been around the Rt. 50 Bridge but those drifting the Inlet and fishing around the rocks off Martha's Landing also put some choppers in the cooler and released multiple small stripers. Bluefish will go for practically anything, but it seems that most anglers are sacrificing rubber swim shads this season.

The flounder season has had a tough time ramping up with windy conditions making it tough to get to the spring hotspot known as the Thorofare Flats. On Wednesday, Yancey Carapico and Dave Scoole were able to fish the flats and had 1 keeper (17 1/2-inches) in addition to 9 short fish during their afternoon trip. Frank Lanigan managed to catch a 23-incher on Saturday while drifting in the East Channel. As this report was being written on Monday, Mike Johnston called in to report catching his limit of 4 flounder while slow trolling belly strips over the Thorofare flats. Mike has really been tearing up the flatties this season.

Upcoming Tournaments

The first tournament of the year in Ocean City is the Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament on May 27th and 28th. Anglers can fish 1 of 2 days.

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While fishing from the beach on Assateague Island, Steve McGlannan caught and released this 43-inch striped bass after hooking it on frozen bunker.

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Martin Stajkowski of Wilmington, DE was fishing in the suds at 3R's Road in lower Delaware when he caught this 30-inch bluefish on fresh cut bunker. The big chopper weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



Strong winds and rough seas didn't allow anglers to get out on May 15th, the opening day of black sea bass season, but conditions were right the following day when Tom Vaughan of Ocean City, MD recorded the first sea bass catch of the season. Tom hooked the knothead on a chunk of clam over an ocean wreck during a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt.

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Josh Evans of Lewes, DE hooked this 13 lb. 4 oz. while soaking a mullet rig in the Delaware surf with his dad, Capt. Carey Evans. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Sunny Kim from Fairfax, VA caught this doubleheader of 3 lb. sea bass while fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. Both fish ate chunks of clam in 50 feet of water at the Bass Grounds.

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Fish Stories

by Capt. Franky Pettolina



I went fishing yesterday. Finally. I got up at 3:30 AM. Made my way to the boat at 4:00 AM. The "Last Call" rolled through the Ocean City Inlet right at 5:00 AM. We were embarking on a mission to find the #FirstwhitemarlinOC. A little after 8:30 AM we were in the Norfolk Canyon setting our lines out next to the "Marli", the "Husevo" and a few boats I didn't recognize. The conditions looked great. There was a 10-degree temperature break. Scattered sargassum weed marked the boundary between the warm and cold side of the break. I could see dolphins (of the mammal persuasion) and pilot whales breaking the surface. Like I said, conditions looked great.

About 10 minutes after I had the spread out we had our first bite of the day. While it was not the white marlin we were

hoping for, it was still good to see an energetic mahi-mahi (dolphin of the fish persuasion) jumping out of the water with my circle hook lodged in his mouth. A little while later I gaffed the young bull mahi and slid him into my fishbox. A great start to my 2017 fishing season.

Fishing was good. The action was not red hot, but it was consistent. The conditions remained promising. By the end of the day we had caught a couple of yellowfin tuna and a handful of mahi-mahi. Our teasers were attacked by a few tunas and mahi that didn't chase our hooked baits. Flying fish skittered across the surface next to the boat multiple times. We saw many aquatic mammals and even spotted a free jumping mako shark.

Although we never had our shot at the first white marlin of

the season, it was still a very enjoyable day to be on the water. One of the boats fishing next to me did raise a marlin, but they did not get a hook into it and were unable to positively ID whether it was a white or a small blue marlin. But like I said, it was an enjoyable day to be on the water. When we picked up to head home the GPS told me that we had 81 miles to go. The "Last Call" came cruising back through the Ocean City Inlet right about 6:00 PM in the evening. I was all cleaned up and home having dinner around 8 o'clock. With some fresh mahi filets and a tuna loin ready for the grill this weekend!!!

I went to bed that night knowing that I had some typing to do the next day. When I woke up this morning I went out to grab some breakfast and a copy of the *Coastal Fisherman* to read before I got to work. I have read every issue of the *Coastal Fisherman* from front to back since the very first issue I saw back in 1983 (I must say that I sorely miss the weekly Fishing with Ben Sykes stories!). So

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there I was enjoying a bagel and a soda pop (I'm just not a coffee guy) and perusing the issue. And what do I read in my pal Larry Jock's opening column??? "Who would have thought we would be thankful for bluefish."

WHAT!?!? Wait just a minute here. "Who would have thought we would be thankful for bluefish?" Larry you are killing me. I almost drove down to the office to give you a piece of my mind. But then I thought about it, and while I am not too intimidated by the Drew Carey look alike that edits and publishes this paper, I was worried I might run into Mary, or even more intimidating... Mama Jock!!! And I know if I went into that office to verbally assault Larry but ran into one of the Jock ladies instead, I would be lucky to make it out of the office alive. And I know a full recovery would not be in my cards.

So I retreated to my desk and sat here writing about mahis and tunas, all the while seething at the editorial insult that one of my favorite fish took last week. "Who would have

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thought we would be thankful for bluefish?"

Well Jocko, let me tell you. First off... ME!!! Why don't we take a trip back to the 1980s. When the "Last Call" first came to Ocean City. In 1983 we were tied up on the south side of the White Marlin Marina. That first summer we ran a few charters while starting to build our Ocean City clientele, and whenever we weren't chartered we went fun fishing. You see, there was this 10-year-old boy that loved to fish and really wanted to catch his first white marlin, and his Dad tried hard to accomplish this for him (on a side note, it didn't happen that summer.... I had to wait quite a few years to catch my first white). So there were many days in my youth that played out just like the day I described at the start of this column. Early to rise, fish all day, come in and clean up the boat and head home to.... Wait. Stop. Hold up. At the end of the day I didn't head right to dinner with my family. As soon as I was done helping clean up the boat, my job was to chamois the

curtains and clean the fish and bait box, I grabbed my little Daiwa spinning combo and went right out to the pier at the end of our side of the marina. Using shiners on a long shank hook with a float I would fish for snapper blues off of that pier until Mom and Dad would drag me back to eat dinner. After all day hoping for my first Marlin, with no luck any of those days that summer, I was a happy little boy when I caught those snappers. Thankful is a pretty good description.

Fast forward to my teenage years when I was cutting my teeth as a mate. Bluefish trips were a big share of the Ocean City charter business those days. While not as glorious as chasing the bluewater species, there were many days that ended with smiling faces and full fish boxes after a day of bluefishing. And I didn't quite realize it then, but the skills I learned while trolling up multiple bluefish bites, jockeying rods, boating fish, and getting lures reset as quickly as possible prepared me for my future years chasing tunas and billfish. Those

fundamentals I picked up in the early years have been essential to the rest of my fishing career. To say I am thankful for that is an understatement.

Now let's jump even further forward in my fishing life. I remember many days in the spring running around in my buddy Joey's center console casting bucktails at schools of snappers in the bay or the inlet. We did this to stock up on shark baits for the month of June. In those years, we ran mako shark trips throughout June and fished two shark tournaments every year. I turned quite a few of those snappers into makos for my clients. Again... thankful.

One last example I will give is a little more recent. I would say it was maybe 2 years ago that I was drifting in the bay with my friend Robby and his daughter Lily. We were casting speck rigs at a mixed school of shad and bluefish. I can still picture Lily winding up her rod and cheering when she had a double of snapper blues on her rig. We would all whoop it up and I taught her to yell, "You're my boy blue!" I am not sure

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who was more thankful for blues that day. Me, Lily, or her overly proud father Robby.

This spring we have all been a little caught up in the hype around the #FirstwhitemarlinOC. I know I have. But we shouldn't forget that this has been one of, if not the best ever spring bluefish blitzes Ocean City has ever seen. Of course I am just messing with my buddy Larry about wanting to give him a piece of my mind (I don't have too many pieces to spare), but I think we can all be thankful for these unsung heroes of the fishing world. I know I would not have had nearly as many fond memories of chasing my first White Marlin back in 1983 if it wasn't for those snappin' blues when we got in at night. And since I didn't get to catch the #FirstwhitemarlinOC yesterday I might have to try my luck on some blues down in the Inlet this afternoon.

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While fishing near the Roosevelt Inlet, Paulie Kulesza, Jr. from Hockessin, DE and Grant McGuigan from Smyrna, DE had a great time catching various size bluefish on poppers and a flounder on a Gulp! artificial bait. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Five-year-old, Colton Neil from Marietta, PA must have had all he could handle when he hooked into this 11 lb. bluefish in the surf off Conquest Road. Colton hooked the gator on cut bunker and weighed his catch at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop.

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Paul Harmon from Middletown, DE was tossing topwater plugs around the Cape Henlopen Pier when he caught 4 big bluefish (2 pictured) ranging in weight from 8 to 10 lbs. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



On May 16th, Phil Watts from Westminster, MD ventured out for a day of sea bass fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. He returned with his limit of 15 fish, including this 2 lb. 4 oz. knothead caught at an artificial reef.

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Ellen Doctor showed her son, Steve Doctor how it is done, muscling in this 3 lb. black sea bass during a trip aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. Ellen finessed the knothole after hooking it on a chunk of clam at an artificial reef. The "Angler" is docked at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock in Ocean City, MD.



Aaron Dobbins, Herman Jones, Jonathon Rice, Charles Robinson, Horace Sims and Emerson Julian teamed up to land 8 golden tilefish, 2 blackbelly rosefish, 13 blueline tilefish and 6 sea bass, all while fishing on the charter boat, "Bill\$ 4 Bills" with Capt. Ron Callis and mate Jake Schaffer. Their largest golden tilefish weighed 45 lbs. and their heaviest blueline tipped the scale at 18.5 lbs. All were caught on squid and clams with the golden tilefish coming from 770-feet of water near the Rockpile. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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These dedicated anglers braved the wind and the rain to fish in the Ocean City Inlet near the Oceanic Fishing Pier where they caught 6 bluefish while fishing on the "Line Dancer". Pictured are Josh Rosenberger, Frank Biesecker and Lance Biesecker.

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Jenna Aring, Aaron Westphalen, Tamar Lapacz, Jeff Lapacz, Julie Aring and Mary Beth Aring all came into town from Chicago, IL and caught a load of black sea bass during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Capt. Ike II" with Capt. Dave Collins. All of the fish were caught on squid and clams. Pictured at Hook'em.



Maddie Pettolina and Brooke Duval joined Capt. Frank Pettolina and mate Franky Pettolina on the charter boat, "Last Call" for a trip to the Norfolk Canyon where they caught a pair of yellowfins and 5 mahi. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Jules and Billy Mister caught 8 big bluefish (2 pictured) while fishing at the Cape Henlopen Pier. They also fished in the Lewes Canal where they landed a keeper weakfish as well. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



After wrapping up the 2017 commercial giant bluefin tuna season and their 2nd season starring in the hit television series, "Wicked Tuna", the crew on the "Foolish Pleasures" headed back to Ocean City and stopped to spend the night in 1,000 fathoms in the Norfolk Canyon where they ended up catching this 197 lb. mako shark on a whole mackerel. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center are Capt. Dale Lisi and mates Ryan Knapp and Philip Wilson.

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John Kelleher fished at the Ice Breakers in the Delaware Bay and caught a pair of nice size weakfish on bucktails. John's fish weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz. and 7 lbs. 2 oz. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Mark Levinrad should be applauded for his decision to release this 11 lb. tautog that was loaded with eggs during a trip last week on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. In addition to the big tog, Mark caught his limit of 15 sea bass, all while fishing with clams in 58-degree water on natural ocean bottom. The "Fish Bound" is docked at Bahia Marina.



Last Wednesday, Bill and Brad Hubbard joined Dirk Haselow for an overnight trip to the Norfolk Canyon where they caught 4 yellowfin and 12 gaffer dolphin in addition to releasing 2 thresher sharks and a mako. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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This 21-inch, 3 lb. 6 oz. black sea bass fell at the hands of angler Julie Cullen of Rehoboth, DE. Julie caught her fish on a strip of squid at the Del-Jersey-Land reef. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina.

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Jack Ostroski and Mason Newsham finished just out of the money in the Capt. Joe Morris Memorial Canal Flounder Tournament last weekend but they still boated 4 nice size flounder while drifting in the Lewes Canal.



Chuck Wills from Mohnton, PA muscled in this 33-inch bluefish at high tide, one of six he caught this day, while soaking bunker in the suds off Cape Henlopen. Chuck was fishing with his wife, Joyce Wills and Karen and Craig Hocker.

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Roland Hubbard, Chester Sadowski, Sr., Jason Courtney, John Rogowitz and Mike Johnston joined Capt. Chester Sadowski and mate Tim Kane (not pictured) for a trip out to the San Gil wreck for a day of sea bass fishing in 108-feet of water. The anglers ended their day with 83 sea bass in the box, weighing up to 3 lbs. 14 oz., after hooking them on clams and squid. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.

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Delaware Fishing Report

It was another tough week weather-wise up and down the Delmarva coast. Air temperatures dropped over the weekend but the problem continues to be the wind. Too strong and relentless. Unfortunately, it looks like it will continue throughout this week.

Last Friday, the Joe Morris Memorial Canal Flounder Tournament was held with 335 anglers competing in the flounder-only event. The tournament is expected to make a donation to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network of over \$14,000. The tournament was won by Jason Steele with a 4.3 pounder caught on a One-Eye-Jack fluke killer tipped with a shiner.

Outside of the tournament,
Tommy at Lewes Harbour

Marina said that the flounder bite in the Lewes Canal is just decent. Nothing red hot by any stretch. There was no bite at slack tide. Water has to be moving. The best bite has been on Gulp! artificial baits and any kind of meat such as minnows, squid or mackerel strips.

The Coral Beds finally heated up for those looking to tangle with black drum. The fish are there, but windy conditions have kept the pressure on them at a pretty low level. Most of the fish are in the 30-40 lb. range but there also was one released that was estimated to weigh around 80 lbs.

Weakfish have also been caught around the Coral Beds and the Cape Henlopen Pier by anglers fishing with spec rigs, swim shads and worm

combinations.

Most of the action around the Pier has continued to center around bluefish. Choppers have been caught on everything from plugs to swim shads to metal lures and meat. Fish are a nice size, averaging in the 8 to 12 lb. range.

Stripers are still a mystery this spring. The typical run north in the surf just hasn't materialized. Good size linesiders are being caught in the suds off the Jersey coast, so it looks like the fish may have scooted by us a little further off the beach than we are used to seeing.

At Fenwick Tackle, Rick said that they didn't see much over the weekend except for the results of a great bluefish bite from Fenwick to 3R's Road on Sunday. Surfcasters found 24 to 36-inch fish all day

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willing to take any tossed lure
or chunk of bunker being
offered.

On Saturday, Rick received reports of a good kingfish bite in the surf for anglers fishing with bloodworms.

Capt. Bert Adams at the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina said that they did see a flurry of stripers in the Indian River Inlet on Friday night. Most of the fish were slot fish, measuring between 37 and 43-inches.

Bluefish continue to bounce between the Inlet and the surf for Indian River anglers. On Saturday, the best chopper bite was in the Inlet but on Sunday the action moved to the beach.

Shelby Burton had the surprise catch of the week when he boated some speckled trout behind Burton's Island. He hooked the 2 lb. specs on soft shell crabs and left them biting.

A few striped bass were caught each night by anglers tossing SP Minnow lures off

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the Indian River Jetty, but most
were slot fish.

Flounder have been very scarce so far this spring, but Alex Price boated a 23-incher that weighed 4 lbs. 5 oz. while drifting a white Gulp! just south of the Indian River Marina entrance.

Like Rick at Fenwick Tackle, Bert also reported an excellent bluefish bite in South Bethany and off 3R's Road over the weekend. Eamonn Carey caught a 14 lb. 3 oz. gator on fresh bunker while fishing off the beach in Bethany on Sunday.

Bert said that sea bass fishing slowed a bit but the weather kept boats closer to shore than desired. The better bite is further offshore in 90 to 120-foot of water, but conditions made it too rough to get there. Most anglers chasing knotheads ventured out to Site 11 or the Radford wreck.

Until next week, keep those lines tight and have fun! That's what it's all about.



Big bluefish have been roaming the waters off the Delmarva coast for weeks and last weekend, Eamonn Carey of Manassas, VA hooked into this 37-inch while fishing with fresh bunker in the suds off Bethany Beach, DE. The fish weighed 14 lbs. 3 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina.

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Wyatt Richardson, Evan Urgo, Logan Joseph, Barry Joseph and Jason Besry, all from Georgetown, DE, took a trip out to the Del-Jersey-Land reef and brought back over 50 black sea bass that were all caught on clams and squid. Wyatt led the way with a 3 lb. 5 oz. knothead. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina.

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Kathy Petreru spent Mother's Day fishing on the "Baby Bert" with her two sons, Patrick and Vincent and her husband, Pasquale. She ended the special day with a limit of bluefish, including a 10 pounder caught on a finger mullet behind Frontier Town.



Dayna Willhoyte of Myerstown, PA is all smiles after boating this doubleheader of black sea bass during a trip on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacagnelo and Wes Pollitt. Dayna's largest fish weighed 2 lbs. 4 oz. and was caught on a chunk of clam. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Battle of the Bilge

While bilge pumps may seem like an unexciting subject, it is a very popular service call for marine technicians and crew alike. ABYC standard H-22 defines the common electric bilge pump as "intended for control of spray, rainwater and normal accumulation of water due to seepage and spillage". The ABYC standard does not cover pumps intended for damage control, though we often rely on these same pumps in an emergency.

Bilge pumping systems are comprised of three main parts; the pump itself, the plumbing and the electrical wiring.

Pumps and capacity

As most can imagine, any hole in a boat (or seawater hose, strainer, etc) is bad! But the farther below the water line the hole is, the worse it is. For example, a one-inch hole, one-foot below the water line will flow 1,140 gallons per hour. A two-inch hole, two-feet below the water line will flow 6,600 gallons per hour.

Most bilge pumps are rated by their capacity in Gallons Per

Hour. The most popular bilge pump, the Rule 1500, is rated to be able to pump 1,500 gallons per hour in an open flow, no output hose while supplied with steady 13.6 volts or 27.2 volts depending on the model. Once discharge plumbing is added and battery voltage drops, the capacity is reduced rather quickly.

As you can see in the above example, a common electric bilge pump or pumps will not be able to keep up with any sizable opening in the hull, hose or other leak but will work fine for controlling spray, rainwater and normal accumulation of water in the bilge. There is no generic formula to determine the size and capacity of bilge pumps for your boat. You need to take into account the boats design, compartment sizes, water accumulation potential and other vessel specific factors to determine what is best for your boat. Locating pumps in the appropriate areas within the bilge is important with the best set-up generally in each independent compartment and at the lowest practical point

Type of pumps

The most common type of bilge pump is the submersible centrifugal pump, like the Rule 1500. This pump is designed to operate while submerged and requires a minimum amount of water under the pump to operate.

The diaphragm pump is still a popular pump as it is remotely mounted and requires an intake hose be run from the pump to the bilge area. The nice feature of these pumps is that they can almost pump the bilge dry, since they do not need a minimum water level. Additionally, the suction hose can be easily located where it is most effective. Compared to centrifugal submersible bilge pumps, these diaphragm pumps can clog more easily, have reduced capacity in a similar physical size and contain diaphragms that may need replacement if worn or damaged.

Plumbing

A good installation will use smooth wall hoses, (the common corrugated flexible hose can reduce flow by 30%), short straight hose runs, fittings that do not restrict flow and no check valves or other devices in the discharge hose. Check valves are only permitted by ABYC to eliminate pump cycling. If the discharge overboard fitting is close to the boat's waterline, a

vented loop needs to be installed to prevent water from siphoning back through the pump and into the bilge. Each pump needs to have its own discharge fitting. Do not connect two pumps to one thru-hull since bilge water can re-enter the non operating pump and fill that area with water.

Wiring

Even if you have the biggest and best bilge pump, combined with the best float switch, it needs to be wired and fused properly to provide the best and safest discharge. A stuck float switch or pump jam can cause an overheated or melted bilge pump, which is a common occurrence. You want to be sure that a pump malfunction does not cause a fire. A recommended set-up includes the DC powered pump, an automatic float switch and two properly fused power feed(s), one for the manual switch operation of the pump and one for the automatic operation by the float switch. Additionally an indicator light panel on the helm is a very useful way to know when your bilge pumps are operating.

There are many different types of switch mechanisms that will automatically actuate a bilge pump when the water level rises. The most popular is the cantilevered float switch

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that turns the pump on when the buoyant float rises to a predetermined level of bilge water. Other less popular actuators include air pressure, conductivity sensors and pump resistance. I often see the typical float switch that has become inoperable due to debris in the bilge, water accumulating within the sealed float, a float switch dislodged from its mounting point and worn or defects parts. Regular testing the automatic function of your bilge pump system is a good idea.

An automatic switch should be supplied with a constant power source – usually a direct circuit from a battery (NOT through the battery switch or other switch where it could be accidentally turned off) and properly fused for the exact pump it controls. Most bilge pumps have the recommended fuse size printed on the pump itself for reference since this fuse is needed to protect the pump in the event of a failure.

Oversizing the fuse can cause the pump to melt or catch fire in the event of a locked rotor or other failure.

Be sure that the DC positive feed is fused and connected through the float switch. Do not connect the ground to the float switch. You do not want a "hot" DC power source at the pump unless it is running. In the event of a pump failure, stray DC current could enter the bilge water and bonding system, causing stray current corrosion of metals.

Installing the correct size pump in each compartment, routinely checking the automatic/manual operation and monitoring pump activity will help you avoid a surprise pump failure and keep you prepared when you need the pump in an emergency.

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.



Last week, anglers on the "Bonnie Lynn" ventured out to the Norfolk Canyon where they caught a mako, a yellowfin tuna, 6 mahi and their limit of blueline tilefish. They also released 3 other mako sharks during their trip where they found a 68 to 72-degree temperature break. The makos were hooked on mackerel and false albacore while the tuna and mahi were caught on the troll and the tilefish bit on ballyhoo and squid. Pictured are Bryan Jones, Chris Conway, Roy Butler and Andy Butler.

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This group of anglers headed out for the first sea bass trip of the season with Capt. Dave Collins on the charter boat, "Capt. Ike II" and were back at the dock in under 3 hours after catching their limit. Site 11 was the hot spot for Brian Joseph, Dennis Grove, Crystal Baker, Kaytlin Grove, Dennis Grove, John Yoder (not pictured) and Chris Miller (not pictured) who hooked their fish while using squid for bait. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop.



Joyce Wills from Mohnton, PA caught this 33-inch, 9 lb. 15 oz. bluefish while fishing with bunker at high tide off the beach in Cape Henlopen. Joyce was fishing with her husband, Chuck and Karen and Craig Hocker.

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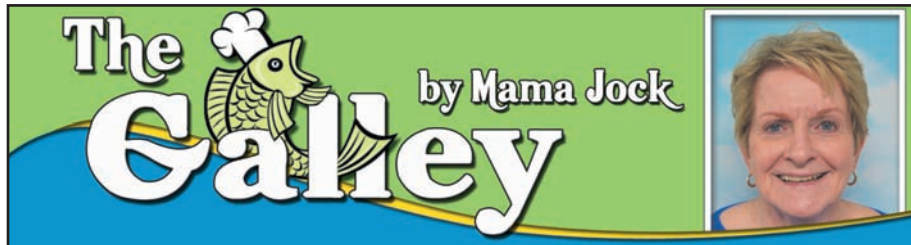
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Steam potatoes in 1-inches of simmering water in a large pot for 20 to 30 minutes.

Add enough water to a very large pot to come up 1-inch.

Cover and heat to boiling on high.

Add 2 lobsters.

Cover, reduce heat to medium and cook 15 to 17

minutes or until antennae come off easily when firmly tugged.

Transfer lobsters to ice bath or sink and rinse with cold water until cool.

Repeat with 2 more lobsters.

Grill sausage on medium until grill marks appear, turning occasionally.

Transfer to cutting board.

Let stand 10 minutes.

Cut into 3-inch lengths.

Grill clams on medium, covered, just until they open, about 8 to 10 minutes. (Do not turn over).

Steam corn in 1-inch of simmering water in large pot, 8 to 10 minutes.

Arrange large sheets kraft paper or newspaper on outdoor serving table.

Place potatoes, lobsters, sausages, clams, and corn in center.

Serve with drawn butter,

lemon wedges and dinner rolls.

Fishermen's Stew

1 TBSP olive oil
1 medium onion
1 yellow pepper
1 stalk celery
2 clove garlic
1 tsp. Cajun seasoning
1/2 tsp. salt
1 can diced tomatoes
1 cup water
1/2 cup dry white wine
1/2 lb. cod fillet
1/2 lb. medium shrimp
Crusty bread (optional)

In 4-quart saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat.

Add onion, pepper, and celery, and cook 8 to 10 minutes or until onion is tender and golden, stirring occasionally.

Stir in garlic, Cajun seasoning and a teaspoon of salt. Cook for 1 minute, stirring.

Add tomatoes, water, and wine; heat to boiling.

Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer, covered, 10 minutes.

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Stir in cod and shrimp. Cover and simmer 3 to 4 minutes or until cod and shrimp just turn opaque throughout, gently stirring once.

Ladle stew into 4 large soup bowls and serve with bread.

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1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
3 TBSP freshly chopped cilantro
Juice of 3 limes
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
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Add shrimp to a baking dish and pour over mixture.

Toss until completely coated and let marinate 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, make slaw in a large bowl by tossing cabbage with mayo, remaining lime juice and Sriracha.

Season with salt.

Heat grill to high.

Skewer shrimp and grill until charred, 3 minutes per side.

Grill tortillas until charred, 1 minute per side.

Serve shrimp in tortillas with slaw.

Lemony Grilled Weakfish

4 skin-on weakfish fillets
Extra-virgin olive oil, for brushing
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
2 lemons, sliced
2 TBSP butter

Heat grill to high.

Brush weakfish fillets with oil and season with salt and pepper.

Add fillets and lemons and grill until fillets are cooked through and lemons are charred, 5 minutes per side.

Add a pat of butter to each fillet immediately when taken off the grill.

Top with grilled lemons and serve.

Lemon Garlic Tuna Burgers

1/2 lb. cooked tuna fillets, finely chopped
1/2 cup plain panko bread crumbs
2 scallions, finely chopped (about a 1/4 cup)
1/4 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
Juice of 1 lemon
3 TBSP sour cream
1 large egg
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper

Preheat the oven to 400



Timothy Elliott, Jr. from Millsboro, DE caught this 31-inch bluefish while fishing with fresh bunker in the Indian River Inlet. The fish weighed 13 lbs. 3 oz. on the scale at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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Erin Hall of Riverton, MD showed the boys how it was done when she landed this 18-inch black drum while fishing with peeler crabs near Holland Island. Erin was joined on the trip by Josh Twilley and Don Hall.

degrees.

Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.

In a large bowl, combine the tuna, panko, scallions, parsley, garlic, lemon, sour cream, egg, salt and pepper. Mix well with your hands.

Form into 4 patties (they will be wet) and place on the prepared baking sheet.

Bake until dry on the outside and slightly puffed, 16 to 20 minutes.

Serve the burgers on toasted English muffins with lettuce and tomato.

Grilled Bacon-Wrapped Black Sea Bass Skewers

2 lbs. black sea bass fillets, skin removed and cut into 1-inch cubes

2 TBSP olive oil

12 slices of bacon, cut in half

8 bamboo or metal skewers

Lemon wedges

In a large bowl, toss fish cubes with oil and season with

salt and pepper.

Wrap a bacon strip around each cube and skewer, using the skewer to secure the bacon.

Thread only 4 to 5 fish pieces onto each skewer.

Heat outdoor grill or indoor grill pan to medium-high heat.

Cook skewers, turning once, for 8 to 10 minutes or until bacon is crisp and fish is cooked through.

Serve immediately with lemon wedges.

NOTE: If you are using bamboo skewers on an outdoor grill, soak them in water for about 15 minutes before skewering on the fish.

Grilled Mahi-Mahi Burger with Chipotle-Lime Avocado Spread & Coleslaw

Coleslaw:

1 carrot julienne cut

1 pinch black pepper

1 TBSP sugar

1 tsp. lemon juice

1 1/2 tsp vegetable oil

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3 TBSP rice vinegar
1 pinch salt
1 cup celery finely diced
1 cup green bell pepper
1 TBSP paprika
1 TBSP salt
1 TBSP Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp black pepper
1 1/2 lbs. mahi-mahi, cut into 1/2-inch dice
1/2 cup fresh parsley chopped
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
1/2 tsp. curry powder
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
2 cups onions finely diced
2 eggs lightly scrambled
2 1/2 cups panko bread crumbs
3 TBSP butter
4 cloves garlic minced
4 tsp. lemon juice
8 Kaiser rolls

Chipotle-Lime Avocado Spread:

1 pinch salt
1/4 cup sour cream
2 avocados pits and skin removed

2 TBSP cilantro
2 TBSP lime juice
2 TBSP red onion
3 chipotle chiles
1 pinch black pepper

Melt the butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat.

Add in the onions, green pepper and celery and sauté for 5 minutes, until onions are translucent and starting to brown.

Add in the parsley, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, salt, paprika, curry powder, black pepper and cayenne pepper.

Cook for an additional 4 minutes until the mixture is browned.

Remove from heat and set aside.

In a large bowl, combine the diced mahi-mahi, bread crumbs, mayonnaise, scrambled eggs and lemon juice.

Add in the sautéed vegetables and mix well.

Hand-form eight mahi-mahi burger patties and place them on a lightly greased

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Travis Heisler from Lancaster, PA took advantage of the opening of the black sea bass season, boating this 2 lb. 12 oz. knothead while fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. Travis hooked the fish on a piece of squid at an artificial reef.

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cookie sheet.

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In a small bowl, combine all of the chipotle-lime avocado spread ingredients.

Stir vigorously to mash the avocado and combine the mixture.

Refrigerate until needed.

In a medium bowl, combine the all of the coleslaw ingredients and mix well.

Refrigerate until needed.

Heat grill.

Brush the cooking grates with vegetable oil and place the mahi-mahi burgers over direct heat and cook for 3 minutes on each side, or until well browned.

Remove the patties from the grill and set aside.

Lightly butter the face of the Kaiser rolls and place them over direct heat with the grill lid open.

Cook for 30 seconds or until the face is light brown and toasted.

Dress each Kaiser roll with chipotle-lime avocado spread and coleslaw, add on a mahi-mahi patty.

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Mahi with Pineapple Shallot Sauce

- 1 TBSP butter
- 1 large shallots, sliced
- 2 TBSP brown sugar
- 1/2 cup crushed pineapple
- 1 1/2 tsp. light soy sauce
- Juice of 1 small lemon
- 2 1/3 cups low sodium chicken broth, divided
- 1 cup whole wheat couscous
- 2 tsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 4 skinless mahi fillets
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. fresh ground black pepper
- 1 medium pineapple, peeled, cored, and chopped (about 2 1/2 cups)
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 4 TBSP chopped fresh chives

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In a small sauce pan, over medium-high heat, melt butter.

Add shallots and sauté for 4 minutes until they begin to soften.

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Add crushed pineapple, soy sauce, and lemon juice. Bring to a boil, stirring as needed, until almost all of the liquid has reduced, about 5 minutes.

Carefully transfer liquid to a blender or food processor and puree until smooth.

Set aside.

In a medium saucepan, bring 1 1/3 cups broth to a boil on high heat.

Stir in couscous and remove from heat immediately.

Cover and set aside.

In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium high heat.

Season both sides of the mahi with salt and pepper.

Add mahi to skillet and sear for 2 minutes on each side, until golden brown.

Remove from pan and set aside.

Add pineapple and bell pepper to skillet and cook on medium-high heat for 5 minutes, until soft, stirring as needed.

While the pineapple and bell pepper is cooking, remove the lid off the couscous.

Using a large fork, fluff the couscous so it is loose.

Stir in the fluffed couscous and remaining 1 cup of broth into the pineapple and bell pepper mixture.

Arrange the mahi on top of the couscous mixture.

Using a spatula, coat the top of each mahi fillet with a 1/4 of the Pineapple Shallot Sauce.

Tent the skillet with foil to allow air out (don't use the lid to the pan) and cook for 4 minutes, until the mahi is tender and steaming under the foil.

Serve immediately.

If you would like to share your favorite seafood recipe with readers of the Coastal Fisherman, all you need to do is email the recipe to maureenjock@comcast.net or mail it to Coastal Fisherman, 12748 Sunset Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842.

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by Capt. Mark Sampson



In last week's column, I mentioned that starting January 1st of 2018 recreational anglers will be required to use non-offset circle hooks anytime they are using bait to catch sharks. For anglers who have already acquainted themselves with the use of circle hooks for sharks, next season will just be business as usual. But for those who have stuck to the old ways of using single or double-hook rigs with J-hooks, some changes in their rigging and fishing techniques will need to be made to stay effective at both hooking and landing sharks.

There's probably not too many fishermen these days who haven't had at least some experience using circle hooks for certain fish under certain situations. Whether chunking for tuna, wreck fishing for sea bass, live baiting for stripers or tournament fishing for billfish, we all know how effective the

unconventional looking hooks can be when used properly. A lot of fishermen have found that when they use circle hooks they have a better bite to hook-up ratio and there is less chance that the fish will throw the hook during the fight. Add to it the fact that the circle hook is less likely to gut-hook a fish, thus providing released fish a better chance for survival, and it's obvious that circle hooks are a win-win for both fish and fishermen.

To effectively use circle hooks for sharks anglers must first get past a few misconceptions about the hooks. A few years ago when circle hooks were first required to be used in the Ocean City Shark Tournament, a number of local tackle shops stocked up with big mega-size circle hooks that also carried a mega-size price of \$5.00 to \$8.00 a piece! Unfortunately, because of that

some anglers were led to believe that in order to catch a BIG shark you needed a BIG expensive hook that would get around a BIG jaw. But the fact is, when a circle hook plants properly in the corner of the shark's mouth it does not set around the jaw itself but in the fleshy fold of skin in the front of the cheek area. This part of the mouth is made up of both thick skin and tough muscle, so when a hook lodges itself there it's not likely to pull out. It's also not as broad as the jaw is so it does not require a hook with an extra large gap to find a good hold.



After experimenting with a number of different size and type of circle hook for sharks we settled on the basic Mustad 39960D in the size of 16/0 for the larger offshore sharks

(including makos) and the same hook in size 13/0 when we're fishing nearshore and anticipating smaller sharks. The 39960D has the classic full curl design and is made from heavy enough wire that it is not likely to straighten under normal fishing pressure. Best of all, with prices ranging from \$.50 to \$.70 each so this is not an expensive hook!

The way a circle hook wedges itself into the corner of the mouth does not require a super sharp hook so that is another advantage to using the 39960D. Even though it is not considered to be a "pre-sharpened" hook, it's definitely sharp enough to be fished right out of the box. As long as the point is just a little bit sticky it will grab and hold on to the corner of the sharks mouth.

The only adjustment we make to the hooks before using them is to smash the barb down. Circle hooks do not need a barb to stay in place. The only advantage to a barb on a circle hook is that it helps to hold the bait in place. On choppy days, if we find that our softer baits are working their way off the hook,

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September 16, 6:30 pm

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we'll use small rubber bands to hold it all together. Removing the barb makes it easier for us to rotate out the hook with our pliers or push it out with a de-hooking tool.

Another misconception is that when baiting a hook for sharks that the hook must be concealed in the bait. By concealing a circle hook in a bait the angler reduces their chances of a good hookup because the bait clumps-up in the gap of the hook and prevents it from setting. For best results, circle hooks should be as exposed as possible. Don't worry about the shark seeing the hook and spooking away since he's not worried about the hook, he wants the bait!

To properly impale a bait on a circle hook requires that the hook go through a thin but tough part of the bait. Obviously if the bait is a fillet the hook needs to through the skin. If it is a fish head or a whole fish, anglers will just have to get creative and find a way to either hook it through the back of the head, the lips or the eyes. We've had very good luck by securing a plastic cable-tie either through the eye sockets or through the top lip and out of the bottom lip and then simply passing the hook through the loop in the cable tie. This leaves the hook totally exposed with the bait held very firmly by the cable tie.

For a lot of years, my standard shark rig was two-hook J-hook rig. As it was, the second hook was there because we often fished with very large or long baits and I wanted to make sure that wherever the shark bit the bait he'd get a hook. The problem we sometimes saw was that a shark would grab a big bait and shake the heck out of it to rip out a bite size piece and sometimes dislodge both hooks in the process. We also began to notice that when a shark rolled into the slick, if it was all fired up and ready to eat, it would bite anything we had out there. If, on the other hand, it was a more "normal" shark, it would swim around and look at all the baits before eventually settling on one, and that one bait was usually the smallest bait we had out.

The moral of that story is that a shark will either come in hungry or finicky, and a finicky shark will be more inclined to eat a small bait, while a hungry shark will eat whatever you serve to it. So if all you have out is modest size baits you'll still catch just as many sharks. Which gets me back to the subject of single or double hook rigs. With a small bait, a shark has no reason to shake it down to bite size pieces because it's already bite size. Open mouth, take in bait, close mouth - it's that simple. Once the bait is inside the mouth, the line only needs to come tight and the circle hook will do its job. Fish on!

I know, I know - some shark fishermen have a love affair with fishing big ginormous baits, but I'm saying that regardless of the type of hook you use, you'll be more successful, more often, if you scale your baits down to bite size pieces. How big is that? I would say that nothing larger than the size of an average Boston mackerel or a 1 to two pound snapper bluefish. Half that size is OK too. The only reason I'd consider using a really large bait is if I was not chumming and I needed the bait itself to provide the scent trail.

With J-hooks the standard procedure is to fish with the reels in close to free-spool so that when a shark picks up the bait you can give it a drop-back to make sure the offering is well inside the mouth before putting the reel in gear and setting the (well sharpened) hook very hard a bunch of times.

So now that we have a single circle hook lightly embedded in a bite size bait, we can fish our reels in the "strike" position because when the shark picks up a bait it's going to take that bait (and hook) entirely into its mouth in one slurp. As soon as the line comes tight and the shark feels resistance from the line it will likely take off and the hook will be set from the rod holder. If a shark picks up a bait and keeps coming at the boat the angler will want to crank up the slack quickly and come tight on the fish so it doesn't get under the boat and foul up on the running gear.

One more benefit of using circle hooks for sharks is that,

because hooking a shark does not require coming tight on the line and hauling back on the rod to drive the hook home, there is no longer an advantage to using a stretch-free line such as Dacron or braid. Monofilament line works just fine for sharks on circle hooks. In fact, I prefer using mono with circle hooks because that a little stretch in the line helps to ease the hook into place rather than snatching it there, and of course mono is cheaper and more forgiving than braid or Dacron.

Even though the circle hook regulation won't take effect until next year it would probably be wise for shark anglers to start getting comfortable with using them this season so that they can

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work out any kinks in their techniques before the 2018 tournaments roll around and they find themselves forced to learn when there is money on the line and a monster in their slick. And while I don't like to use the term "guarantee" for anything related to fishing, I can "almost" guarantee that once anglers get over the learning curve of using circle hooks for sharks, they won't miss their old rusty J-hooks one bit!

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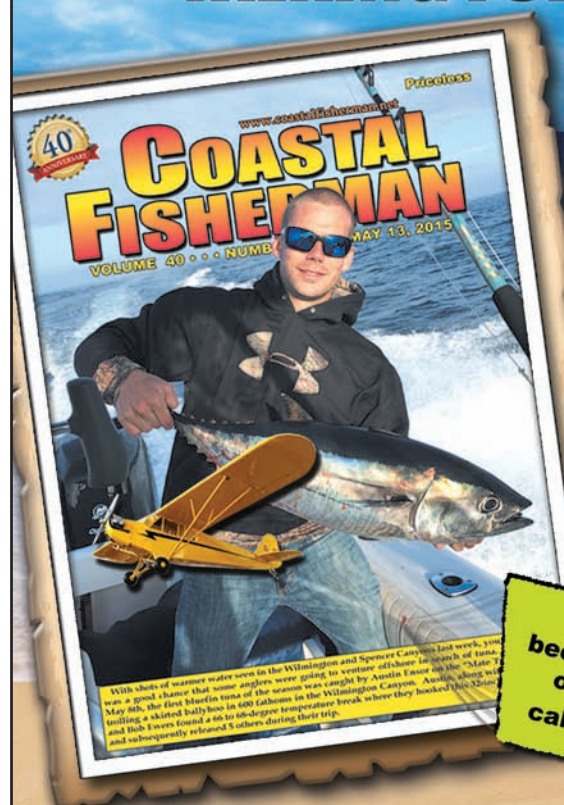
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Andy and Anne Hoover from Manheim, PA were fishing with minnows and squid at Site 11 off the coast of Delaware when they caught a few sea bass and Anne boated a 1 lb. 15 oz. flounder. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop.

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Darrin Holland from Edgewater, MD was one colorful angler when he hit the water behind Frontier Town and boated this 36-inch bluefish after fooling it with cut bunker. Photo courtesy of All Tackle Ocean City on Rt. 50.



Keith Lipton of Millsboro, DE caught these big bluefish while fishing with fresh bunker in the Indian River Inlet. The largest gator tipped the scale at 7 lbs. 8 oz. at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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Hunter Shelby of Bishopville, MD was fishing in the back bay of Indian River, behind Burton's Island, when he caught this pair of 2 lb. speckled trout while using soft shell crabs for bait. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina.



On May 17th, Chris Middendorf of Lewes, DE muscled in this 45 lb. mahi after hooking it while trolling ballyhoo in 500 fathoms in the Norfolk Canyon. Chris was fishing on the "Big Billin" with Bill Vernon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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| Black Drum | 48" | 50 lbs. or 45" | Blue Shark * | Any Size | 100 lbs. or 66" |
| Bluefish | 34" | 14 lbs. or 33" | Hammerhead * | Any Size | 100 lbs. or 66" |
| Blue Marlin ** | Any Size | Any Size | Mako * | Any Size | 100 lbs. or 66" |
| Cobia | 44" | - | Thresher * | Any Size | 100 lbs. or 66" |
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| Golden Tilefish | 35" | 35 lbs. or 40" | Tuna: | | |
| Kingfish (Northern Whiting) | 14" | 1 lb. or 13" | Longfin Albacore | 36" | 30 lbs. or 32" |
| King Mackerel | 40" | 10 lbs. or 36" | False Albacore | 24" | 12 lbs. or 26" |
| Red Drum * | 36" | 45" | Bigeye *** | 60" | 70 lbs. or 48" |
| Sailfish * | Any Size | - | Bluefin *** | 55" | 100 lbs. or 60" |
| Sea Bass | 20" | 3 lbs. or 17" | Yellowfin *** | 50" | 70 lbs. or 48" |
| Sheepshead | 20" | 8 lbs. or 22" | Wahoo | 60" | 20 lbs. or 50" |
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If you are looking for black drum this time of year, heading to the Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay will usually give you a good shot at catching a keeper. On this day last week, Charles Schellenger took a trip on the "Skipjack II" with Capt. Beau Fiblekorn and boated this 41.8 pounder while fishing with clams. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Yancey Carapico from Berlin, MD was at it again, this time boating a 17 1/2-inch flounder while drifting minnows in the Thorofare on the "Pura Vida". Yancey and Dave Scoole also released 9 short flounder during their afternoon trip.

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Shawn Johnson is all smiles after catching this 34 1/2-inch, 12 lb. 3 oz. bluefish on the north side of the Indian River Inlet. Shawn hooked the chopper on a chunk of clam and weighed his catch at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



Russell Lake has to be smiling on the inside as he poses with the 44-inch, 29 lb. striper caught while trolling chartreuse parachute rigs in the Chesapeake Bay with his friend Dave Asplen. Pictured at All Tackle Ocean City.

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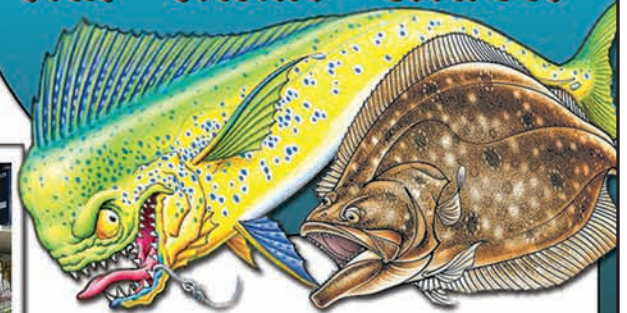
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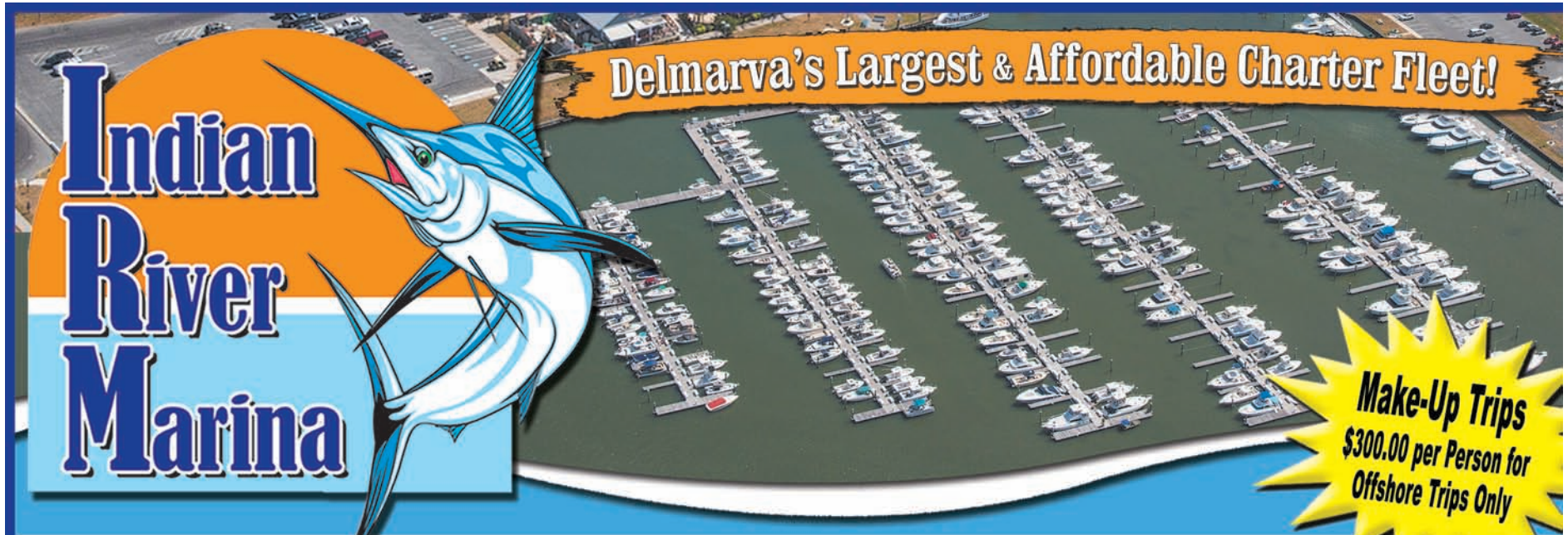
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| Species | 2017 | 2016 | Species | 2017 | 2016 |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|
|  Sea Bass |  May 16, 2017 Tom Vaughan "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck | May 15, 2016 Steve Billingsley "Morning Star" Sue's Reef |  Mako Shark | April 28, 2017 Andy Smelter "Nontypical" Triple 0's | May 14, 2016 Brian Leader "Keep Er Wet" Poor Man's Canyon |
|  Tautog | January 1, 2017 Pat Scida "Morning Star" Artificial Reef | January 1, 2016 Dave Moore "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck |  White Marlin | None Reported | May 27, 2016 Andy Urban "In the Black" Norfolk Canyon |
|  Striped Bass | April 28, 2017 Jack Austin Cape Henlopen Surf | January 14, 2016 Connor Metz "G-FORCE" Little Gull |  Blue Marlin | None Reported | May 28, 2016 Bo Appel "Boss Hogg" Norfolk Canyon |
|  Weakfish |  May 20, 2017 John Kelleher Ice Breakers | June 2, 2016 Rod Grodzicki Inner Wall |  Bluefin Tuna | April 30, 2017 Dale Christensen "Wrecker" Triple 0's | April 21, 2016 Joe Cantianelli "Reel Life" Baltimore Canyon |
|  Flounder | April 7, 2017 Lukas Layton Rt. 90 Bridge | April 16, 2016 Hannah Johnson "Lucky Break" Sinepuxent Bay |  Yellowfin Tuna | April 30, 2017 Corbin Ensor "Tunafowl" Triple 0's | May 7, 2016 Jeff Rosenkilde "Mate Trix" Baltimore Canyon |
|  Bluefish | April 17, 2017 Ayrton Pryor Assawoman Bay | April 15, 2016 Sean Fox Assateague Surf |  Longfin Tuna | None Reported | June 5, 2016 Jeff Drury Lindenkuhl Canyon |
|  Black Drum | April 20, 2017 Tom Fox Assatague Surf | March 31, 2016 Billy Powell Assateague Surf |  Bigeye Tuna | None Reported | May 26, 2016 Denise Rust "Marli" Norfolk Canyon |
|  Sheepshead | None Reported | May 7, 2016 George Easter Russell's Reef |  Dolphin | April 30, 2017 Megan Humphrey "Wrecker" Triple 0's | May 20, 2016 Randy Tracey "Talkin Trash" Washington Canyon |
|  Thresher Shark | None Reported | May 20, 2016 Chris Stafford "Reel Nauti" Jackspot |  Wahoo | None Reported | June 2, 2016 Ryan Morris "Jade II" Washington Canyon |

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While drifting a minnow in the bay behind the north end of Assateague Island, Sharon Bowlin of Bishopville, MD captured this 25-inch bluefish while fishing on the "Little Minnow" with Chad Luckenbaugh, Joseph Nickoles and Todd Nickoles (not pictured).



Dave Beach, II can normally be found flounder fishing off the 2nd Street Bulkhead in Ocean City, but earlier this spring he headed down to Key West, FL to fish the Dry Tortugas and caught grouper (pictured), mutton snapper, mangrove and yellowtail snapper, kingfish, blackfin tuna and mahi.

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Last Thursday, the seas were a little on the rough side but that didn't stop this team of anglers from heading to below the Norfolk Canyon for a great day of mahi fishing. Greg Greenberg, Dane Spealman, Chad Gauss, Wendy Gauss, Johntay Bedingfield and Nick Pasco ended their day with 18 dolphin in the box after trolling ballyhoo in 150 fathoms on the 435 line. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mates Wade Jamarowicz and Mark Stephens. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





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Site 11 produced this good catch of black sea bass for anglers Travis O'Rourke, Alex Wiklow and Trevor O'Rourke during a trip aboard the "Gale Force" with Capt. Aaron Hurd. All of the fish were hooked on clams. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina.



Chris Muller and Cross Muller each put a hurtin' on chopper bluefish while fishing from the bulkhead on 2nd Street in Ocean City. The anglers were joined by their grandfather, Scott Dailey when they caught gators up to 32-inches during the last of the incoming tide. All were fooled with cut finger mullet.

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|  Tautog | February 21, 2017 Sam Furest "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 4 oz. | April 14, 2017 Mike Haas Site 10 9 lbs. 13 oz. |  Thresher Shark | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported |
|  Striped Bass | May 10, 2017 Lee Savage Assateague Island 39 lbs. 8 oz. | April 28, 2017 Jack Austin Cape Henlopen Surf 25 lbs. 8 oz. |  Bluefin Tuna | April 30, 2017 Dale Christensen Triple 0's 49 lbs. | No Weights Reported |
|  Weakfish | No Weights Reported | NEW May 20, 2017 John Kelleher Delaware Bay 7 lbs. 2 oz. |  Yellowfin Tuna | April 30, 2017 Corbin Ensor Triple 0's 48 lbs. | NEW May 20, 2017 Chris Seramone Norfolk Canyon 53 lbs. |
|  Cobia | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported |  Longfin Tuna | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported |
|  Flounder | April 30, 2017 Courtney Ritter Thorofare 3 lbs. 11 oz. | NEW May 18, 2017 Brian Hefflin Massey's Landing 7 lbs. |  Bigeye Tuna | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported |
|  Bluefish | May 4, 2017 Emma Matarese "OC Guide Service" 15 lbs. 12 oz. | April 21, 2017 Alex Neiss Cape Henlopen Surf 18 lbs. 8 oz. |  Dolphin | No Weights Reported | NEW May 17, 2017 Chris Middendorf Norfolk Canyon 45 lbs. |
|  Sheepshead | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported |  Wahoo | No Weights Reported | No Weights Reported |
|  Black Drum | May 11, 2017 Zach Nagler Assateague Surf 40 lbs. | NEW May 18, 2017 Matt Garrison Coral Beds 55 lbs. |  White Marlin | Most Releases in One Day (trolling only) None Reported | None Reported |

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Capt. Chris Mizurak on the "Reef Chief" put his anglers on some nice fish this past April, as shown by this 11 lb. 8 oz. tautog caught by Sung Seo of Silver Spring, MD. The big tog ate a white crab in 80-feet of water at an artificial reef.



While surf fishing with his dad, just north of the Indian River Inlet, Billy Santanna, Jr. of Hershey, PA landed this 35-inch bluefish while using bunker for bait.



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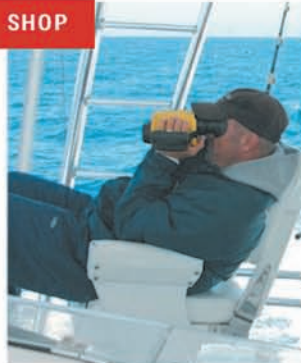
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Gregg Williams pulled in a nice 9 lb. 11 oz. tautog while fishing with green crabs on ocean structure. All of the action took place on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley.



Robby Baxley had a better day than the Orioles have been having lately, returning to Lewes Harbour Marina with 4 cookie cutter bluefish ranging from 12 to 13 lbs. All of the choppers were caught while tossing poppers in the surf.

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13" minimum
1 per person/day



Dan Eagan from Delaware County, PA was fishing at Massey's Landing when he caught this 28-inch, 7 lb. bluefish while using cut mullet for bait. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



The beach off 3R's Road in Lower Delaware has produced some quality bluefish this season as shown by the 37-incher caught by Ronnie Rodimak of Selbyville, DE while fishing with fresh bunker.

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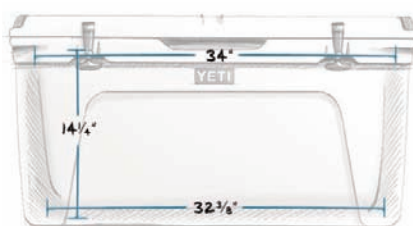
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Tides & Moon Phases

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| Wed. May 24 | Low 01:01 am Low 01:02 pm | High 07:03 am High 07:40 pm |
| Thurs. May 25 New Moon | Low 01:55 am Low 01:52 pm | High 07:57 am High 08:35 pm |
| Fri. May 26 | Low 02:48 am Low 02:42 pm | High 08:52 am High 09:30 pm |
| Sat. May 27 | Low 03:41 am Low 03:34 pm | High 09:47 am High 10:25 pm |
| Sun. May 28 | Low 04:36 am Low 04:28 pm | High 10:43 am High 11:20 pm |
| Mon. May 29 | Low 05:34 am Low 05:26 pm | High 11:39 am High ----- |
| Tues. May 30 | Low 06:33 am Low 06:29 pm | High 12:17 am High 12:39 pm |
| Wed. May 31 | Low 07:32 am Low 07:34 pm | High 01:17 am High 01:44 pm |
| Thurs. June 1 1st Qtr. Moon | Low 08:29 am Low 08:39 pm | High 02:21 am High 02:56 pm |
| Fri. June 2 | Low 09:23 am Low 09:43 pm | High 03:26 am High 04:04 pm |
| Sat. June 3 | Low 10:15 am Low 10:45 pm | High 04:24 am High 05:02 pm |
| Sun. June 4 | Low 11:05 am Low 11:42 pm | High 05:12 am High 05:52 pm |
| Mon. June 5 | Low 11:51 am Low ----- | High 05:53 am High 06:35 pm |
| Tues. June 6 | Low 12:34 am Low 12:33 pm | High 06:30 am High 07:14 pm |

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
 Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide
 Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide
 - subtract 45 minutes to low tide
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