

Fish Facts



Red Drum Sciaenops ocellatas

Key Distinguishing Markings:

- General coloration is iridescent silvery-gray overall, with a coppery cast that is usually darker on the back and upper sides.
- One (or more) black ocellar spots on the upper sides near the base of the tail.
- · Chin without barbells, inferior horizontal mouth, body is elongated and robust.
- Dorsal fin is continuous but deeply notched, with 10 spines in the anterior portion and 1 spine and 23 - 25 soft rays in the posterior position.

Size:

- Maximum adult size is nearly 5 feet. The largest recorded red drum was 59 inches and 98 lbs.
- The Maryland state record was caught in 1977 in the Tangier Sound and weighed 74 lbs. 6 oz.

Distribution:

- Historic distribution of red drum on the Atlantic coast is from the Gulf of Main to northern Mexico.
- This species has become uncommon north of New Jersey.
- · Red drum are more abundant in the Gulf of Mexico than along the Atlantic Coast.

Food Preference:

- · Juveniles feed on zooplankton and invertebrates such as small crabs and shrimp.
- Red drum expand their diet to include fish and larger invertebrates as they grow into adults.

Spawning:

- Males first spawn between ages one and two (21" in length), while females mature at ages three to four (36" in length).
- Spawning occurs at night in the summer and fall in nearshore waters. Large females can produce up to two million eggs in a single season.
- Following their first spawn, red drum spend less time in the estuaries and more time in ocean waters.

Fun Facts:

- Red drum derive their name from the croaking or drumming sound they produce by resonating their large swim bladder.
- · The oldest recorded red crum was 62 years old.
- Due to their unusual growth pattern, a 36" red drum may be anywhere from 6 to 50 years old.

Reference: http://www.dpr.state.md.us/fisheries/fishfacts/reddrum.



Dolphin action has been hot and heavy and the crew on "That's Right" got into them while trolling and bailing in the Wilmington Canyon. The anglers ended their day with 54 in the box. Fishing with Capt. John Oughton and mate Joe Bonvetti were Chris and Hank Goldberg, Mike and Micah Grasso, Tony Rims, James Grasmeder and Matt DelConte.



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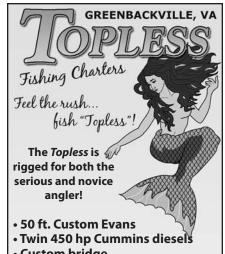


Last week, Brenda Murphy from Baltimore, MD was drifting live spot in the Thorofare, near Dog and Bitch Islands, when she hooked this 24-inch flounder.

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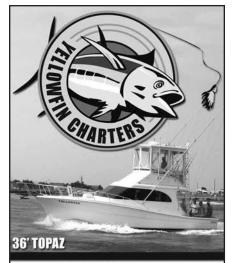


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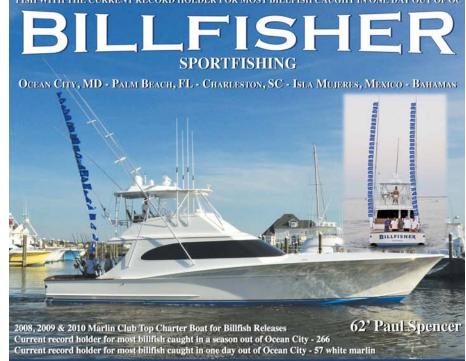


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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock

Well, this is the last issue of the year and it would be hard to argue that it wasn't a good fishing season. It started off with a good striper run off the beach. Anglers caught a lot of flounder, although the vast majority were too short to keep. Cod were more abundant this year than anyone can remember and sea bass action has really taken off over the last few weeks. Offshore, the yellowfin tuna bite was strong for a good part of the summer and anglers can't complain about the dolphin, white marlin and blue marlin bites. Overall it was a another good year!

Billfish

This past week, Mother Nature really threw a wrench into things with absolutely horrible weather over the weekend. It was really a shame, especially for offshore anglers searching for billfish. Early in the week, most offshore boats headed to the Washington and Norfolk Canyons where the white marlin bite was going strong. On Tuesday, the "D.A. Sea" returned from an overnight trip to the Norfolk with 23 white marlin releases. The "Osprey" also went overnight to the Norfolk and had 13 releases. Further north, the "Billfisher"



Bob Spetzler of Ocean Pines, MD was fishing off of the 3rd Street Bulkhead when he hooked this 28-inch, 9 lb. flounder on a live bunker during the late afternoon outgoing tide.

released 11 whites in the Washington Canyon.

Mid-week, the bite really heated up in the Washington Canyon, where the "Billfisher"

(13), "Cerveza" (13), "Wave Paver" (11), "Reel Joy" (11) and the "Reel Chaos" (10) all recorded double-digit releases.

On Thursday, the weather started getting bad, but a few boats headed to the Washington Canyon and again returned with solid release counts. "Cookie Monster" (9), "Wave Paver" (9), "Espadon" (5) and "D.A. Sea" (5) led the way.

It looked like it was going to be an incredible week for anglers looking to bring dolphin back to the dock. The fish were plentiful and larger than we have seen lately. Early in the week, anglers on "That's Right" caught 54 dolphin in the Wilmington Canyon and the "Marli" boated 22 dolphin near the Rockpile. Other dolphin were caught by boats in the Washington and Norfolk Canyons.

Tuna

Unfortunately, the yellowfin bite is still basically nonexistent, but one was caught early in the week in the Wilmington Canyon. "That's Right" also got into them up in the Lindenkohl Canyon. The "Billfisher" also caught 2 blackfin tuna in the Norfolk Canyon.

Flounder

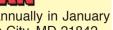
Flounder action is still hot, although the throwback ratio is still running very high. Big flatties are now being caught in the deep holes and around structure in the bay. Spetzler caught a 9 pounder on Wednesday while dropping off the 3rd Street Bulkhead. Also on Wednesday, Brenda Murphy caught a 24-incher on live spot in the Thorofare and a day earlier, Mary Stadler landed a 6.5 lb. flounder along the rocks on the north side of the Inlet.

Water temperature hovered around 70-degrees, but got as low as 65-degrees when the cold front moved through. The water was dirty for most of the week, but cleared up on Saturday morning. Live bait is still the ticket for capturing the larger flounder.

Red Drum

At this time last year, we experienced a solid red drum

Dolphin



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bite just off the beach on Assateague Island, and it looks like it may be getting ready to happen again. Capt. Mark Sampson on the "Fish Finder" called to report releasing a 51inch red drum while bottom fishing only a mile off the coast. Keep your eye on this area from just south of the Inlet down past the Assateague Bridge

Sea Bass

Anglers fishing at ocean wrecks and reefs are finding plenty of sea bass action, but like flounder, the throwback ratio is running over 10 to 1.

Capt. Monty Hawkins on the "Morning Star" had some great days last week, returning from 20-30 miles offshore with good numbers of fish and some nice size ones as well. On Saturday, Capt. Monty reported several of his anglers caught close to 200 sea bass and they were done fishing by 1:30 in the afternoon.

Croaker & Tautog

The only reports we heard about croaker and tautog came from an angler who stopped by the office to report that he was catching them off the North Jetty on Monday. He said that the croaker were big!

Since this is the last issue of the year, I want to thank those involved in bringing you the Coastal Fisherman each week. It really is a team effort. Columnists Sue Foster, Julie Ball, Rick Willman, Pat Schrawder, Mark Sampson, Marty Gary and "Mama" Jock really put in a lot of time and effort into bringing entertaining you informative columns and I appreciate all their hard work.

I would also like to thank our readers. They are very loyal and provide us with inspiring comments that keep us putting out the best fishing newspaper possible.

The Coastal Fisherman is really a team effort and without our "crew" it just simply couldn't happen. A heartfelt "thanks" to our artist, Daina Kazmaier, my parents, Maureen and Larry Jock, my wife, Mary and son, Larry III. They really pour their heart and soul into the paper every week and I am grateful for their dedication.

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We will be taking a few weeks off to recharge our batteries and get ready for the big Winter Issue that hits the streets in January. In the meantime, don't hesitate to give us a call to take your picture or you can simply email it to us at coastalfisherman@comcast.net.

I wish everyone a great fall/winter season. Let's all hope that we have a great striper run this year and that the fish will find a way inside the 3-mile line like they did 2 years ago.

Thanks for reading the Coastal Fisherman!





Last week, Mary Stadler of Harrisburg, PA was drifting a Gulp! and minnow combination along the north side of the Ocean City Inlet when she captured this 24-inch, 6 lb. 8 oz. flounder.



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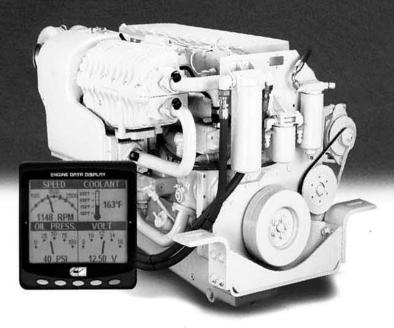
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"Hurricane" Murray Adams from Ellicott City, MD (third from right) released his first white marlin while fishing on the "Fish Bonz" in the Washington Canyon. Jim Pershing also released a white marlin and the crew ended their day with 6 dolphin in the box. Also fishing with Capt. Mark Radcliffe and mate Phil Knapp were Tom Uhlfelder, Jack Pearson, Rich Silvani and Wally Walls. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Ronald Houston, III from Washington, PA whacked this 4 lb. 14 oz. triggerfish while fishing on the "Judith M" with Capt. Todd Colabella and mate Anton Postnikov. The fish was caught at an ocean wreck on a chunk of clam. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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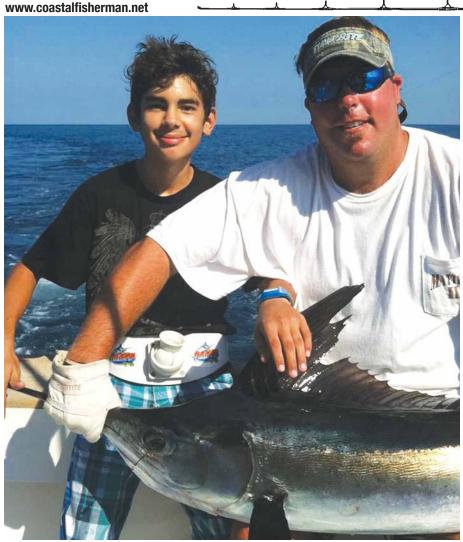
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Josue Rodriguez from Dagsboro, DE (left) caught and released his first white marlin while fishing in the Norfolk Canyon aboard the "Predator". Josue was fishing with his stepdad, Capt. Howard Lynch, Donnie Moore, Paul Daisey (pictured) and mate Josh Farr. The crew also caught a yellowfin tuna, 7 dolphin and released 2 other white marlin during the trip.



Rob Brenneman from Mifflintown, PA landed a 19.25-inch flounder and Christine Myers caught herself an 18-incher, both while fishing on the "Get Sum" with Mike Lauver, Jeff Zeiders, Abbe Delanoy, Pattie Shoemaker, Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Bill Kelly. The flounder were caught on bunker, squid and shiners in the East Channel. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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It's been an incredible year for cod fishing and Jerome Maka from Ocean City, MD put one in the box last week while fishing aboard the "Morning Star" with Vickie Swindell of Baltimore, MD, Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Rich Silvani. Vickie caught herself a 4 lb. 12 oz. sea bass on a chunk of clam at an artificial reef. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Chris Wess from Princeton, NJ landed this 63 lb. wahoo on a spinning rod during a trip on the "Lisa" with Courtney Carr of Parkton, MD, Joey Kroart of West Ocean City, MD, Capt. Stu Windsor and mate Steve Moore. The anglers, who were celebrating their 40th birthdays, and also caught a dolphin and released a mako shark and another white marlin during the trip. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



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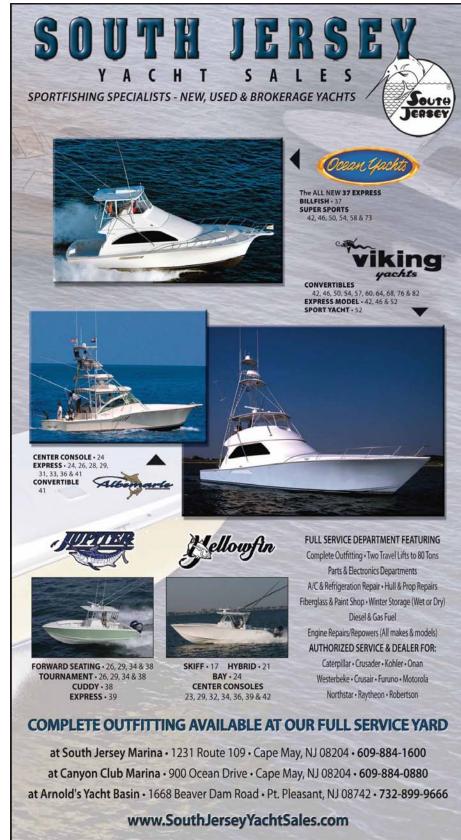
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Junior angler, RaShae Poole from Coatesville, PA caught her first keeper flounder while drifting in the West Channel. RaShae was fishing on the "Shark Bait" with her grandfather and brother.





Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster

It's the last *Coastal Fisherman* of the year. The summer seemed to just fly by! Thanks to Larry Jock for putting out the best free fishing magazine around! What to do without the *Coastal Fisherman* in the fall? Well, just be sure to save a copy with the pictures and size limits of the fish. Then go online at www.coastalfisherman.net and keep up with the daily fish reports, videos and breaking news. You can also read past issues that you might have

missed by going to the website and clicking on "Issues." Scroll down to the bottom and click on the "Volume" and "Date" of the issue and enjoy reading all over again! You can also go to the Coastal Fisherman website and click on "photos" and see all the photos for the season, or click on videos, and watch all the videos for the season (really cool), or you can click on recipes and check out all Mama Jock's good seafood recipes. There's even a very nice charterboat directory with phone numbers if you want information on a bay or ocean charterboat.

Besides Larry Jock's *Coastal Fisherman* daily report, you can go to my Fishing Report that I write every Monday or Tuesday morning at www.atbeach.com/fishrpt.html. The report will be online until around Xmas time.

So, with the *Coastal Fisherman* season coming to a close, what can I say about this past season? Being in the retail tackle business, it was quite a scary season starting out. We had a new Maryland Fishing License on the coast that made me wonder if business would ever be the same. Luckily, most anglers that came into the store bought a license. I had a few anglers decide not to buy one, and these held out more on "principle" than money. At first, the whole license

thing was a nightmare, because the State of Maryland did not have the software in place for the tackle stores and the only official agent in the area was Wal-Mart, our biggest competitor. After a few trying weeks of using the Public Website and a toll-free number that did not work as well as it was supposed to, Senator Mathias stepped in on our behalf demanded that Maryland Department of Natural Resources come up with something workable for the tackle stores in Ocean City. We got a 3-part paper license that was quick and easy to give anglers "on the spot." I would like to publicly thank Senator James Mathias Jr. again for his



Gerald Davis is absolutely ecstatic after catching this 28-inch, 12 lb. bluefish on a Gotcha plug in the Indian River Inlet. Gerald weighed the big chopper at Fenwick Tackle.

support and quick response to help us out in Ocean City!

The other obstacle for Ocean City, MD this spring was the rebuilding of the West Ocean City Boat Ramp at the Commercial Harbor. season anglers had to find other boat ramps to use causing the tackle stores in the immediate area to feel the pain of lost revenue. Part of the boat ramp was finally finished on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend and now Ocean City has a nice new boat ramp. The \$450,000 project, paid for with a combination of state and federal funding, included the removal of the existing two-lane ramp built in 1988 and replacing it with a sixlane facility complete with a supporting bulkhead, fixed piers and floating docks.

Once the fishing license problem was resolved and the boat ramp got open, the season went along smoothly. We had a great striper run in the surf this past May and lots of anglers came to the shore to try their luck.

But economics continued to play a role in our town of Ocean City. Even though the flounder size limit was one-inch shorter than last year, I noticed we had fewer anglers from Pennsylvania but we had more visitors from New Jersey and New York than I could ever remember. After talking with several people, it turned out that it was less expensive for visitors to come to Ocean City than to travel to the resort beaches of New York and New Jersey. I would say that in our trying economic times the Town of Ocean City and the Chamber of Commerce has done a wonderful job of promoting our town. There seems to always be

some convention or event happening almost every weekend. Motels and hotels have done a great job offering 3 and 4 day vacation packages encouraging vacationers to come to our town. I would personally like to thank all of them as well.

Our summer fishing season was pretty typical. We had a nice run of flounder, but not huge amounts of keepers. In the long run, this will keep us "safe" for next year. At least I hope so! We didn't have much of a croaker run in the bay. The ones that were caught were not very big. I think we took one picture of a croaker all summer! At the end of the season, we had big ones offshore in the ocean, so they were somewhere all summer, but we were not sure where. We had a scattering of stripers all summer at the South Jetty and around the pilings of the Route 50 Bridge. Enough small sea trout were caught this summer to encourage us to think that maybe this species will make a comeback.

The surf was active all summer with kingfish, spot, sharks and giant rays that destroyed a number of my bargain basement economy surf combos! (Yes, I replaced them all!)

Indian summer is moving along with more catches of snapper blues than I saw last year. I hope it lasts.

Offshore sea bass fishing was pretty good on the whole. I got out several times with Capt. Monty on the "Morning Star" and enjoyed some good fishing and interesting conversations about offshore reef structure.

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Thanks again to Larry Jock, Senator Mathias, the Town of Ocean City, the Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, the hotels and motels in Ocean City, my incredible staff of employees and of course, all our faithful readers and vacationers that come to Ocean City. Without you, I would have no tackle stores and no job!

Good fishing...

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Barbara Skelley captured this 23-inch flounder on a live mullet while drifting in the bay around 12th Street in Ocean City. The fish weighed 5 lbs. 4 oz. on the scale at Ake Marine.





Curt Snyder took advantage of his first offshore fishing trip, landing several dolphin while fishing on the "Partner-Ship" with Troy Purnell, Susan Cropper, Tommy Fowler, Capt. Mark Cropper and mate Spencer Cropper. The fish were all caught around the Rockpile.





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The Galley

by Mama Jock



Seafood Piccata

- 1 (16 oz.) package medium shell pasta
- 6 TBSP. olive oil
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 3/4 cup green onions, minced
- 2 TBSP. garlic, minced
- 1 pound medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 lb. bay scallops, or any firm, white fish cubed
- 1 lb. crabmeat













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2 cups dry white wine 6 TBSP. fresh lemon juice 1/2 cup butter

1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped

Cook pasta shells according to package directions.

Heat oil in a large pot.

Saute mushrooms, onions and garlic until tender.

Stir in the shrimp, scallops and crabmeat; cook 5 minutes or until shrimp is pink.

Add the wine, lemon juice and butter; cook until heated through.

Toss pasta with seafood mixture and top with parsley.

Serves 8.

Mediterranean Shrimp Skillet

8 oz. uncooked angel hair pasta

11/2 lbs. uncooked, medium shrimp, peeled and deveined

11/2 tsp. olive oil

3 garlic cloves, minced

1/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. pepper

1 1/2 cups chicken broth, divided

2 TBSP. lemon juice

1/2 tsp. dried basil

2 tsp. cornstarch

4 cups chopped fresh

spinach

1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions.

In a large skillet, sauté shrimp in the oil until the shrimp turn pink.

Add the garlic, salt and pepper; cook 1 minute longer.

Remove and set aside.

In the same skillet, heat 1 cup of broth, lemon juice and dried basil.

In a small bowl, combine cornstarch and remaining broth until smooth and stir into the

Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened.

Stir in spinach and shrimp; cook until the spinach is wilted.

Drain pasta; serve with shrimp mixture.

> Sprinkle with the feta. Serves 4.

Grilled Wahoo with **Tomato Sauce**

4 wahoo fillets

2 TBSP. canola oil

Salt and pepper, to taste

2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for finishing dish

2 cloves garlic, minced

4 anchovies in oil, patted dry and chopped

1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved

1 TBSP. pitted kalamata olives

1 lemon, zested and juiced

2 tsp. finely chopped fresh oregano leaves

1/4 cup chopped parsley

Heat grill to high.

Brush both sides of fillets with the canola oil; season with salt and pepper.

Grill until slightly charred and almost cooked through, 3 to 4 minutes per side.

Heat the olive oil in a large sauté pan over medium heat.

Place garlic, anchovies and tomatoes in pan and cook 4 minutes.

Add capers, olives, lemon juice, oregano and parsley; cook 30 seconds.

Transfer fish to the sauce; cook 1 minute.

Serves 4.

Flounder Fish Cakes

1 cup mayonnaise

3 TBSP. scallions, sliced

2 TBSP. parsley, minced

1 tsp. lemon juice

1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

1 tsp. hot red pepper

3 cups crushed saltines

3 flounder fillets, chopped

1 TBSP. canola oil

Corn Sauce:

2 TBSP. butter

1 cup fresh or frozen corn

1/2 cup chicken broth

1 TBSP. honey

1 TBSP. heavy cream Salt and pepper, to taste

For fish cakes, combine the first 6 ingredients in a bowl.

Fold in crushed saltines and flounder.

Shape into 1-inch thick

Heat oil in a large skillet.

Add fish cakes and cook until golden brown.

Keep warm.

For sauce, melt butter in a skillet; sauté corn until tender.

Add chicken broth and honey.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes.

Cool slightly.

Transfer to a food processor. Add cream, salt and pepper

Serve fish cakes with corn sauce.

and process until creamy.

Serves 6.

Tomato Walnut Flounder

4 flounder fillets

1/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. pepper

1 TBSP. butter

1 medium tomato, thinly sliced

Topping:

1/2 cup Panko bread crumbs

1/4 cup chopped walnuts

2 TBSP. lemon juice 11/2 tsp. butter, melted

Sprinkle fillets with salt and pepper.

In a large ovenproof skillet coated with cooking spray, cook fillets in butter over mediumhigh heat for 2-3 minutes on each side or until lightly browned.

Place tomato slices over fish. Combine the topping ingredients; spoon over tomato.

Broil 3-4 inches from the heat for 2-3 minutes or until topping is lightly browned and fish flakes easily with a fork.

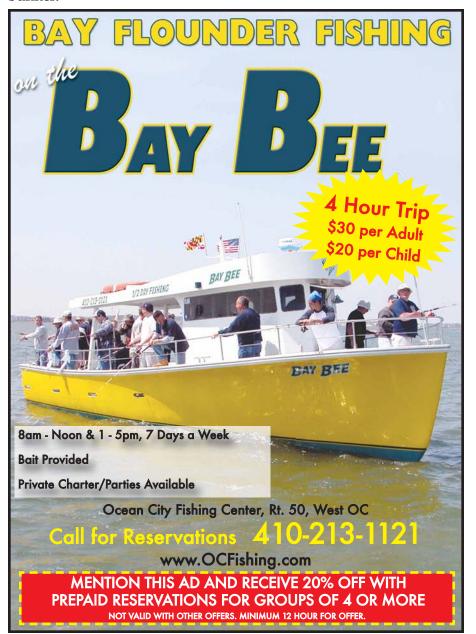
Serves 4.

Thank you to all of our readers and those who sent in recipes. I hope you had a chance to prepare some of the recipes and you and your family enjoyed them. See you next season!

Mama Jock



Josh Gorton from Albany, NY took his first flounder fishing trip and caught his limit while drifting in the bay near Harbour Island. The flatties, measuring between 18 and 20-inches, were caught on a homemade rig tipped with a Gulp! artificial bait and a live peanut bunker.





Kristen Omohundro from Sykesville, MD is all smiles after catching and releasing her first sandbar shark while fishing off Assateague Island with C.J. Floyd.



Junior anglers, Robert Melocik and Wyatt Melocik each released a white marlin and their dad, Jack Melocik released a spearfish, all while fishing in the Norfolk Canyon on the "Fighting Chance" with Capt. Jimbo Farlow and mate Will Wangel. The crew released a total of 5 billfish during the trip.

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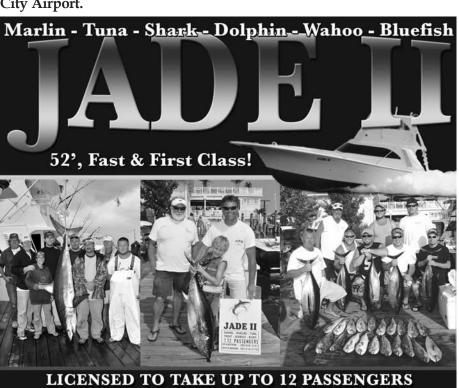


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After catching numerous throwback flounder, Andrew Jobes from Havre de Grace, MD finally put a keeper in the box while fishing on the "Tortuga" with Thomas Gorham, Capt. Drew Zerbe and mate Serge Garder. The fish was caught on a live spot behind the Ocean City Airport.



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Jason Augue released his first white marlin while fishing on the "Sea Ya" with Gene Buerle, Kenny Lohin, Capt. Denny Lorah and mate Jeff Blatt. The 78-inch white marlin was hooked in 40 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canvon.



While fishing on the "Surfinatic" Tom, Kathy, Brock and Pierce Shearin caught 10 dolphin (8 pictured) while chunking with butterfish at the Chicken Bone. The largest mahi weighed 10 lbs.



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Stacey Abbott from Salisbury, MD and Jessica Bently from Essex, MD each released their first white marlin while fishing in 500 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. The lady anglers were fishing on the "Legasea" with Capt. John Pasquariello and mate John Rogers. The crew went 4 for 8 on white marlin during the trip.



Rod Thomas from Chambersburg, PA and Tim O'Brien from Lancaster, PA each caught a keeper flounder and Tyler Yerkov from Philadelphia, PA boated a bar jack, all while fishing on the "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mate Serge Garder.





Fred Clohecy from Palmerton, PA, Will and Cody Bratten from Whaleyville, MD, Jason Ketner from Newark, MD, Travis Boone from Baltimore, MD and Norm Segner from Pottstown, PA ended their day with 48 dolphin in the box after fishing on "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mate Joe Bonvetti. The fish were caught in 30 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon.





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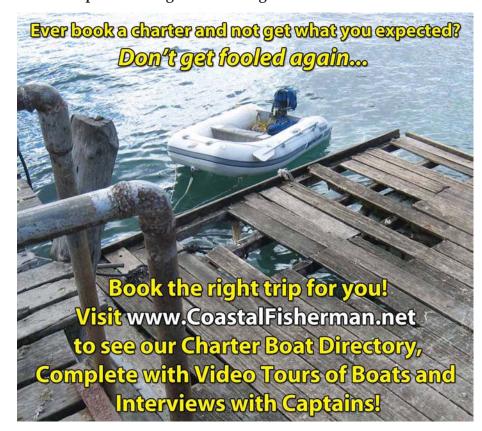
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Cog Coughlin of Ocean City, MD was fishing from the Rt. 50 Bridge when he hooked this 23-inch flounder on a bucktail tipped with a strip bait during the incoming tide.





Josh Dabbs from Millsboro, DE used a strip of squid to fool this 6 lb. 4 oz. flounder while fishing in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

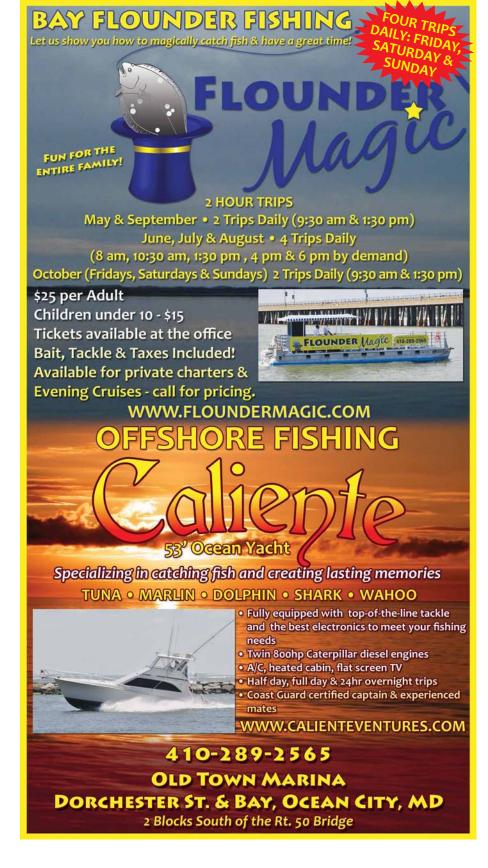
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Darlene Stevens from Ocean Pines, MD captured this 40 lb. wahoo during a trip to the Sausages aboard the "Sea Biscuit". Darlene was fishing with Capt. David Stevens and mate Doug Stevens.





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Sea Bass	May 25, 2011 Ricky Herbert "Morning Star" 6 lbs. 4 oz.	May 27, 2011 Hobby Isaacs Reef Site 11 5 lbs. 10 oz.	Mako Shark	June 22, 2011 Robert Powell "Fish Finder" 640 lbs.	June 8, 2011 Chris Bowden "Misdemeanor" 231 lbs.
Tautog	March 30, 2011 Scott Allison Ocean Wreck 19 lbs. 8 oz.	July 2, 2011 William Bonniwell Wreck 11 lbs. 11 oz.	Thresher Shark	May 29, 2011 Charlie Lutes Fingers 470 lbs.	May 31, 2011 Alex Capozio "DB" Buoy 487 lbs.
Striped Bass	April 20, 2011 Robert Remo Rt. 50 Bridge 36 lbs.	May 18, 2011 Bill Winkler Indian River Inlet 45 lbs. 2 oz.	Bluefin Tuna	July 17, 2011 J.L. Cropper Hot Dog 128 lbs.	July 23, 2011 Chip Roman Poor Man's Canyon 108 lbs.
Weakfish	June 1, 2011 Paul Gillespie East Channel 4 lbs. 6 oz.	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna	June 10, 2011 Joe Cox Baltimore Canyon 103 lbs.	August 19, 2011 Darren Evans Baltimore Canyon 96.5 lbs.
Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	September 12, 2011 Georgia Touloumes The Ditch 1 lb. 12 oz.	Longfin Tuna	August 21, 2011 Al Rittmeyer Baltimore Canyon 35 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Flounder	August 2, 2011 Trace Shaffer West Channel 9 lbs. 3 oz.	July 22, 2011 Randy Colona Indian River Inlet 12 lbs.	Bigeye Tuna	July 6, 2011 Crew "Marli" 280 lbs.	August 17, 2011 Ryan Cene Baltimore Canyon 182.5 lbs.
Bluefish	May 21, 2011 Alexa Lamplugh Fingers 14.8 lbs.	August 21, 2011 Duncan Rine Indian River Inlet 12 lbs. 6 oz.	Dolphin	July 30, 2011 Noah Citron Washington Canyon 65 lbs.	July 7, 2011 Kelly Horning Baltimore Canyon 42.6 lbs.
Sheepshead	June 18, 2011 Michael Guigley South Jetty 13 lbs.	July 2, 2011 Kyu Sok Yi Ice Breakers 12 lbs. 9 oz.	Wahoo	September 3, 2011 Mike Cusimano Washington Canyon 89 lbs.	September 2, 2011 Mark Smith Hot Dog 80 lbs.
Cobia	July 10, 2011 Gail Pulvere "Lisa's Way" 35 lbs.	August 18, 2011 Timmy Barnette Delaware Lightship 68.2 lbs.	White Marlin	Most Release August 13, 2011 "Billfisher" Washington Canyon 20 releases	July 5, 2011 "Outlet" Baltimore Canyon 5 releases

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striper on the beach at 3 R's Road. He caught it on a 3-inch Berkley shad and also landed several bluefish up to 17-inches.

Ioe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said that bottom fishermen have had to deal with their share of adversity over the past couple weeks. Dirty water and debris from rain runoff, ground swells from offshore storms and strong currents surrounding the full moon all caused problems. However, on days with decent conditions, anglers still picked at flounder on the Old Grounds. There haven't been many flatties, but it seems that most caught were keepers. Some were real quality specimens, like the impressive 11.39-pound doormat landed by Gary Ebling, south of "DB" Buoy on Saturday. There may still be a considerable number of fluke

There has been some pretty good sea bass action between "DB" and "DA" Buoys, and that should hold up until the season closure from October 12th to 31st. After that, bassers will start checking out wrecks and reefs in deeper water as fish stage during their movement offshore.

around, but it's probable that

they're on the move and recent

weather events have kept them

from grouping up in certain

areas like they normally do at

Croakers were hard to come by this past week, but snapper blues have been plentiful. Snappers were also abundant in the surf, and casters at Cape Henlopen caught blues using fresh mullet. Small blues were taken around the Outer Wall and on Delaware Bay reef sites as well. Bay reefs also gave up a few flounder, kingfish, blowfish triggerfish. One encouraging sign is increased number of weakfish. Several anglers reported catching spike trout in the Bay, and maybe they're on the verge of a comeback. Spot continue to be decked from the

Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman

Hi folks. It's the final issue of the Coastal Fisherman for 2011 and I hope you have enjoyed reading the Delaware Fishing Report and found it informative. Even though the paper is finished for the season, fishing certainly is not. There are still plenty of doormat flounder, big sea bass, bluefish and incoming stripers looking for a plate to be served on. If you are a catch-andrelease kind of angler, these fish will be happy to see the topside of your boat for a few seconds.

Don't forget to get involved in one or all of the local striper tournaments going on this fall. The Rick's Bait and Tackle/Sea Side Gas and Grill Tournament and the Bill's Sport Shop Tournament will fill your fall with plenty of excitement.





Pete Russo wrestled in this 18.7 lb. dolphin during a trip to the Hot Dog with Capt. Chris Thurman and mate Evan Falgowski on the "Skipjack". Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

Fishing lately has been hit or miss. Dirty water and bad weather have been the main culprits. In the back bays, fishermen have found flounder, croaker and bluefish biting in areas where the water is a bit cleaner. A few stripers are being caught in the Indian River Inlet and short linesiders are being found in Massey's Ditch. The north end of Massey's has produced some nice flounder lately.

Denny Stetz and Jim Pyle fished Massey's Ditch and caught 4 flounder to over 7 pounds. Denny hooked a 7-pound 2 oz flattie using Gulp! artificial bait to earn his citation. Tiny and Kathy Heimbach of Bechtelsville, PA fished Massey's, where Kathy scored a really nice 15-inch croaker and an 18 1/2-inch flounder while using salted clam for bait. For the folks fishing Massey's who are looking for black puppy drum, I will remind you the regulations are 3 fish at 16 inches in the Delaware Bay. The waters in the back bays have no size and no creel limits

for the black puppy drum. If you find yourself in the middle of one of those unbelievable days when you can't keep them off the hook, use common sense and only keep a sensible amount. Everyone wants to fish another day.

Inshore fishing has been kind of slow due to weather conditions. On the days you can fish, there are sea bass, flounder and croaker being captured between "DB" Buoy and "DA" Buoy as well as the Old Grounds. Sites #10 and #11 are also producing fish.

Capt. Bill Baker at Bill's Sport Shop said that Arthur Lodge of Lewes, DE caught a citation sea bass at Site #11 weighing in at 3.81 pounds and measuring 21 1/4-inches on Gulp! and squid combination. Skip Mosiej, Luther Marks and John Janewsio on the "This Is It" went to the Old Grounds and came away with 5 keeper flounder up to 9.25 pounds and 28-inches. They also caught 9 knothead sea bass on squid and minnows. Mike Perry of Dover, DE, called to



Capt. Monty Hawkins had the "Morning Star" over 20 miles off the beach when Dae Kim hooked into this 41.5-inch red drum. Dae hooked the redfish on a green Sting Silver lure.

Cape Henlopen Pier by folks using bloodworms and FishBites.

Tautog season reopens September 29th, and anglers expect to find tog and some lingering triggerfish and sheepshead around the rocks of the Inner and Outer Walls and Ice Breakers.

Keeper stripers were pulled from the Lewes Canal. A couple of fishermen used eels to capture two 30-inch rockfish near the Drawbridge. They released 15 other bass as well, and had a bonus keeper trout they caught near the boat ramp on the Broadkill River, just before they hauled out for the day.

Getting back to fall fishing, there really is a lot of good fishing yet to come. The Indian River Inlet is always a hot spot for targeting stripers and is also a spot where big flounder stack up before heading to the depths of the ocean. When the

water temp starts to make a fast drop, the fishing activity will surely increase. Big stripers, big flounder and big bluefish are all getting ready for a big move. These fish will be ready to eat and you just need to be the one serving them a platter. Live eels, live spot and black salties all work well to entice stripers along with trolling along the coastline.

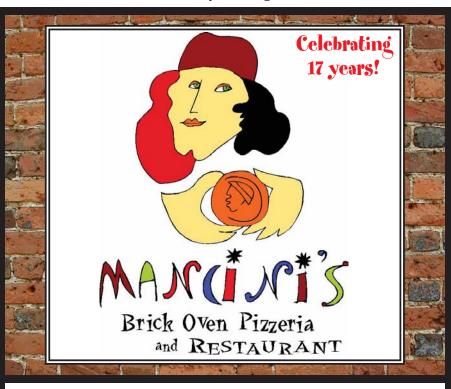
No matter how you fish this fall just be sure to have fun, be safe and only keep what you need. I hope everyone has a great fall and winter with very happy holidays, and be sure to check back with the *Coastal Fisherman* in January for their big Winter Issue.

See you next year!

Rick and his wife Deb are owners of Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



On Saturday, Melanie Buller of Boothwyn, PA braved some rough seas and took advantage of a great sea bass bite while fishing at an ocean wreck on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Tucker Colquhoun. Melanie caught over 120 fish with her largest keeper tipping the scales at an even 4 lbs. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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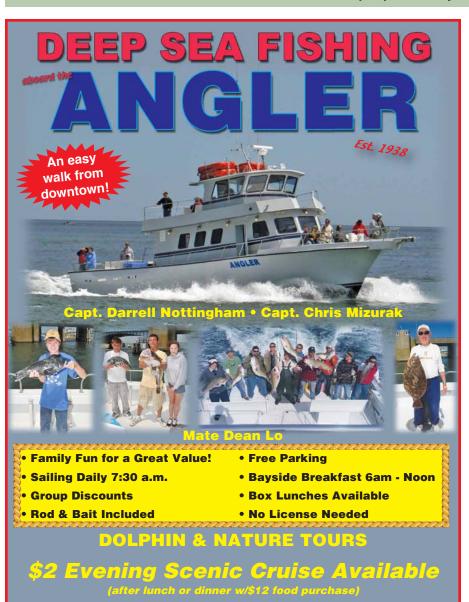
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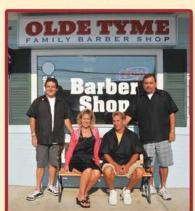
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Judy Manning of Perry Hall, MD caught a 19-inch flounder on a shiner and squid combination while fishing on the "Tortuga" with her son, Ryan, Capt. Drew Zerbe and mate Serge Garder. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Deb Zane from York, PA used a live minnow to fool this 21.5-inch flounder while fishing in the East Channel.



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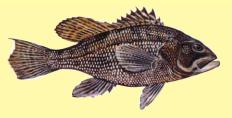
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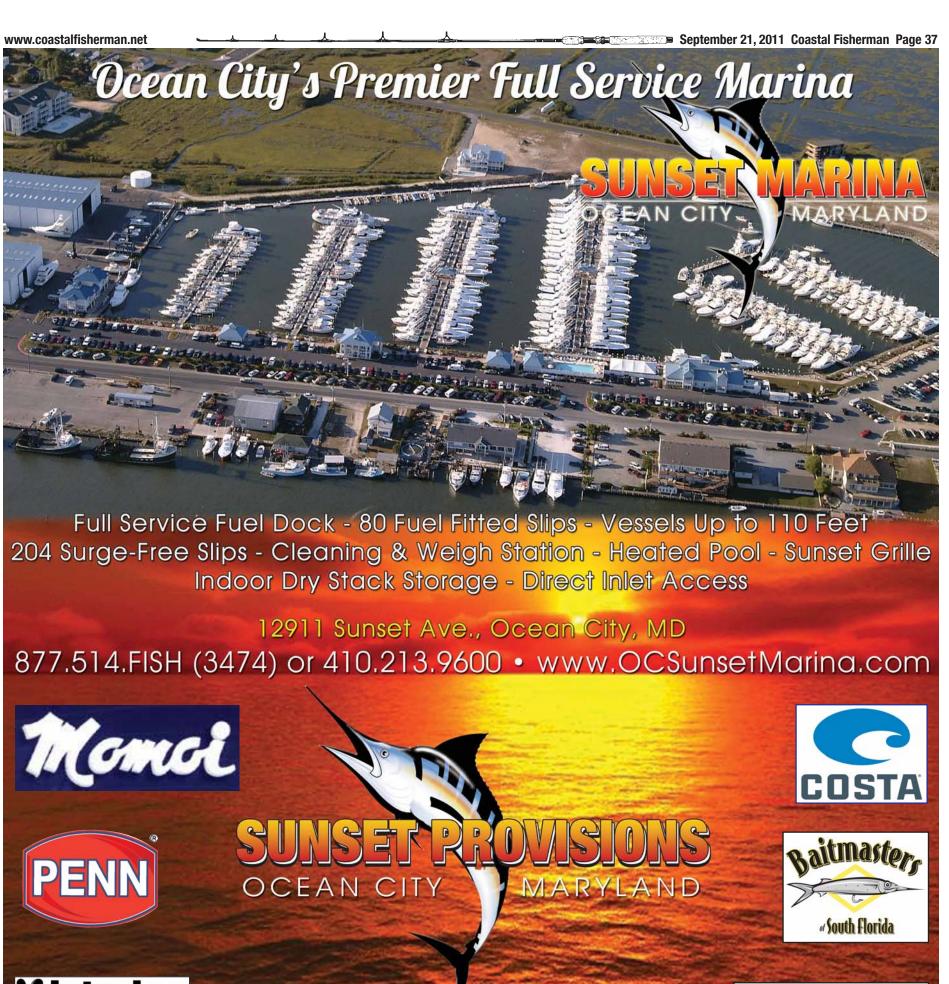
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PREPARING FOR THE OFF **SEASON - WHAT TO** WATCH FOR OVER THE **WINTER**

As many of you are going to be putting your boats in storage over the winter, there are a few procedures you should follow with respect to your electronics to keep them in good shape for next year. I have provided a checklist below:

- 1. Remove all items that are not flush mounted and store in dry location. This is important even if your boat is shrink-wrapped temperature variations will cause moisture to develop and be trapped.
- 2. Spray plugs and fittings that are left on board. Mark them so you know what

electronics they belong to.

- 3. Remove batteries, if possible, and store on a nonconductive surface. Cardboard or wood is best.
- 4. If you haven't already done so, make a list of all items with their serial numbers in case of theft.
- 5. Place a bath towel or similar material over the face of anything that has to be left on board. It will help absorb any moisture and keep direct sunlight off the equipment.

Now I'm going to switch subjects as there is an issue brewing that I want to make you aware of.

The FCC is in the process of a firm licensing called LightSquared to provide the nation's first wholesale-only integrated 4G-LTE wireless satellite broadband and

network. This means wireless internet access to the entire United States, provided by LightSquared to existing and new service providers through their own equipment and services. In other words, LightSquared, together with its investors and partners, will purchase bandwidth from the FCC, install the satellites to deliver the broadband service and sell it to other providers like Comcast, Verizon, Sprint, etc. who will sell it to their end users. This is a wonderful goal. Imagine you could use your computer, cell phone or Blackberry anywhere you go in the US. However, there is concern that the existence of these satellites will interfere with GPS signals, so I have been doing some research and would like to give you some background on the issue.

Wireless communications, whether voice, digital or video, are transmitted through the air the radio-frequency spectrum. The frequencies assigned to various entities are controlled by the Federal Communications Commission. The FCC auctions them off. It is a complex system of "dividing" the radio waves into various "bands" and deciding who gets what and for what purpose. As we have become more addicted to all of new devices, 011r availability bandwidth



Jeff Morrissey from Albany, NY decked his first keeper flounder, measuring 19-inches, while fishing off the dock in Ocean City.

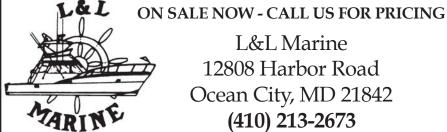
pretty crowded. According to one official from AT & T, the typical household will use more internet time in 2011 than the whole country used in 2008. There is an estimated 8 hours worth of YouTube video being uploaded every minute. Hi-definition video transmissions place 7-10 times more demand on the





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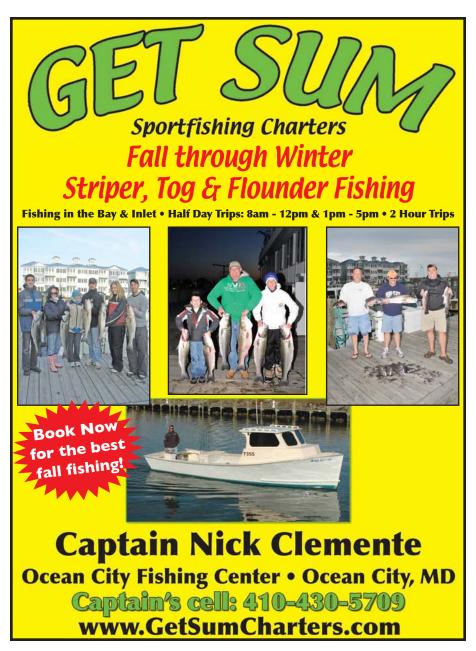
system than regular video and video alone accounts for almost 80% of all traffic. There are some estimates that we may face a spectrum shortage by 2014.

Only certain frequencies on the spectrum are available to use with reliable signal quality. Steps have been taken in the past to address the problem of overcrowding by the use of more efficient digital encoding and new frequencies are being opened. 4G (LTE) is the next generation solution. So it was with a certain degree of concern when the technopublic learned of the pending approval of the FCC for LightSquared to be assigned a large degree of bandwidth in the new 4G (LTE) range since it neighboring to the frequencies used for GPS. It is known that the **GPS** frequencies are weak and subject to interference. In spite of that, GPS is being used for so much today that it is unthinkable to imagine the chaos that would develop if

these two endeavors interfered with each other. Of course boating would be impacted but also the airline industry, search and rescue, first responders, medical fields and the list goes on.

Currently, the FCC and LightSquared, as well as members of Congress, are negotiating and working to make certain that no such interference will occur. I have no doubt that they will come to a solution but it bears careful monitoring. I am concerned that virtually every Internet Service Provider will come to depend on this one company to provide their broadband resources. With no competition, that LightSquared in a pretty strong position. Additionally, terrorism strike at LightSquared satellites could bring the country to a halt.

Pat and her husband, Larry are owners of L&L Marine Electronics on Golf Course Road in West Ocean City, MD.





having a good-old time. If it

is as it should be and they're

Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



After running two half-day charters, it had been a long and very busy day. That evening, as my mate and I cleaned up and worked on getting everything squared away for tomorrow's trips, all I could think of was finishing up, getting a little dinner in me and then some sleep so that I could be ready to do it all over again in the morning. But when I checked the boat's head I realized that the chances of actually getting to bed at a reasonable hour that night were now in the range of "slim-to-none." The pump for the toilet, which I had been nursing along for the last week, had taken a dump (please excuse the pun) and knowing that it would not miraculously fix itself overnight, I knew the only thing I could do was grab some tools and get to work.

I certainly don't have to go into details to help anyone understand why the task that evening was not exactly "enjoyable" work. It was just something that had to be done if we were to run our charters the next day, otherwise I had two alternatives; either cancel my trips, which wouldn't exactly make my clients happy and would be a financial disaster, or I could just let everyone use a 5gallon bucket, which I don't think would go over too well with the folks who would be fishing with us the next day. As I hung over the back of the toilet struggled with plumbing in the close-quarters of the tiny bathroom I remember commenting to my mate something about "so much for the glamorous job of a charter boat captain!"

While an emergency repair of the head might be on the extreme end of the "yucky" type of tasks those of us in the charter business sometimes ourselves engaged in, it's only one example of the behind-thescenes work that our clients seldom get to see us doing and for which most people probably never even realize are a necessary part of our job. While fishing a couple weeks ago, a 9year old told me that when he grew up he also wanted to be a 'shark fishing captain" which prompted his father to speak-up and say, "Yea, what a great job, out here on the water fishing every day, no traffic, hassles, no stress!"

Even though they usually "don't know the half of it," I like to hear our clients talk that way because it tells me that, at least in their eyes, everything aboard

looked to them that we were struggling to make things work, it might give them the impression all was not going smoothly or we weren't prepared for the day. I do, however, take opportunities to relay analogy I hope will put into perspective for them what being in the charter business is all about. I tell them that from the time they step on the boat in the morning until they get off at the end of the day, is for us, "the fun part of the job" and the payoff for all the time spent getting and keeping the boat, the equipment and ourselves ready for our trips. I tell them, "Running a charter fishing trip is like a farmer harvesting his crop. After spending a day cutting a field of corn he might end up with a pocket full of money, but it would be naive to think that all that money was the result of just one day of work. Charter fishing is the same way. We spend most of the year working on our boats and equipment, promoting business, booking trips, paying our bills and all the other stuff that goes along with it so that when the fishing season rolls along we can hopefully "harvest our crop" by running our trips and making the income we need to get us through until the next fishing season." That's the behind-thescenes stuff our clients seldom

It's also an aspect of the business that some greenhorn captains don't realize exists until after they've invested a bunch of time and money to get themselves set-up with a boat, a website, a corporation, a slip at a marina, an ad in the local fishing paper and a box of brochures, only to find out that they tremendously underestimated the amount of time, effort and

money they would need to spend keeping their new business running.

A long time ago I had a friend who loved shark fishing, but after a few years of trying he had never caught a mako. He eventually got his captain's license and went into the charter business. On one of his first charters, a make swam up to the boat and took a bait which prompted my friend to quickly grab the rod, set the hook and announce to everyone aboard that the "trip was off" because "he" would be catching this fish! Unfortunately for him, on the first run the shark threw the hook and was gone, and so were friend's chances collecting a paycheck that day. New captains quickly find out that running charters is nothing like the days when they take a bunch of friends or family out. And while most captains get into the business because they love to fish, they had better be prepared to possibly go through an entire season without cranking in a single one themselves - customers don't pay for the captain to catch fish. There are a lot of

misconceptions about charter fishing, none the least of which is why someone might book a boat in the first place. Ask someone why they charter a fishing boat and the quick answer you'll usually get is that they "want to go out and catch some fish." But after almost three decades of being in the charter fishing business I've come to know that's not the complete answer. Everyone wants to catch fish, but they also want to have a safe and enjoyable time doing it. The captain might be a great fisherman but if he or his crew members are total jerks, or if the boat is in disrepair, or even if, just by chance, the toilet is broken requiring folks to sit on a





bucket, then enough of the funfactor can be tapped from the day that no amount of fish caught can possibly leave people happy that they paid their money to step aboard that morning.

This blows the delusion held by many that someone who is a fisherman should naturally be a successful charter captain. Just because someone is good at catching fish is no indication as to whether or not they can effectively handle the diverse array of other duties that keep the boat running, the business profitable and the customers coming back each year. Successfully catching fish is one thing; successfully running a charter fishing "business" is a whole different animal.

There will be a lot of cold and fishless months between now and the next fishing season. In that time, numerous fishermen make the decision to pursue a career as a charter boat captain just as many anglers will make the decision to book a boat for a fun day or two of fishing next summer. Hopefully both

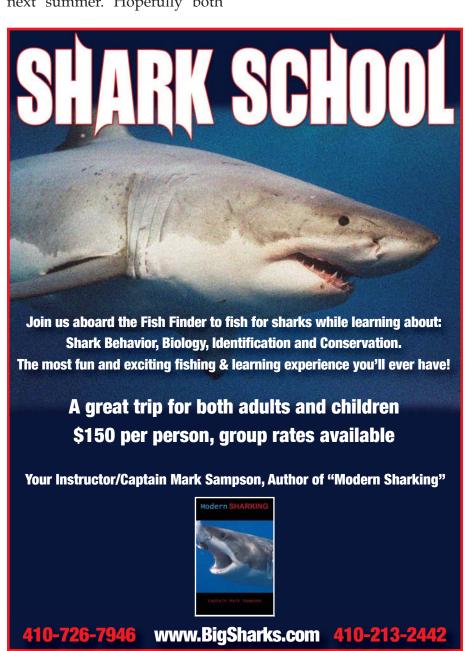
camps will be both "prepared for" and "appreciate" the fun and the not-so-fun parts of charter boat fishing.

By the way, I'd like to invite anyone who thinks they have what it takes to become a Coast Guard licensed captain to enroll in a captain's course I'll be teaching for the 3B's Captain's School (captainsschool.com) in Ocean City for three weekends starting November 4th. The course covers topics such as safety, navigation, rules of the road, boat handling and a bunch of other good stuff to know if you wish to be a competent mariner and have a shot at passing the Coast Guard exam for getting a captain's license. Mixed in with the course, I always find time to throw in a few discussions about running a successful charter business. But if anyone wants to hear about fixing a head - it'll cost them extra!

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



George Sensenig from New Providence, PA muscled in this 18-inch flounder after hooking it on a squid and minnow combination in the bay behind Ocean City. George was fishing on the "Flounder Magic" with Capt. Alan Bowmaster and mate Sonny Layton. Pictured at Old Town Marina.





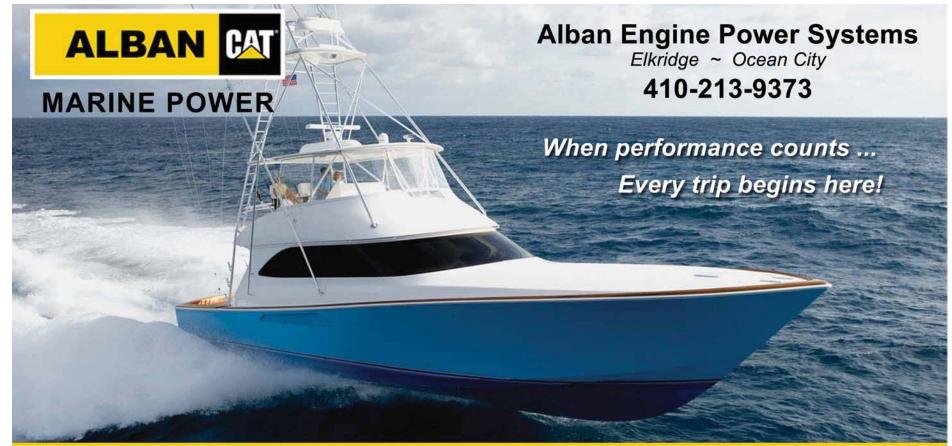
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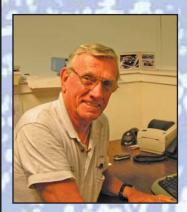




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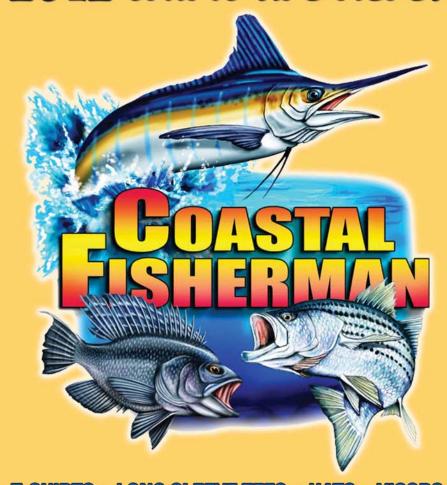
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Amanda Fucci of Dobbs Ferry, NY was fishing on the "Tortuga" when she landed this 18-inch, 2 lb. 4 oz. flounder on a shiner and minnow combination. Pictured at Bahia Marina.





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Keigh Taylor caught this dolphin while fishing at the 2nd Sausage aboard the "Reel Smoker".

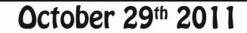


Scott Swarther was fishing in the Baltimore Canyon with Ron Peacock and released 2 white marlin and caught a couple of dolphin while fishing on the "Reelentless". Photo courtesy of Rattle & Reel Sporting Center.





Mel Hofecker from Johnstown, PA caught this 19-inch flounder on a live minnow near the Commercial Harbor while fishing on the "Reel Addiction" with Mike Orchulli of Nazareth, PA. Pictured at Ake Marine.



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Virginia Fishing Report

Dr. Julie Ball I.G.F.A Representative



Anglers experienced fantastic saltwater fishing on all fronts, but the weekends cold front forced anglers to take a breather. The northerly winds will likely change up a few trends, encouraging more fall fishing patterns to develop.

Cobia are the biggest attraction right now, providing excellent opportunities for sight casters. Big fish are lingering around bridge pilings, lower Bay buoys, and lurking among the hundreds of bait pods from the mouth of the Bay out to the Light Tower. Huge schools of cobia are also cruising along the surface as they group to exit the area. Live eels, croaker, spot or bunker make great live bait right now. Many of these fish are exceeding 50-pounds lately.

Flounder action was steady last week in the lower Bay. Flatfish continue to gather at the mouth of the Bay in preparation for migrating to deeper water. Folks drifting near the 1st and 2nd Islands of the CBBT and near the Small Boat Channel

are faring well with nice fish averaging to around 5pounds. The entire length of the Thimble Shoal and Baltimore Channels are also good places to try. A few keepers, with some fish pushing to over 6-pounds, are also coming from drifting off Kiptopeke. Boats working the Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets are finding scattered catches of decent sized keepers. Offshore and inshore wreck flounder action is heating up, with good sized fish taking fresh strip bait. Expect sea bass as a by-catch, along with triggerfish on these wrecks.



Red drum continue to delight anglers on the lower Bay shoals, mainly north of the 4th Island. Surf and pier casters are especially interested in the prospect, with the drum bite in the surf along Fisherman's island on the rise. With that said, look for drum to show in the surf off Sandbridge and near the Little Island Fishing Pier soon.



Escalating speckled trout catches are beginning to draw a crowd. Good numbers of fish are coming from most of the usual haunts such as Hungar's Creek, the Poguoson Flats and Mobjack Bay. According to the folks at Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle, Lynnhaven, Rudee and Little Creek Inlets, along with the Elizabeth River are giving up good numbers of specks, with some reaching to 5-pounds. Look for this trend to continue to heat up over the next month. Some nice sized puppy drum are also competing for the same baits.

Spot are still making a big showing, with nice available all over the southern and western sections of the lower Bay. Although the action slowed up a little last week, the cold front should kick it up a notch. The folks at The Fishing Center report that anglers are finding yellowbellies in the Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets, the Bay lower Rivers, Roads Hampton Bridge Tunnel, Ocean View and along the oceanfront.



Sheepshead are taking late season offerings along the entire span of the CBBT. A few tog and hoards of hungry triggerfish are in the same vicinity. Horse croaker are lurking in deeper areas around the lower bay channels, inlets and the Bay

Bridge Tunnel. Big hardheads are also thrilling anglers at Monitor-Merrimac Memorial Bridge-Tunnel, the Concrete Ships off Kiptopeke and inside Lynnhaven near the Great Neck and Lesner Bridges.

Spanish mackerel are still chasing trolled spoons along Sandbridge and Dam Neck in about 20 to 25 feet of water. Schools of false albacore in these same areas will also hit spoons. King mackerel have been scarce so far this year, but scattered kings are hitting an occasional trolled bait or lure along the CB line.

Amberjack are still available on local wrecks, the Chesapeake Light Tower and will remain on the southern towers through October. Jack crevelle are also a possibility.

Deep droppers are having good luck near the Canyon edges lately. Captain Steve Wray aboard the "Ocean Pearl" guided his crew offshore for a limit of nice blueline tilefish and jumbo sea bass. Blackbellied rosefish, grouper barrelfish are also adding to the deep water variety.

The cold front will keep most anglers close to shore for a few days, but once boats can get back out, good numbers of white marlin and a few blue marlin are available from the Canyon to the Triple 0's area. Scattered, larger class yellowfin also surprised a few boats last week, along with some blackfin tuna. Mahi are everywhere, with some big gaffers around. Some overnight trips produced a few swordfish last week. For more information, go to www.drjball.com.

Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A representative for Virginia Beach, VA. For more information, go www.drjball.com.

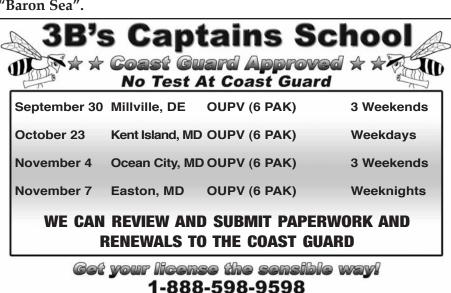




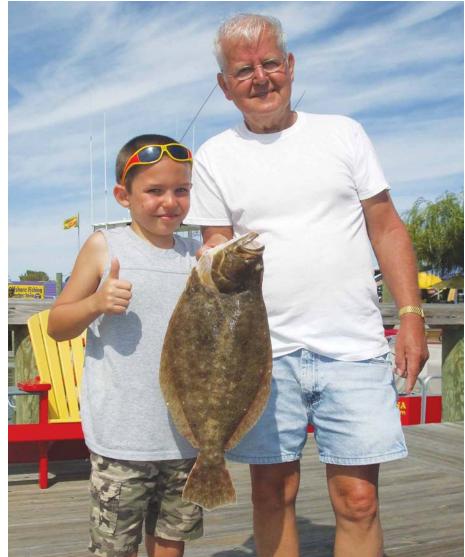
Dan Miller and Mike Ranck returned with a nice size wahoo, 14 dolphin (1 pictured) and released 4 white marlin while fishing on the "Tide Up" between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons.



Mike Miller, Baron Daiker and Rich Daiker caught flounder, sea bass, bluefish and dolphin at the Jackspot while fishing on the "Baron Sea".

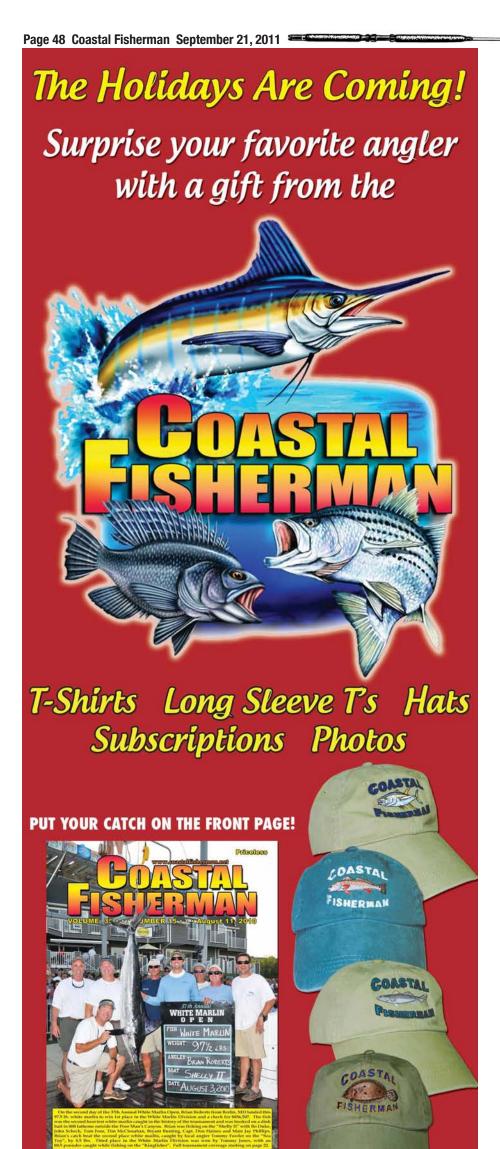


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It's "thumbs up" for Patrick Pickett of Shinglehouse, PA after catching a 21.5-inch flounder while fishing with Ken Pickett and Capt. Drew Zerbe on the "Tortuga". The fish weighed 3 lbs. 12 oz. on the scale at Bahia Marina.





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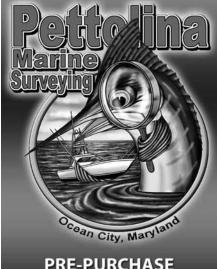


Sean Flynn released his first white marlin after hooking it on a trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Sean was fishing with Capt. Frank Pivec on the "Miss Emily".



Peggy Majernik of Rochester Hills, MI was fishing off the Rt. 50 Bridge when she hooked into this 22.5-inch flounder while fishing with a Gulp! and shiner combination.



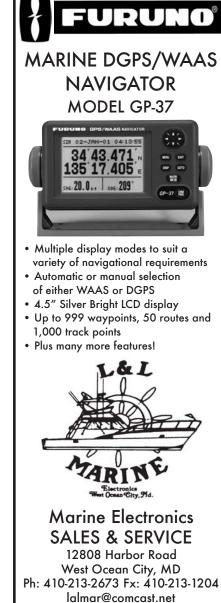


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Mark Wenzlaff of Advanced Marina released this white marlin while fishing on the "Pizza Cutter" with Lee Williams and Mary Ellen Carroll. The fish was caught while trolling in the Washington Canyon.



Jim Dunne from Chicago, IL caught and released this white marlin during a trip to the Poor Man's Canyon. Rob was fishing on the "Tail to Tale" with Rob Acheson from Philadelphia, PA, Ken Seidl from Fallston, MD, Capt. Joel Wadkins and mate Michael Durrant (pictured).





Timmy, Tony and Melanie Mallick of Mount Airy, MD were fishing on the "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford when they captured these 2 keeper flounder on live bunker in the Inlet.





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Deborah Wilkinson of Parkton, MD is all smiles after landing her first keeper flounder. The 18.5-incher was caught on a white Gulp! artificial bait in the West Channel while fishing with Buzz Scalzo.



Brent Housekeeper landed this pair of dolphin during a trip aboard the "Pole Dancer" with Rex Wells, Kevin Stoltzfus, Morty Morton and Rob Yorke. The mahi were caught near the Rockpile where Brent also released his first white marlin.





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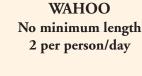


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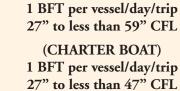




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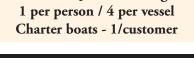


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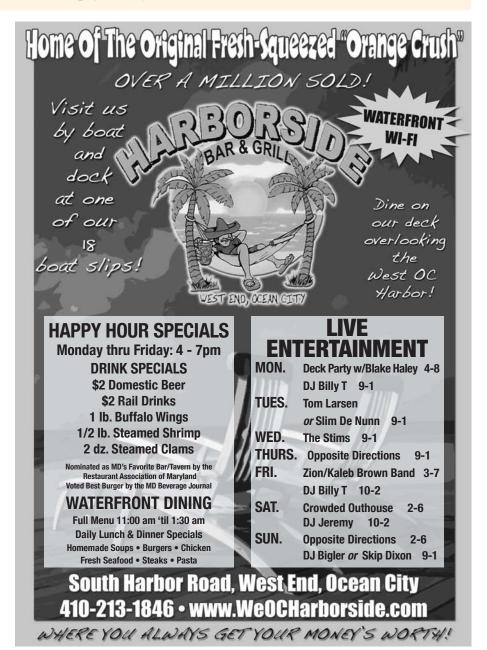
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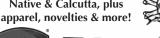
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Malinda Heim from Essex, MD muscled in this 20-inch flounder after hooking it on a squid and minnow combination off the 4th Street Bulkhead. Malinda was assisted by her cousin, Matt Gnacek of Fork, MD.



Bugsy O'Neill from Salisbury, MD captured this 22-inch flounder on live mullet in the East Channel. Bugsy was fishing on the "Reel Determined" with Mary, Luke and Dan Mergott.



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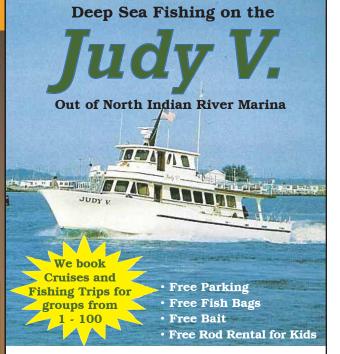
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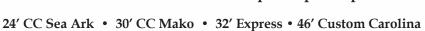
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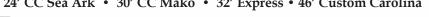
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