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This group of chiropractors may need their own services after cranking in all of these fish! Doctors Mike Martin, Anthony Pineno, Joe Baker, Derrick Wilcox, Dean LaPice and Bob Leib have been friends for over 20 years and got together this year on the charter boat "Boss Hogg". Capt. Brian Porter with mate Alex Beane took them to the Poor Man's Canyon in 100 fathoms where they found warm 83° water and got a nice mix of 8 dolphin, 30 blue line tilefish, a yellowfin tuna and a white marlin release! Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Joey Kazmierski has a big smile showing off 1 of the 3 dolphin he caught with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich and Steve on the headboat "Angler"! They were fishing at the Old Grounds using squid for bait.



Keith Pyle from Confluence, PA found himself a fat flounder in the Indian River Bay! This 23" and 4.6 lb. fattie fell for a fat minnow. Pictured at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.

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The crew of the "God Willing" out of the Indian River Marina made a run to the Baltimore Canyon earlier this month and landed a nice pair of 50 lb. class yellowfin tunas. Fishing that day were owner Ryan Richardson, Vernon Whelan, Jeff Whelan, Molly Bryden, Marshall Cahall and mate Traye Matthes.



Massey's Landing in Delaware has been giving up some nice fish. Tom Casper caught this 24.5" and 10.2 lb. black drum there using sand fleas. Pictured at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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# The OFFSHORE REPORT

by Larry Budd

### This Week Last Year

- White marlin releases were reported up and down the line from the Wilmington to the Norfolk Canyon with many boats releasing multiples per trip.
- The tuna bite remained strong and picked up a little after seeing a lot of pressure from the August tournaments. Captains were still using both chunking and trolling mainly in the Poor Man's Canyon and the Hot Dog catching yellowfins in the 50 lb. range.
- Wahoo and cobia remained elusive with the man in the brown suit being found mainly to our south off the Cape or Virginia Beach. The "Strollaway" did find a 73" wahoo in the Baltimore.

There was both triumph and tragedy off of our shores this past week. Some of the best blue marlin fishing in the history of the area was overshadowed by the report of a collision in the Baltimore Canyon resulting in the loss of Capt. Chris Ragni, Sr. and of the loss of the long time charter boat "Last Call" that erupted in flames on Sunday. Both serve as a reminder that the sea can be very unforgiving for the men and women who work upon the waves. Our thoughts are with Capt. Chris Ragni, Jr. and Capt. Frank Pettolina and their families. We also recognize the many people and boats that came to their aid that kept these events from becoming more tragic, a real testimony to the community we have.

### Billfish

As we highlighted, the blue marlin bite through the middle of last week has been some of the best ever seen.

Many boats reported single and double releases with the "Reel Chaos" even reporting 4 releases on a single trip! The Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons were the spots for the majority of the releases with warmer water temps in the upper 70's. Depth for the Baltimore was around 500 fathoms and a little shallower in the Poor Man's at 100 fathoms. The blue catch did slow however this weekend. White marlin fishing has been spotty with mostly singles and a few doubles being reported from across the line in shallower waters between 70 & 100 fathoms.

### Tuna

It has been tough sledding but steady for tuna over the past week with most reports from the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons. Most boats found single or double yellowfin catches in the 35 - 50 lb. range and then switched to tile fishing. A couple of trips stood out like the "White Lightning" catching 5 in the Baltimore Canyon and the "Playmate" returning with 6. The "Reel Chaos" landed a nice approximately 70 lb. yellowfin from the Poor Man's Canyon in 200 fathoms and 80° water. This may be turning around because as I write this I am getting reports Sunday that saw several boats returning with 4, 5 or even 6 yellowfins like the ones that were caught on the "Pumpin' Hard".

### Mahi/Wahoo

It is mahi season and this year and this week are no exception. Offshore boats like the "Finatic" and the "Gret's Three J's" came back with 40+ dolphins each. Inshore spots like the Fingers, Hot Dog, Jack Spot, Old Grounds and

the coral beds north of A Buoy all saw great action under weed lines and sea bass pot markers as well as on the troll. Headboats "Angler" and "Morning Star" have had great success on 3/4 day or specialty trips focused on these tasty and colorful fish. Ballyhoo on the troll and squid are the baits of choice. Several nice sized wahoo were caught last week in the 30 lb. range with a big 84 pounder caught last Wednesday on the "Daydreamer". The Baltimore Canyon and the Del-Jersey Reef Site were the hot spots with the speedsters hitting lures on a faster troll.

In the roundup category, the "Pumpin' Hard" did land a swordfish from the Baltimore canyon in 1500 ft. and several cobia were reported. Check out those and other details in our Ocean City and Delaware reports.



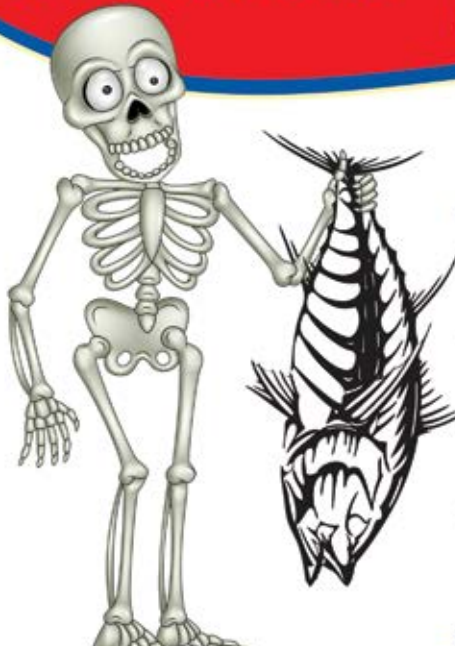

### Upcoming Tournaments

- The Ocean City Marlin Club will also host it's 63rd Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament on September 3-5 with anglers fishing 2 of the 3 days. Always a popular end of season event with lively action at the Sunset Marina Tournament Scales from 6-8PM daily. You do not need to be a member of the club to participate in this event
- Always a fun family event, the Ocean City Fishing Center will host the 20th Annual Spot Fishing Tournament held on Saturday, September 11th this year. Entry fee is only \$5 and registration starts at 4PM with fishing from the docks from 5:00 - 6:00PM. Call 410-213-1121 for more details.
- Bahia Marina in Ocean City will hold it's one day Flounder Pounder on Sunday, September 12th. This tournament is a lot of fun and great for the kids. You may fish from your own boat or rent a skiff, skimmer, or pontoon from the marina if you wish. Call 410-289-7438 for more info.

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

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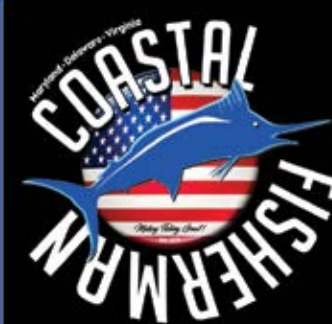



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Capt. Anthony Matarese reported that he is having the best blue marlin fishing he has ever seen in Ocean City. Over the three days ending last Friday, he saw 10 and released 7 blues including the one jumping above! Friday's trip was to the Poor Man's Canyon with work friends Shane Burdette, Tom Martiner, Joel Windsor and Justin Swafford who caught a big yellowfin tuna and Bill Dennis and Chris Hoerl who both released a blue marlin. They were trolling in 500 fathoms with naked ballyhoo and mullet dredges for the blues and moved into 200 fathoms for the tuna.

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Jerry Hudack from Reading, PA and Bill Shue from York, PA hit the Old Grounds and got some nice fatties. They show off two of the five flounder caught on Gulp. Jerry's flounder is 22" and Bill edged him out with his at 24.5".

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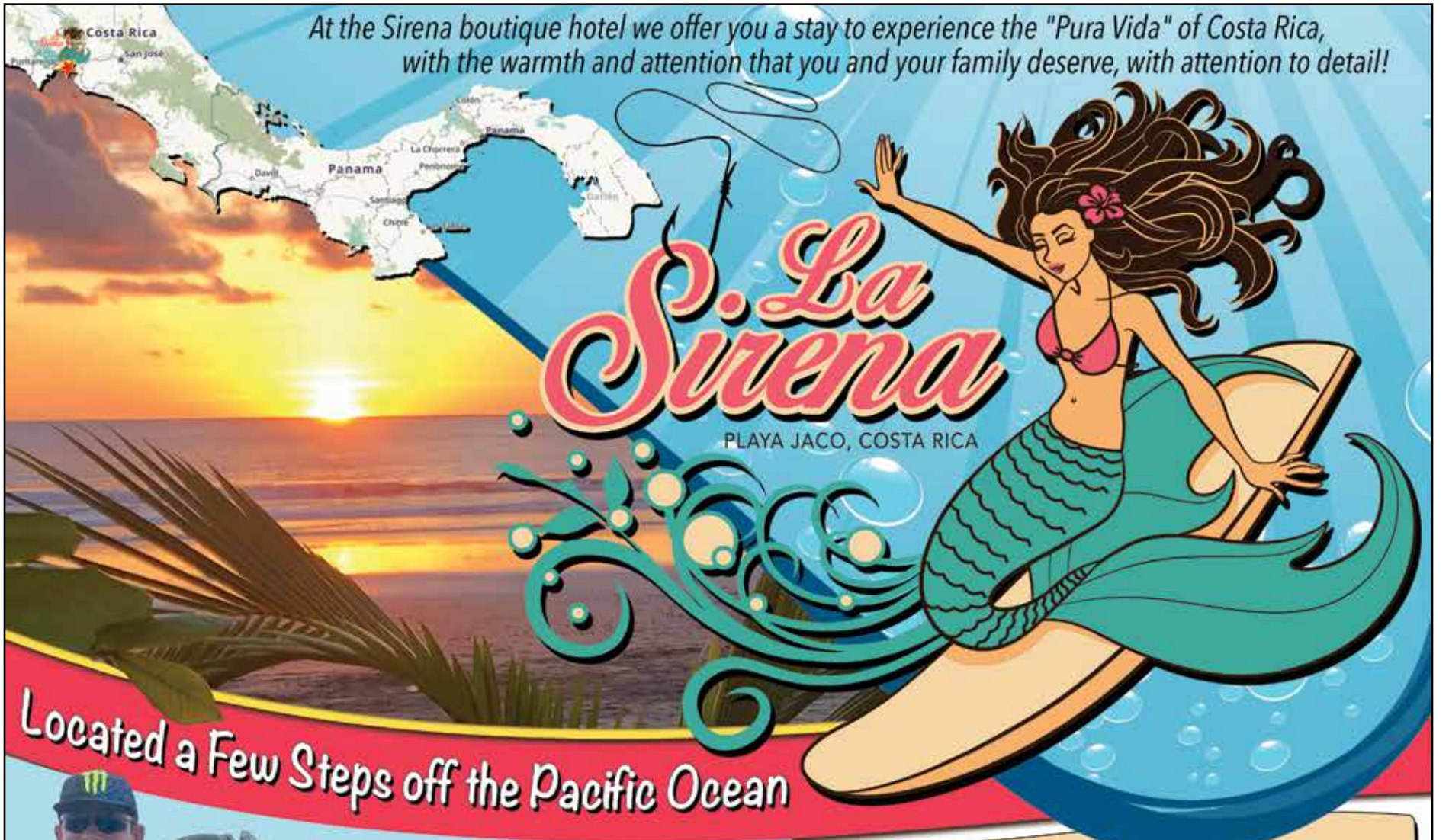
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Bill Riley, his daughter Becky Guy and grandkids Hunter , Nolan , Zeke and Tyler fished the coral north of A buoy with our own BJ Pietryak on his boat "Reel RunnR" and caught a mix of sea bass, flounder and hooked about 30 mahi on squid chunks. Most of the dolphin went back to the water but enough was kept for fish taco dinner including these 5! Pictured at the Indian River Marina.

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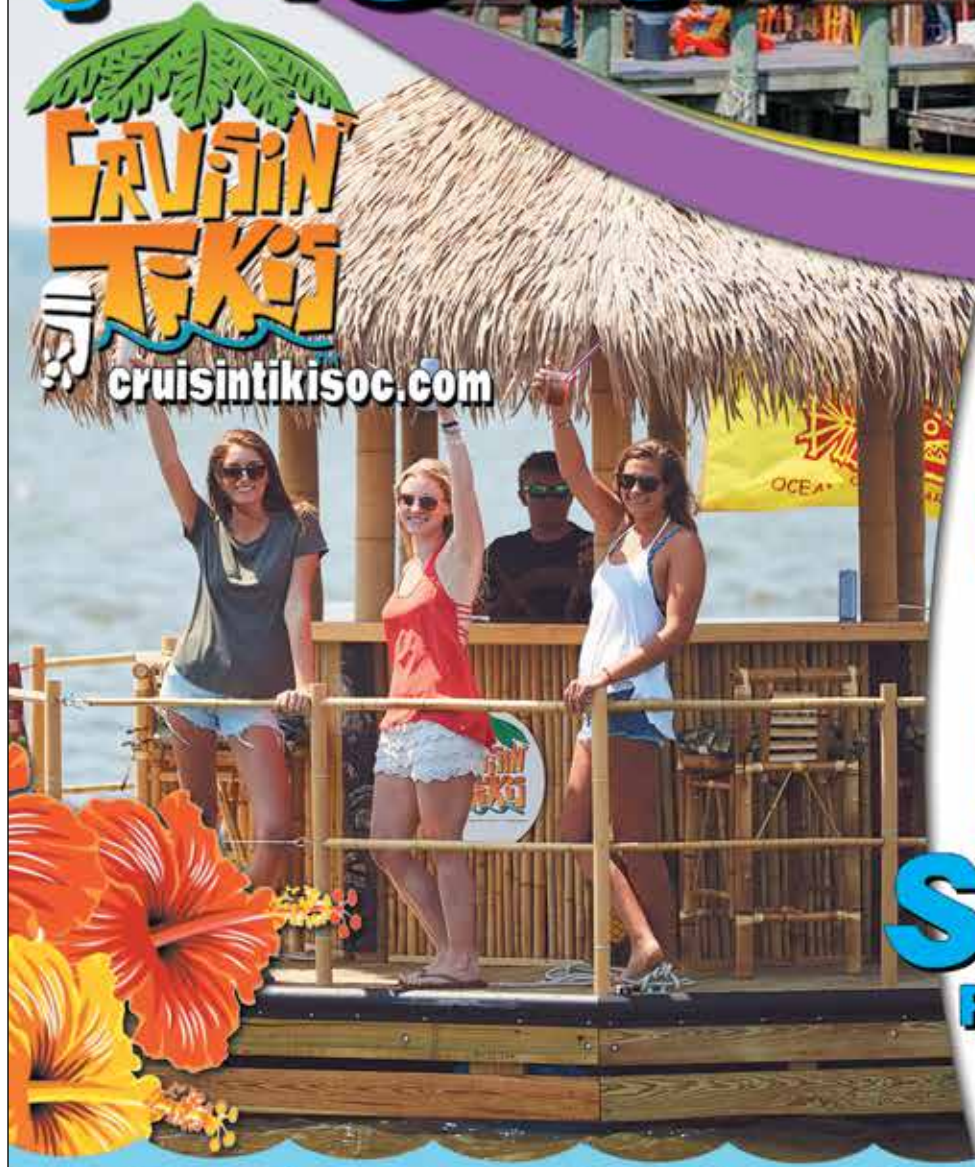
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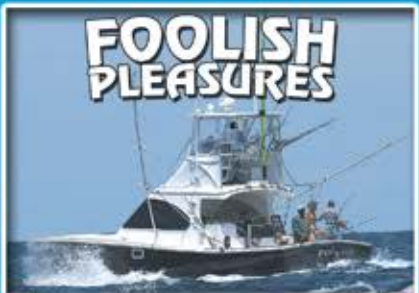


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## FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Heat and west winds have made fishing tough this week. Between very little drift, very hot conditions, and biting flies it has not always been a pleasant day on the water. The good news is the fish are here and waiting to be caught. Several species can be found both in the back bays as well as near shore humps and wrecks. Triggerfish, flounder and sea bass are the mainstay of the hot days of summer; however other species like sea trout, croaker, and redfish can also be found in the bays and near shore.

### Back Bays of Ocean City

The bay headboats report

very good catches of flounder in the bays with fish to 26". Squid and minnow duos are the best bait here with spot and Gulp being a close second. The channel above the Rt. 50 Bridge is the hot spot this week for flounder with several keepers coming off the 2nd St. bulkhead. Mike Jones used cut ribbon fish to catch a nice 21", 4.5 lb. flounder south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Further north in the bay big schools of croaker have also been found. The area behind Assateague Island is another great location this past week. Targeting the holes on the west side of the bay is your best location. Kyra Allen, Jake Tinsman,

and Zach Dalrymple had some nice sea bass action on the "Angler" out at the Bass Grounds. Konnor Hudson was also fishing the Angler and caught nice sea bass and a few mahi. The area near Fisherman's Marina and north to the bridge has been producing some nice catches of weakfish, with night time during the full moon as the best we have seen in years. Spec rigs and bucktails tipped with a long colorful rubber worm are working best for these fish. If you can fish during the last hour before high tide to 1 hour after high tide this will give you the best chances at catching these fine tasting fish. The retrieve should be varied as sometimes they want a steady slow retrieve and other times want a fast jerky one. Brandi Smeak caught several nice size croakers just off the rocks. Croakers have mainly been found in the north bay areas from the Rt. 50 Bridge all the way up to the Rt. 90 Bridge. Looking further south of the curve just below the airport near the campgrounds is also a great spot this week with some really nice croaker coming to the headboats. Redfish, blues and stripers are around but not in any great numbers. Shawn Flaherty fished with Craig Cropper this week, and using his Roy Rig he did manage 2 keeper rockfish at 30" as well as bluefish up to 29". I received a report from one angler fishing near them that stated he caught nothing while they just brought in fish after fish. First off, these guys

[www.coastalfisherman.net](http://www.coastalfisherman.net) have been doing this since they were kids and have it down to a science, and second, they are bouncing their baits along the bottom and into the structure. Many anglers are afraid to bounce the baits right on the bottom because they get hung up. I have heard Craig and many other bay anglers tell people if you're not hanging up and losing bait you're not in the right location. Be prepared for this when you head out and bring extra paddle tail baits because you will lose a few or several depending on the bottom. This goes for those of you looking to catch redfish also. Bounce the bottom and kick up a little sand or mud to get the fish interested. The main report I got for redfish was that some are near the Verrazano Bridge leading into Assateague Island. Drift your bucktails or paddle tails right along the edge of the bridge structure and be right on the bottom. Over the next couple of months if our air temps ever get cooler, we should see a big increase of redfish in the back bays. Areas like Oyster, Virginia and south have redfish all summer in big numbers, but we tend to see more of these fish at the end of August into September and October. A few stray reports have been coming in of tarpon rolling on the top of the water in the back bays and ocean. I mentioned the art of catching them in this week's Delaware report.

### Near Shore Wrecks & Structure

Flounder is the big catch this week near shore. Almost every wreck and snag in the ocean has a flounder or 2 on it. Big Gulp baits rigged on bucktails is the go to rig for this week. Kane Bounds



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www.coastalfisherman.net reports excellent fishing continues with his clients getting a mix of triggerfish, sea bass and flounder with mahi thrown in for good measure. Looking at Kane's Facebook post, many of the flounder he caught were huge. Kane ran the Judith M for years and knows these waters well. Mahi has been the big surprise this week with many anglers reporting being covered up with mahi. The fish are small peanuts but still make for a great dinner as either fish tacos or mahi fingers. Joey Kazmierski caught 3 nice size dolphin while on the "Angler". Find his picture on Page 2 and just look at that smile. Key spots for flounder in the ocean this week are the African Queen as well as the area near DE Lightship. The area just west of the Lightship has been the main concentration of dolphin around also. Circle hooks and small pieces of squid work best. Cobia are being caught but not in the numbers we are used to. Joe Schweiger from Berlin, MD was spearfishing on the "Fishbox" and managed a jumbo cobia on a wreck just outside of OC. Chumming the shoals just south of OC has been the most productive. Live eels rigged on a circle hook is your best bait. Triggerfish are on many of the wrecks inshore, however, the wrecks inside of the Fenwick Shoals are loaded with them. Use small pieces of shrimp or squid on a small circle hook for the best results. With so many fish around, get out and catch a few for dinner but please remember to stay hydrated.

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The Bass Pots were hot at the Del-Jersey Reef this week. Lewes, DE anglers Price Lindsey, Sam Zaqzouq and Capt. Richard Harpel used a combination of a whole squid on a ¼ ounce jighead with a bass assassin lure to catch these 25 dolphin in short order!

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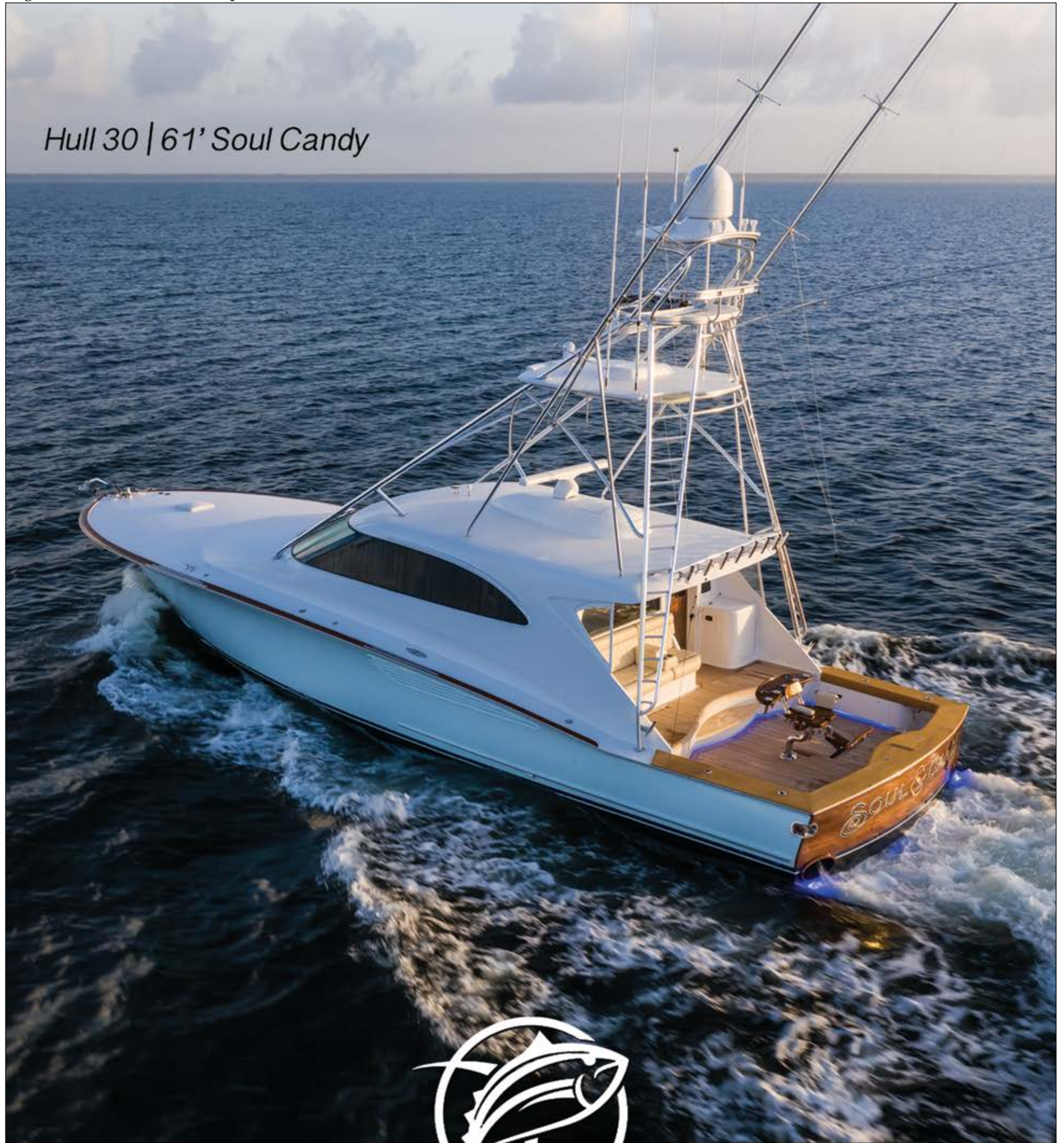
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Joe Schweiger from Berlin, MD is clearly pumped to have landed this jumbo cobia with his speargun! He was fishing with Capt. Steve Hadley on the "FishBox" at an inshore wreck off of Ocean City.



Capt. John Griffith with mate Jason Peer kept this crew on the "Gret's Three J's" very busy! Anglers Mark Hagedorn, William Strosnider, Mark Stewart and Jeff Stemple who work together pulled in a total of 40 mahi and 40 tilefish from the Baltimore Canyon in 600 ft. of water.

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It was a busy morning on the charter boat Wrangler. Capt. Craig Mercier and mate Jeff Bishop started the day trolling around the Bass Pots where anglers Gary and Todd Schoonmaker with Dominic Cucina started catching a mess of mahi in 110 ft. of water. They did have to come in early though after another crew member suffered a heat stroke!



Lightning did strike for Butch Glasgow, Ray Glasgow, Mike Kefauver, Andrew Glasgow and Thomas Rabak. They were fishing with Capt. Bill Rabb & mate Drake Cropper on the charter boat "White Lightning" last Friday landing 5 yellowfin tuna and a couple of mahi from the Baltimore Canyon in 100 fathoms on a day where most had mainly dolphin!

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This young angler on the headboat "Bay Bee" had a special catch this week finding a longfin yellowtail in the bay! Typically an ocean fish, the yellowtail is part of the Carangidae family, more commonly known as jacks. They grow to a typical length of 35" and are rare to catch.



The Michels family of Ryan, Jessica, Preston and Asher from Bloomer, WI and OC locals Jayne & Ken Bassett had a blast in the Baltimore Canyon landing 27 mahi and a yellowfin tuna! They were fishing with Capts. Adam Thompson and Eddie Quick on the charter boat "Oppor-Tuna-Ty Too"

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Last Friday was busy at Sunset Marina with many nice catches being tossed on the dock. The charter boat "Pumpin' Hard" stood out with a swordfish and a mess of mahi from the Baltimore Canyon. Work friends James Capp, James Thaler, Eric Helmick, John Bowringer and Scott Foreman found the sword in 1500 ft. using mahi belly and the dolphin from the flats in 120 ft. As always Capt. Mike Burt was at the helm with mate David Burt in the pit.



Tom Sparks from Lewes, DE with Steve Smith and Steve Smith Jr. from Salem NJ had a full day fishing with Capts. Stu Windsor & TJ Coats on the charter boat "Skeets" getting a bunch of tilefish and releasing a white marlin in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.

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Capt. Rick on the "Thelma Dale IV" has been making longer runs out of Fisherman's Wharf in Lewes, DE and his anglers have been rewarded with quality catches of flounder and sea bass making mainly short drifts over ocean wrecks.



Inshore reef and wreck fishing has been very productive over the past week. Anglers Kyra Allen, Zach Dalrymple and Jake Tinsman from Frenchtown, NJ got in on the action taking a trip on the headboat "Angler" to the Bass Grounds. Capt. Eric Shoaff got them onto some nice sea bass and triggerfish using squid and shiners.

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Anglers John and Jonathan DeGennaro with Briley Henry and Joseph DeGennaro found this 38 lb. yellowfin tuna in the Poor Man's Canyon while fishing on the "Bubblehead". Capt. Buddy Whetzel had them in just 70 fathoms when they raised this one.

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One of the projects I had to do on my boat last spring was to paint and varnish inside the cabin. In preparation for the task I first removed everything I could from the boat. When I say "everything" I mean quite literally "everything" that wasn't permanently fastened to the boat including drawers, doors, electronic brackets, lights, hatch covers, trim, ceiling panels, seat pedestals, and of course all tackle and equipment. When I was done the waterline at the bow was up by four inches and the stern by two. For a 40-foot boat that's a lot of displacement. While I had her "light" I took a little ride down the bay and was not surprised to note that the top-end and cruising speeds had increased by a couple knots and by being higher out of the water the boat also had an entirely different feel than what I'd grown accustomed to after more than 30-years of steering her. Not necessarily better - just different.

This got me thinking about how much fuel I was burning compared to when she was fully loaded. I didn't have time to figure that one out, but I can only imagine it would likely prove to be a rather substantial

savings. I was left wishing that I could get away without reloading everything back aboard and go through the fishing season without toting around the extra weight. Of course that ain't happening - so I figured the best I could do was to use a lot more discretion in what would be put back aboard when it was time to do so.

The process reminded me of when I first got the boat and how I was seduced by all the extra stowage space available and inclined to fill every cubic inch of it with all the tackle and equipment I owned "just in case" I might find a use on any of my trips. The problem was, after a few seasons I realized that there was an awful lot of stuff that I'd been hauling to and from the fishing grounds every day but not using at all. It didn't make sense because it was all just taking up space, adding extra weight, and some of it was showing signs of corroding, mildewing, or other forms of deterioration from being stowed in the saltwater environment for so long.

So I made a commitment that when it came to tackle I'd keep aboard only what I knew would be used on a regular basis and

keep the "just in case" items down to a bare minimum. It didn't take long to realize the benefits of my decision. After removing all the extra ropes, gaffs, brushes, and fenders stowed below deck I suddenly had a much cleaner and efficient engine room, which certainly made it a lot easier to do maintenance. Tackle drawers became much more efficient in that I could actually find things when needed and these days when I pull out a rig or lure I don't usually get four or five tangled in with them. That in itself was worth the effort because as any fishermen knows there will be times when opportunities unexpectedly present themselves such as when dolphin or cobia swim up to the boat, or when bluefish or tuna start breaking water and anglers need to quickly re-rig and get something out to get a hook-up before the fish disappear. That's no time to be searching for the proper hooks or trying to untangle a glob of leader and lures!

A boat that's orderly without a lot of extra "stuff" is also going to be a safer vessel as tools and equipment that might be needed during a breakdown or in an emergency will be more easily accessed. While having problems on the water the last thing anyone needs is to waste time searching for a critical tool or engine part that's hidden beneath a pile of extra rain

gear or old fishing magazines. Boaters should scrutinize absolutely everything they might bring aboard and decide what will really be used and what will just take up space, add weight, and increase fuel consumption - a lot of little things add up!

A while back a friend proudly showed me the "maintenance" closet on his boat that was filled with new and partially used containers of paint, varnish, solvents, epoxies, oils, sealers, brushes, cleaners, sandpaper, rags and so forth. It was all well organized and secure but I couldn't help but conclude that it was way too much flammable and caustic materials to be storing on a boat - it should have been out in the dock box, in a storage room or even in the back of his truck, not aboard the boat, particularly when it would only be used when the boat was at the dock anyway.

There's no doubt that we boaters need a lot to maintain our vessels and catch whatever fish happen our way, and every year most of us accumulate more stuff than we get rid of, but our boats should never be looked at as floating storage sheds - that's what garages, attics and dock boxes are for. A clutter-free boat loaded with just the essentials will always prove to be the safest and most efficient fishing machine. §

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Capt. Jason Mumford on the charter boat "Lucky Break" took Patty and Katy Kovacs from Indian Lake, PA trolling with Clark Spoons at the Fenwick Shoal to catch a bunch of spanish mackerel. After they had their fill of that, they anchored for some bottom fishing and caught a keeper flounder and a triggerfish!

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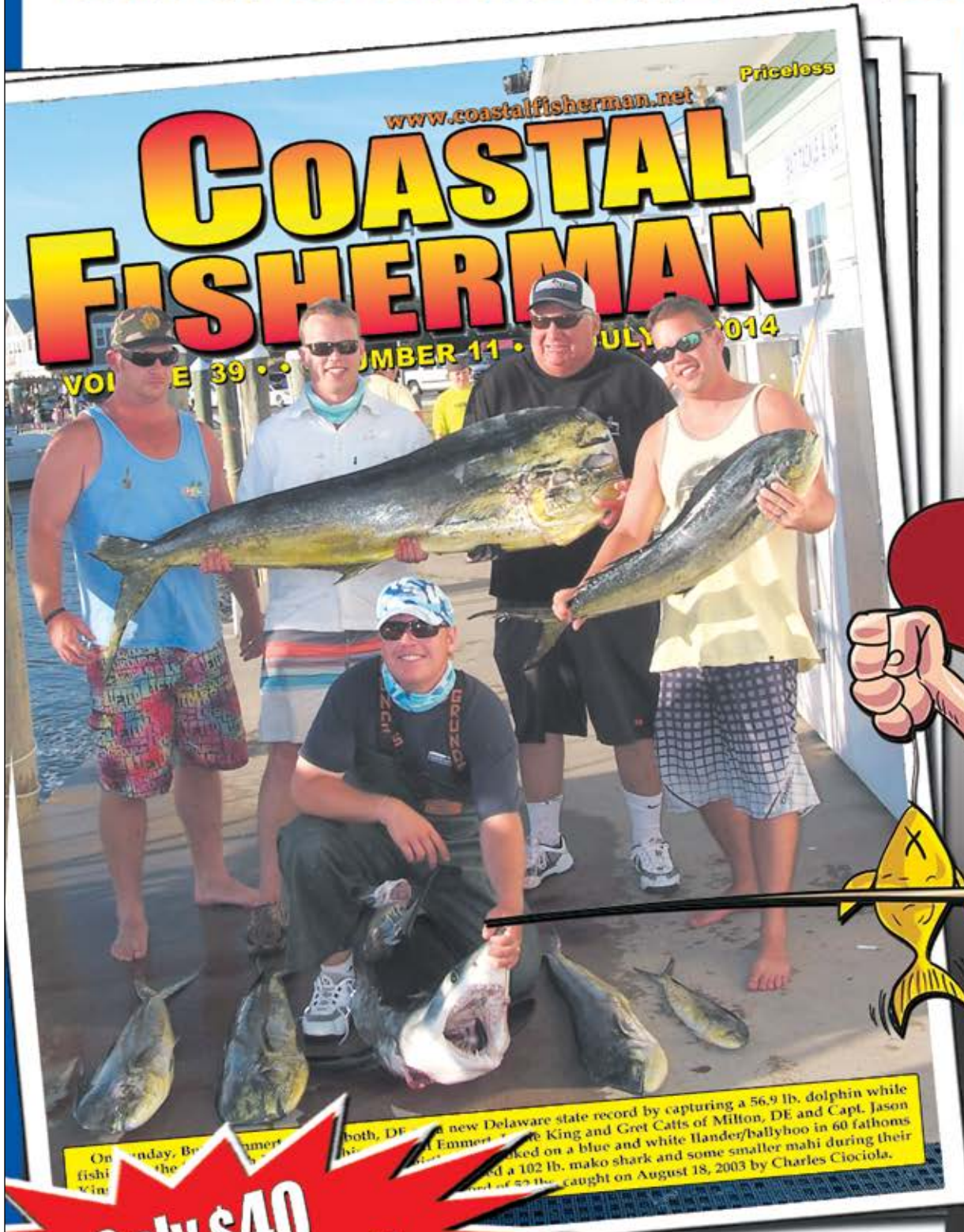
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### Grilled Mahi with Balsamic Tomato Salad

Ingredients:

For the Fish:

- 4 mahi fillets
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 2 teaspoons dried basil, or 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper

For the Salad:

- 2 roma tomatoes, diced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 1/2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste
- Fresh grated parmesan
- Balsamic glaze for topping

Directions:



Preheat an outdoor grill to medium-high heat; about 425°F to 450°F.

Pat dry the fish fillets and set on a plate.

In a mixing bowl, whisk together the oil, garlic, basil, salt and pepper. Brush fish with the oil mixture.

Brush grill grates with oil so that the fish doesn't stick.

Grill the fish for 4 to 5 minutes per side, or until nice golden grill marks appear and the flesh is set.

Don't overcook or the fish will be dry and rubbery.

In the meantime, prepare the salad by combining prepared tomatoes, basil, oil, garlic, salt and pepper in a mixing bowl; stir until well incorporated.

Remove fish from the grill and transfer to a plate. Add some salad over each fish fillet.

Grate fresh parmesan cheese over the salad and drizzle with balsamic glaze. Serve and enjoy!

### Jerked Cobia with Pineapple Chutney

Ingredients:

- 4 pounds cobia, cut into filets
- 8 ounces soy sauce
- 6 ounces dark rum
- 1 bunch scallions
- 2 scotch bonnet peppers
- 1 ounce garlic
- 12 sprigs thyme
- 10 tablespoons allspice
- 6 ounces fish sauce
- 1 pineapple
- 1 red bell pepper
- 4 cups white balsamic vinegar



- 8 ounces golden raisins
- 6 ounces brown sugar
- 1 scotch bonnet pepper
- 1 bunch cilantro

Directions:

In a blender combine soy sauce, rum, scallions, scotch bonnet pepper, garlic, thyme, allspice and fish sauce. Pour liquid over cobia and let sit for two hours. Remove from liquid, place on sheet and bake for 30 minutes at 300 degrees.

Pineapple Chutney:

Cut pineapple and bell pepper into 1/4-inch dice. In saucepan combine with vinegar, raisins, brown sugar and scotch bonnet pepper. Cook over low heat for 15-20 minutes. Strain pineapple and bell peppers. Save liquid. Put pineapple and peppers to cool off in refrigerator for 30 minutes.

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Roughly chop cilantro and add to pineapple mixture and mix well. Once cobia is cooked, place it on a plate and add chutney on top.

### Pan Seared Tilefish with Wild Mushrooms & Asparagus

**Ingredients:**

- 2 (6 oz.) fresh tilefish fillets, scaled with skin on
- 4 small new potatoes, boiled and cut in half
- 1/2 lb. asparagus, trimmed and sliced diagonally into 2-inch pieces
- 1 cup shiitake mushrooms, cleaned and thinly sliced
- 1 cup cremini mushrooms, cleaned and thinly sliced
- 2 small yellow onions, peeled and julienned
- 3 tbsp. olive oil
- 5 tbsp. butter
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- 1 bunch chives, chopped

**Directions:**

Heat one tablespoon of olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the mushrooms and cook for one minute, stirring constantly. Stir in one tablespoon of butter, reduce the heat to low and cook until the mushrooms are lightly browned and the pan

is dry, about 5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, transfer to a medium saucepan and set on low heat to keep warm.

Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in the



skillet. Add the onions and cook over medium-low heat, stirring a few times until lightly browned for about 8 minutes. Season lightly with salt and pepper then add to the mushrooms. In the same skillet, quickly sauté the asparagus spears over high heat for two minutes. Then add to the mushrooms with the new potatoes together with the chicken stock. Simmer for 3-5 minutes, or until the vegetables

are warmed through, seasoning with salt and pepper.

Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in the skillet over medium-high heat. Season the tilefish fillets with salt and pepper and sear, skin side down, until the skin is browned and crisp, about 3 minutes. Turn the fillets over, and cook another minute until the fish is just cooked through.

Stir in half of the chopped chives into the vegetables and stir to combine. To serve, divide the vegetable mixture among 2 pre-warmed plates and set a tilefish fillet on top. Garnish with the remaining chives and serve at once.

### Ahi Tuna Poke Pizza

**Ingredients:**

- 1 pound prepared pizza dough
- 1 tablespoon neutral flavored oil (we used avocado oil)
- 1 pinch of flaky sea salt
- 1/2 pound fresh ahi tuna (sashimi grade)
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons toasted sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced
- 1 teaspoon finely minced fresh ginger
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced radishes
- 1/2 avocado, diced

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Directions:

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Cut ahi tuna into small 1/2-inch cubes. Combine soy sauce, sesame oil, honey, and green onions in a medium bowl. Stir well; add the tuna and toss to combine. Add



radishes, avocado, and sesame seeds to bowl; toss gently. Top pizza crust with baby arugula and tuna poke; serve immediately.

### Mahi with Crunchy Coleslaw

Ingredients:

Mahi:

1 1/2 teaspoons smoked paprika

1 teaspoon dark brown sugar

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1/2 teaspoon onion powder

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

3/4 teaspoon cumin, ground

1/4 teaspoon chili powder

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

1/4 teaspoon oregano, dried

1 pound mahi fillets

1 tablespoon olive oil

Coleslaw:

1 cup green cabbage, thinly sliced

1 cup red cabbage, thinly sliced

1 cup carrots, shredded

1 cup red bell pepper, thinly sliced

1/2 cup green onions, sliced

2 tablespoons lime juice, plus zest of 1 lime

1 tablespoon honey

1/2 clove garlic, minced

2 tablespoons olive oil



1/4 cup cilantro leaves, finely chopped

Directions:

Combine paprika, brown sugar, garlic powder, onion powder, salt, cumin, chili pepper, black pepper, and oregano in a small bowl.

Sprinkle seasoning evenly over both sides of the fish fillets.

Heat oil in a large cast iron skillet or sauté pan over medium-high heat.

Add fish to the pan and cook 2

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to 3 minutes on each side or until desired degree of doneness.

Transfer cooked fish to a clean plate.

Coleslaw:

Add cabbage, carrots, bell pepper, and onions in a large bowl.

In a separate medium-sized bowl whisk together dressing ingredients; 2 tablespoons lime juice, lime zest, honey, and garlic.

Slowly add 2 tablespoons olive oil and whisk until combined.

Whisk in cilantro. Season with salt and pepper as needed.

Add dressing to vegetables and toss to combine.

### Crab Towers

Ingredients:

Crabmeat Layer:

3 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon white wine vinegar

1 teaspoon Dijon mustard

2 tablespoons mayonnaise

Zest from 1/2 lemon

12 oz. lump crabmeat

Vegetable Layer:

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 1/2 cup chopped cherry tomatoes (cut them in quarters)  
 1 stalk celery, chopped  
 1/4 cup chopped shallots  
 2 tablespoons olive oil  
 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar  
 Pinch each of salt and pepper  
 Avocado Layer:

3 avocados, peeled, pitted and diced  
 Juice from one small lime  
 Pinch each of salt and pepper  
 Frisee lettuce for garnish (optional)

**Directions:**

Make the crabmeat mixture by combining the olive oil, vinegar and mustard together. Mix three tablespoons of the mustard mixture with the mayo and the lemon zest (save the rest of the mustard mixture for later). Add the crabmeat and mix well.

For the vegetable layer, mix all the ingredients for that layer together and set aside.

For the avocado layer, mix all the ingredients for that layer together and set aside.

To make the layers, put a 3 inch round cookie cutter on a plate (you can also use a large mason jar lid or a well-washed tuna can with the top and bottom cut out). Press 1/3 cup of the crab mixture inside the cookie cutter. Lift it up a little and gently spoon in 1/3 cup of the vegetable layer. Lift it up slightly one more time and add 1/3 cup of the avocado layer. Now lift it up and away gently.

Tear the first lettuce into sprigs and toss with the remaining mustard mixture. Garnish your tower with a sprig of frisee lettuce.

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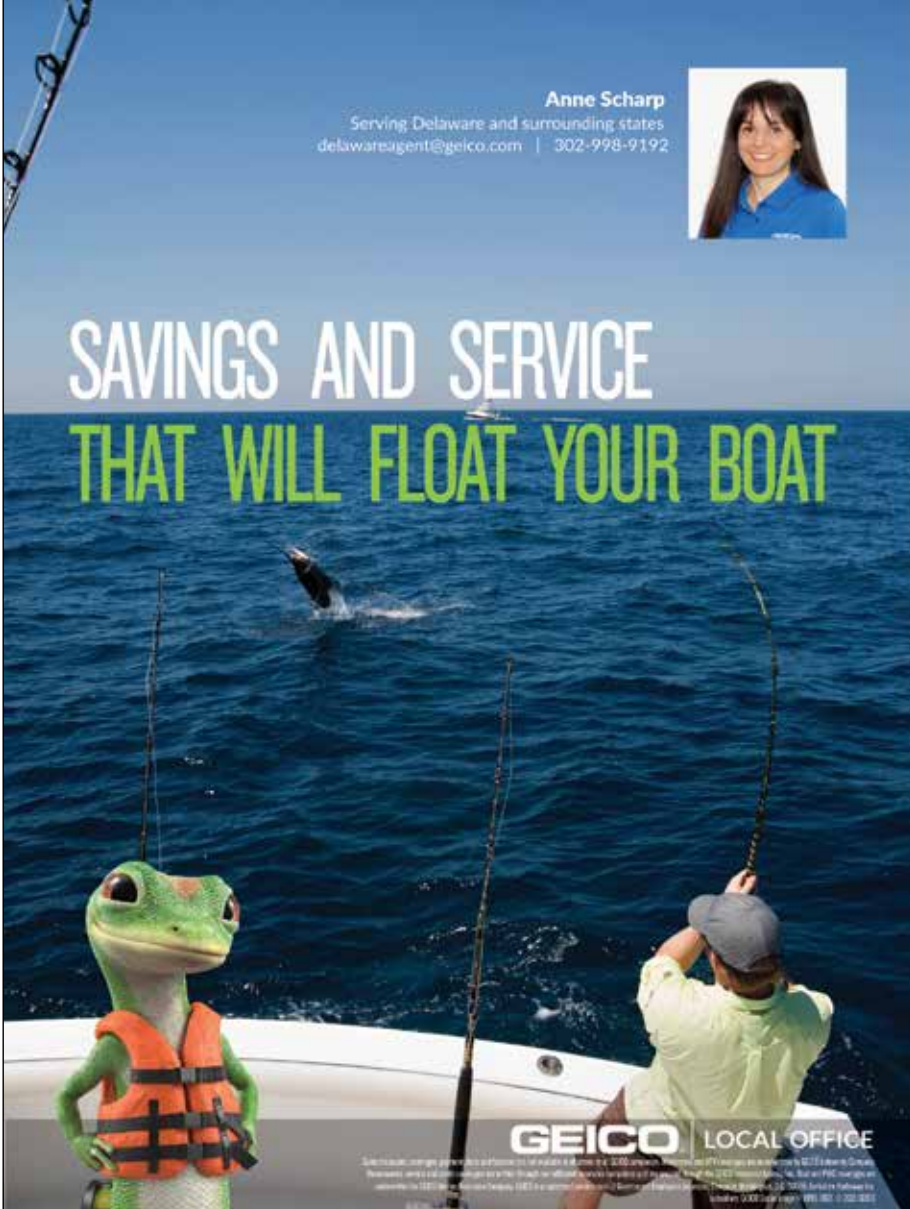
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The mahi bite has been so hot lately that you can barely get your line into the water before they hit. Capt. Mike Massey learned that first hand last week when he headed out to the Hambone with William Massey, Trey Thomas and AJ Thomas on the "Kokomo". Upon finding a light weed-line Capt. Mike set out the first line with his thumb on the spool when a dolphin hit, peeling off the line and giving him a nice burn on his thumb. Pictured by the fuel dock at Sunset Marina.

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# DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Another week of very hot weather. Temperatures in the 90's have made it hard to fish. We had very little wind this week and a very slow drift. The fish are still here just have to find an area with current to get a drift. Mahi is definitely the catch of the week. They are all over the shipping channel and coral.

### Back Bay Fish

The back bays are loaded with fish and now is the time to try for some of the lesser caught species such as redfish, sheepshead and even tarpon. Yes, I said tarpon! Tarpon have been spotted tailing along the shallows all along the Indian River Bay. These fish are very leery and quick to take an artificial bait. Larger paddle tails and swim baits imitating small croaker or mullet are a great one to try. The best bait for catching one of these monsters is a live spot. Hooked live on a circle hook with little or no weight cast in front of a tailing fish will be your best chance for a hookup. Be aware, just like near the Chesapeake Bay

Bridge Tunnel these are not small tarpon but rather large 50-75 lb. ones. Use stout rods with tons of line and a good drag. In the Indian River most of the sightings have come just outside the inlet going north and the other spot is west of Holts State Park near Vines Creek Marina. We get a few sightings of these fish every year but never the numbers they see in Virginia. With this many around this year I would advise spending a morning trolling around and looking for them. Just outside the inlet and north, cobia have been seen following the tarpon so have an eel bait ready to throw for these fine eating fish as well. Flounder in the back bays have been good but you must find moving water. The channels during a flood tide seem to be doing the best. The channel in front of the VFW is the hot spot of this week. Squid and shiner combos are the best baits. Gulp and other artificials are also working very well. Massey's Ditch has also produced some good fish just prior to the full high

tide. Along the main channel of the inlet, croaker have been caught as well as sheepshead and a few keeper flounder. The fish in these locations are holding close to the rocks and staying in the deeper water. Drifting along the rock jetty is a great way to target them. Big Gulp baits are the go to for flounder. Sand fleas and small pieces of shrimp are good for the sheepshead. A few trout and weakfish have also been caught on jigs and spec rigs. On a final note, Tom Casper caught a nice 10.2 lb. black drum at Massey's Landing... a rare catch this time of year!

### Near Shore Wrecks & Coral

Just outside the of Indian River several pods of both tarpon and cobia have been spotted. I spoke to John Burbage who stated that his sons have encountered several pods, but the fish are not as ready to bite as they were in past years. Looking at the near shore wrecks and coral, the big news this week is that dolphin are

everywhere. Mostly being seen near A Buoy and south, when encountered the pods of these fish are very big often holding 50 fish or more. I had an occasion to take Bill Riley and his grandsons out on my boat Tuesday and they were not disappointed. We caught several flounder, sea bass and sea robins. On our second drift a pod of about 30 mahi came to the boat. Using small rods with circle hooks tipped with squid, we were able to pull in several. All of these fish were released. On the next drift we had a pod of over 100 come right up to the boat and stay with us for over one hour. I believe each of the boys caught 20 or more. I kept a few for dinner; fish tacos and mahi fingers, but we threw the rest back to grow bigger. Most of these fish are about 12-15 inches in size. We were on the coral in 100 ft. water just north of A Buoy. Samantha and I went back out on Friday to try to locate the pods but were unable to find them. On our ride in we heard one of the local captains saying he was south of A Buoy and inshore of the Lightship and was covered up in dolphin. He further reported they had caught over 50 of them. Although these fish are not



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the jumbos you find off shore, they taste the same and put up the same acrobatic jumps as the bigger ones do. This year's abundance of mahi has made for quite a few very happy anglers. Small pieces of squid on a small circle hook are the best rigs for targeting these fish. Make sure to chill your fish in an ice bath to firm up the meat for filleting. The coral grounds have also been producing some nice flounder up to around 15". The biggest problem this week was a lack of wind. It made it very difficult to find a drift. The further north you go from the Old Grounds, the better the current from the Delaware Bay to help move the boat. Capt. Rick on the "Thelma Dale" has been going a bit further out and has had some great catches of sea bass and flounder doing short drifts over wrecks. Pink and white Gulp are the hot bait this week hitting

both flounder and sea bass. A few keepers can be found, however, if you are looking for sea bass dinner try the wrecks in deeper water such as Site 11 or NJ/DE Reef. On the wrecks, catches closer to a limit can be found. The other problem with the near shore waters are that sea robins are everywhere with anglers often pulling up 2 at a time. Contrary to popular belief the sea robins spines are not poisonous however they have a bacteria that will cause your skin to itch if stuck.

Capt. Jason Mumford on the "Lucky Break" took Patty and Katy Kovacs out to the Fenwick Shoals where they trolled up a bunch of nice Spanish mackerel on small Clark spoons. They finished off the trip bottom fishing for keeper flounder and triggerfish.

Until next week...

*Tight lines and fins up*



We received a lot of pictures this week from Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE including this one of young Meliah Quinn from Hockessin, DE. This is her first keeper flounder catch and a nice one at 20" and 3.2 lbs.



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## Description

The body is elongate and torpedo-shaped with a long, depressed head. The eyes are small and the snout is broad. The lower jaw projects past the upper jaw. The skin looks smooth with very small embedded scales. Easily distinguished by the first dorsal fin which is composed of 7-9 short, strong isolated spines, not connected by a membrane. Second dorsal fin is long with the anterior portion elevated. The caudal fin is round to truncated in young fishes, and lunate in adults with the upper lobe extending past the lower. The origin of the anal fin is beneath the second dorsal apex and the pectoral fin is pointed. Cobia lack an air bladder. The body is dark brown to silver, paler on the sides and grayish white to silvery below, with two narrow dark bands extending from the snout to base of caudal fin. These dark bands are bordered above and below by paler bands. Young cobia have pronounced dark lateral bands, which tend to become obscured in the adult fish. Most fins are deep brown, with gray markings on the anal and pelvic fins.

## Habitat

As a pelagic fish, cobia are found over the continental shelf as well as around offshore reefs. It prefers to reside near any structure that interrupts the open water such as pilings, buoys, platforms, anchored boats, and flotsam. The cobia is also found inshore inhabiting bays, inlets, and mangroves. Remoras are often seen swimming with cobia.

## Diet

As voracious eaters, cobia often engulf their prey whole. They are carnivores, feeding on crustaceans, cephalopods, and small fishes such as mullet, eels, jacks, snappers, pinfish, croakers, grunts, and herring. A favorite food is crabs, hence the common name of "crabeater". Cobia often cruise in packs of 3-100 fish, hunting for food during migrations in shallow water along the shoreline. They are also known to feed in a manner similar to remoras. Cobia will follow rays, turtles, and sharks, sneaking in to scavenge whatever is left behind. Little is known about the feeding habits of larvae and juvenile cobia.

## Fishery

Cobia is considered an excellent game fish and are highly prized by recreational fishers. It is a powerful fish and exciting to catch on hook and line. In the US, cobia are caught commercially in pound nets, gill nets, and seines. They are also taken incidentally by shrimp trawlers and longliners in the Gulf of Mexico. Cobia are usually caught in small quantities due to their solitary existence. It is a good food fish for human consumption and is typically marketed fresh, frozen, or smoked.

## Size

Weighing up to a record 135 pounds, cobia are more common at weights of up to 50 pounds. They reach lengths of 20-47 inches, with a maximum of 79 inches.

## Range

The cobia is distributed worldwide in tropical, subtropical and warm-temperate waters. In the western Atlantic Ocean this pelagic fish occurs from Nova Scotia (Canada), south to Argentina, including the Caribbean Sea. It is abundant in warm waters off the coast of the US from the Chesapeake Bay south and through out the Gulf of Mexico. During autumn and winter months, cobia migrate south and offshore to warmer waters. Cobia prefer water temperatures between 68°-86°F. Seeking shelter in harbors and around wrecks and reefs, the cobia is often found off south Florida and the Florida Keys. In early spring, migration occurs northward along the Atlantic coast. In the eastern Atlantic Ocean, cobia range from Morocco to South Africa and in the Indo-West Pacific from East Africa and Japan to Australia. Cobia do not occur in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

Source:  
Florida Museum of Natural History



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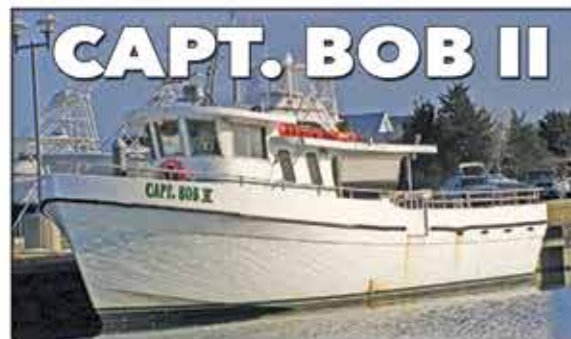
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Caroline Flick from Parkton, MD broke the 20" mark with this 21" flounder she caught in the Ocean City West Channel using Gulp and cut bait. She was with Capt. Brian Robinson of Catonsville on the cleverly named "Something Fishy" who also got 2 keepers.

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Fishing and boating with friends and family is a fun activity, catching fish and enjoying time on the water. Owning and maintaining a boat is a lot of work, time consuming and can be expensive.

Preparing for a boating and fishing trip also includes having the right insurance for you and your boat.

Unlike automobile insurance, boat insurance is optional in many jurisdictions. Even the most basic boat insurance policy is a good idea for the prudent boater. If your boat is financed, there are often strict insurance requirements.

The possible perils on the water require a much wider variety of insurance policy options than you might be familiar with such as an

automobile, homeowners or renters' insurance policies. These policies are often streamlined to work for most people in most situations.

When it comes to boats, there are many more variables that need to be considered with basic and optional coverages for most situations.

Like other types of insurance, boat insurance contains two basic sections- physical damage and liability. Physical damage covers accidental loss or damage to the boat, machinery, and some possessions. The liability or Protection and Indemnity, covers your legal obligation to third parties. Legal liability can arise from bodily injury or loss of life, damage to someone else's property and may cover a legal defense if you are sued in conjunction with the operation of your boat.

Coverage for physical damage to your boat pays for repairs to your boat as a result caused

www.coastalfisherman.net by a wide range of perils. Many insurance policies have an "all risk" clause that covers most any physical damage that is not specifically excluded. Typical causes of loss can include wind, rain, hail, wave action, fire, theft, vandalism; collisions with docks, submerged or floating objects, or even other boats. If you have a trailered boat, be sure your policy includes damage that can happen to your boat while trailering or stored on land. One caveat is that the boat owner has the responsibility to maintain their boat and normal wear and tear is often excluded from claims.

Physical damage is often capped at maximum value - either agreed value or actual cash value. It is up to you to select the type of value your policy represents. Agreed value normally pays the amount on the policy in the event of a total loss. An actual cash value policy provides less coverage than an agreed



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value policy but generally at a lower premium cost to the boat owner. An actual cash value policy provides payout up to the current market value of the vessel in the event of a total loss, considering depreciation and the condition of the boat at the time of the loss.

What if I have a boat but I'm borrowing a friend's boat for the day?

Your own boat policy may contain an option for a "non-owned" or "operating other watercraft" liability coverage which allows your own insurance to cover you for a liability while operating someone else's boat. The other boat owner's insurance would often continue to cover physical damage.

Liability options for your policy you may want or need for your boat:

### Personal Property

Personal property covers your possessions in and on the boat, like clothing, personal effects, electronics, sports and fishing equipment, there may be detailed exclusions on your policy, review to see what is covered.

### Emergency Towing & Assistance

While many boaters have a membership in a marine towing service, it's a good

idea to be sure your insurance policy also has towing and assistance in the event you have an issue outside coverage area or exceed the limits of your towing membership.

### Salvage Costs & Loss Protection

Covers the cost, up to your policy limits, if you take measures to protect your boat from further loss or damage, or if the recovery of your watercraft is considered salvage.

### Pollution/Fuel Spill Coverage

In case of pollution or fuel spill, you want to be covered with up to \$939,800 (the statutory limit of the Oil Pollution Act of 1990) for cleanup, in addition to liability limits.

### Hurricane Haul-Out Coverage

If you happen to boat in a storm-prone area, this coverage pays for some or all the expenses of hauling your watercraft out of the water and into safe storage prior to a named storm.

### Temporary Shore-Based Workers

Another policy add-on will cover you for liability under the Federal Longshore and Harbor Workers compensation act - this will cover your statutory liability for temporary shore-based

workers, such as mechanic or marina employees if they become injured aboard your boat.

### Charter Boat

If you take paying passengers aboard your boat - you will often need additional coverage for your vessel when it is used as a charter boat versus a pleasure boat. If you are a boat owner that employs paid crew members, you should ensure that your policy covers liability for the crew under the Jones Act and general maritime law. Be sure to check your coverage, you don't want to find out coverage is excluded when operating as a charter boat.

### Medical Payments Coverage

Most policy's cover medical payments for an injury that occurs in the conjunction with your boat, even just stilling at the dock and an injury occurs when boarding or disembarking your boat. Most policies have many optional coverage amounts - be sure you select a limit that matches your potential exposures based on how you use your boat - this coverage is available both in "per person" and "per accident" events.

### Location & Season

Boats often travel to a variety

of waterways and climates - Many insurance policies have geographic boundaries - outside these boundaries - your coverage may not be valid. Some policies have seasonality limitations based on specific calendar dates tied to geographic boundaries. Some policies in the mid-Atlantic and northeast expect you to haul, store and winterize your boat during the off-season - or lay-up, unless you have a specific exception. Other policies may require your boat to be geographically distant from a hurricane prone zone for a certain period of the year.

While simple on the surface, boat insurance is much more customizable than most traditional consumer insurance.

Watercraft insurance policies are as varied as the boats and owners they insure, be sure to review your insurance policy to see if it meets the needs of how and where you use your boat. Additionally, be sure you take advantage of any discounts available based on operator certification and safety accessories.

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The crew of the "Gracelyn" had an awesome day in the Baltimore Canyon last Wednesday. Brad Boyer and his sons Bradley and Jack with Jesse Myoshi of Millville, DE were trolling skirted ballyhoo to catch these two wahoo and some mahi. The larger speedster measured 66½" and weighed in at 65.4 lbs. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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### OCEAN CITY

Talbot Street Pier  
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 Wockenfuss Candy - Boardwalk 1st St.  
 Park Place Hotel - 2nd St.  
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 Bahia Marina - 22nd St.  
 Minit Market - 31st St.  
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 64th Street Market - 64th St.  
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 Wawa - 120th St.  
 Montego Bay Market - 130th St.  
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 7-Eleven - 139th St.

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Frontier Town - Country Store Rt. 611  
 Cheers - Berlin  
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 Crabs To Go - Rt. 50  
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 Food Lion - Ocean Pines

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 Fisherman's Wharf - Lewes  
 Wawa - Rehoboth (near Fresh Market)  
 Wawa - Rehoboth (Northside near Walmart)

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 G&E Hardware - Cedar Neck Rd.  
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Although the weather was wet, the crew aboard the "Fish Whistle" had a good outing on August 20th. Kevin Holleran from Richmond, VA caught his first blue marlin estimated to be 250 lbs. Two Time Tommy Hinkle caught his first white marlin of the season and John Horning finished the day with a 48 lb. wahoo! Capt. Charlie Horning was at the helm and Walt Schrade was managing the pit. We also hear rumors there may be a new "Fish Whistle" in the works!

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## STATE WATERS ONLY

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(As reported to the Coastal Fisherman - TIES GO TO FIRST FISH REPORTED. HOOK & LINE ONLY)

Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE	Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE
 <b>Bluefish</b>	June 9 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs. 3 oz.	May 8 Gavin Murray Gull Island 15.1 lbs.	 <b>Mako Shark</b>	July 1 Vince Cusimano Poor Man's 250 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Black Drum</b>	April 11 Emily Blume Assateague Island 48 lbs.	May 7 Adam Clarke Slaughter Beach 77.5 lbs.	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	June 7 Roman Brady Fingers 542 lbs.	June 17 Rory Badger Old grounds 458 lbs.
 <b>Cobia</b>	June 17 Shannon Pickens S. of OC Inlet 36 lbs.	No Weights Reported	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	July 28 John Edward Washington Canyon 257 lbs.	July 11 Fiore Celano Poor Man's 171 lbs.
 <b>Flounder</b>	July 4 Richard Rudell Old Grounds 10 lbs.	July 20 Mark Bonk Site 10 8.8 lbs.	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	May 28 James Hammond Poor Man's 150 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	May 27 Michael DePalma Jack Spot 4.05 lbs.	May 28 Denise Eddinger Del Jersey Reef 4.1 lbs.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>	July 17 Kayler Michael Baltimore Canyon 61 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	July 14 James Williams OC Inlet 13 lbs.	August 16 Tom Smith Outer Wall 13.6 lbs.	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	July 24 Shane Surrency Spencer Canyon 111 lbs.	June 26 Julia Dadisman Poor Man's 118 lbs.
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel 17 lb. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	 <b>Dolphin</b>	August 11 Mike Hendrickson Poor Man's 49 lbs.	July 15 Bill Dickinson Poor Man's 26.6 lbs.
 <b>Tautog</b>	April 27 Kurtis Berry Ocean Structure 22.7 lbs.	April 19 Johnny Justison Ocean Structure 8.9 lbs.	 <b>Wahoo</b>	July 19 Brian Jacobs Hot Dog 90 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Weakfish</b>	June 23 Doug Stewart OC Inlet 3.9 lbs.	May 27 Cole Singer Indian River Bay 8 lbs.	 <b>White Marlin</b>	August 6 Butch Wright Norfolk Canyon 85.5 lbs.	No Weights Reported

To report your catch, call the Coastal Fisherman at 410-213-2200 or email to [coastalfisherman@comcast.net](mailto:coastalfisherman@comcast.net)



Sometimes you need a muse or a talisman to change your luck. For Richard Parker it was his best friend Al Morin (pictured) from Canada who fished with Richard helping him break his 3 year losing streak to catch a keeper flounder. This 17.5" flatfish was caught in the bay by the Ocean City Airport using shiners and squid on the incoming tide.

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THUR. SEPT 2	High 04:39 am High 05:39 pm	Low 10:26 am Low -----
FRI. SEPT 3	High 05:32 am High 06:25 pm	Low 12:00 am Low 11:21 am
SAT. SEPT 4	High 06:21 am High 07:09 pm	Low 12:43 am Low 12:14 pm
SUN. SEPT 5	High 07:09 am High 07:50 pm	Low 01:20 am Low 01:03 pm
MON. SEPT 6 <i>New Moon</i>	High 07:56 am High 08:51 pm	Low 01:56 am Low 01:50 pm
TUE. SEPT 7	High 08:42 am High 09:12 pm	Low 02:31 am Low 02:36 pm
WED. SEPT 8	High 09:29 am High 09:54 pm	Low 03:08 am Low 03:23 pm

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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  
 Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide  
 - 21 minutes for low tide  
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**2021 24' St. James Custom Boatworks  
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**BILLIN TIME - 2005 32' Albemarle Express  
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**2007 33' Buddy Cannady  
Call Ronnie Fields**



**2018 25' Custom Blackfin  
Call Jimmy Fields**



**2018 27' Baja Outlaw  
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