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In early December, Mike Fry took a trip on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins, probably hoping for some sea bass, when a 23-inch flounder ate a chunk of clam he was using for bait. The flattie was living on an ocean wreck.

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Matthew Foran, age 10, caught and released this white marlin during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Marli" with John Foran (pictured), Cullen Foran, Buzz Bell, Ronnie Pattisal, Tristen Pattisal, Adam Pattisal, Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. The 4 white marlin, all firsts for Matthew, Tristen, anglers hooked Buzzy and John, in addition to catching 8 yellowfin tuna and a false albacore. One of the tuna was the 500th caught on the "Marli" this season. All of the action took place on the troll in 77.4-degree water on the northeast corner of the Baltimore Canyon.



It was a cold day on December 11th, but not cold enough to land a big flounder on ocean structure. Bob Telford of Pocomoke, MD hooked this 5 lb. 9 oz. flattie on a bucktail while fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo (pictured). The "Angler" is docked at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock in Ocean City, MD.



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2016 Year in Review by Larry Jock

It was an interesting year for fishing with record numbers of boats entered in tournaments, record payouts, state record fish, Grand Slams, a Fantasy Slam and a controversial finish in the White Marlin Open.

always, As success depended on what species you were chasing. Some would be considered good (tuna, billfish, tautog, ocean flounder), some mediocre (bay flounder and bluefish) and others were weak (bluefin tuna, striped bass and weakfish). The surprise of the season would have to be cobia, which were spotted and caught just off the Maryland and Delaware coast in numbers we haven't seen in many years.

Following is a summary of the Fishing Reports in each weeks issue of the Coastal Fisherman. Issue dates are in bold.

May 4, 2016 - After one of the worst winter striper seasons seen in years, anglers were anxious to get the 2016 season started... the first bluefin of the season was caught on April 23rd by anglers on the "Mate Trix" where they found a 57-64 temperature break between the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons... large chopper bluefish were caught all over the bay behind OC... the striper bite

was good the first week in May for surfcasters off Assateague... on March 31st, the first black drum was caught by Billy Powell while casting with sand fleas off Assateague... chopper bluefish were seen running north along the 20-fathom line... structure produced ocean excellent tautog fishing this week... the first flounder of the season was caught on April 16th in 9-feet of water by the Assateague Bridge... Delaware, on April 21st the first bluefin tuna was brought back to a dock in Delaware after being caught in 500 fathoms between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyon... big bluefish were caught from the beach in Fenwick Island and from the South Jetty at the IR Inlet... the best bluefish bite was around the Henlopen Pier... Site 10 and the Inner and Outer Walls were good spots for tog fishing.

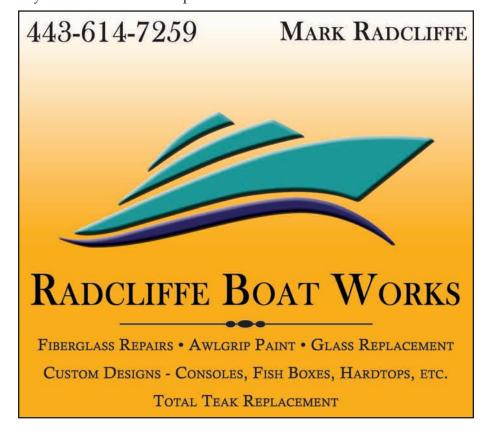
May 11, 2016 - Rain and wind severely impacted fishing this week... Assateague was closed for several days due to high surf... big stripers were caught around the South Jetty on peeler crabs... on May 7th the first sheepshead of the season was caught on a sand flea at Russell's Reef... anglers fishing off the beach in mid-town OC caught some nice stripers over the weekend... flounder started

to be caught on the Thorofare flats... tautog fishing continued to be good on ocean structure... a 17 lb. tog was caught on ocean structure by Noel Cook... yellowfin tuna were caught in 800 fathoms in 64-degree water in the Baltimore Canyon... In Delaware, some tog were caught on the south side of the IR Inlet... a few stripers were caught off the South Jetty at the IR Inlet... a couple of flounder were caught in the VFW Slough and in Massey's Ditch... stripers and bluefish were caught in the surf... very large bluefish were caught off Cape Henlopen.. the first golden and blueline tilefish were caught in the Wilmington Canyon... a few flounder were caught in the Lewes Canal.

May 18, 2016 - Karl Maier caught a 31-inch, 20 lb. 2 oz. tog in 85-feet of water on ocean structure... good numbers of black drum were caught off Assateague Island... Russell's Reef, Sue's Reef and Winter Quarter Shoal all produced good catches of tog... sea bass season opened on May 15th... striper fishing was good in the surf off Assateague and around the South Jetty with several 40+-inch fish caught... the Thorofare continues to be the best place for flounder fishing... chopper bluefish were caught around the Rt. 90 Bridge... "Talk N Trash" headed to 1,100 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon (61-degree water) and returned with 12 yellowfins... the first make of the season was caught in 1,000 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon... blue sharks were plentiful in several canyons... In

Delaware, tautog season closed on May 11th... in the IR Inlet, short stripers were caught during the day with keepers coming in at night... no bluefish or flounder were caught in the IR Inlet... a few flounder were hooked in the back bay... surfcasters were still catching good size stripers... good numbers of black drum were caught at the Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay... bluefish were thick around the Cape Henlopen

May 25, 2016 - Rain and wind throughout the week continues to negatively impact fishing... the first thresher shark of the season was caught by Chris Stafford at the Jackspot... good size bluefish were snapping around the Rt. 50 Bridge... striper fishing was excellent in the surf and around the South Jetty with fish up to 49-inches... anglers fishing from the beach in Ocean City continued to have better results than those fishing Assateague... large black drum continued to be caught off Assateague... red drum showed up in the suds off Assateague... snapper bluefish showed up at the Rt. 50 Bridge... flounder fishing in the bay was spotty... seas were sporty but those that ventured out had good catches of sea bass... yellowfin tuna and some mahi were caught in 1,200 fathoms outside the Rockpile... a few mako sharks were released and blue sharks were numerous... In Delaware, chopper bluefish were caught in the IR Inlet... shad were first seen in the IR Inlet... keeper striped bass were caught under the IR Bridge... a few flounder were hooked in the VFW Slough... the black drum bite was feast or famine at the Coral Beds... sea bass were found in 80-90 feet of water... the beach off Herring





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Point produced nice catches of striped bass... the flounder bite in the Lewes Canal was not very good.

June 1, 2016 - Yellowfin tuna action was fantastic in 500 fathoms between Norfolk Washington and Canyons where "Talk N Trash" returned with 30 yellowfins... On May 28th, Bo Appel released the first blue marlin of the season in the Norfolk Canyon... On May 27th, Andy Urban released the first white marlin of the year in 800 fathoms between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons... the yellowfin bite started in the Norfolk Canyon early in the week and progressively moved north through the week... fish were in the 35-45 lb. range... mahi were mixed in with the yellowfins... the first bigeye tuna of the season was caught on May 26th between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons... mako sharks were also abundant between the two canyons... thresher sharks popped up at the Fingers... sea bass fishing was excellent on ocean structure... flounder fishing was horrible.. large stripers continued to be caught in the surf and around the South Jetty... In Delaware, sea bass fishing was good in 80-100 feet of water... the black drum bite in the DE Bay was sporadic... flounder fishing was not good this week... from the beach, striper fishing was good for anglers soaking bunker (when they could get it) but very good with sand fleas... anglers fishing in the Indian River Inlet at night saw good striper action on bucktails, Tsunami swim shads, Bomber lures and Diawa ST Minnows... some larger bluefish were mixed in with the stripers... the first white marlin was released for a boat out of Indian

June 8, 2016 - Anglers on the "Jade II" took top honors in the Mako Mania tournament with a 220.8 lb. mako caught outside the 461 Lump in 77-degree water... good numbers of yellowfins and mahi were caught between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons and near the 461 Lump... bigeye tuna were caught at the Bigeye Hole... some boats headed to the Norfolk but came back emptyhanded... a few blue

marlin were released near the 461 Lump... sea bass fishing was good on the wrecks farther off the beach... flounder fishing improved, especially on ocean structure... chopper bluefish were caught around the Rt. 50 Bridge...black drum continued to be caught off Assateague Island... In Delaware, the black drum bite at the Coral Beds slowed... big bluefish were caught at the Roosevelt Inlet and off the beaches at Cape Henlopen... a few weakfish were hooked at the Inner Wall and at Coral Beds... temperature in the Lewes Canal was a cold 64-degrees, hampering flounder fishing... the Outer Wall produced catches of small striped bass but no keepers... stripers of all sizes were hooked in the Indian River Inlet... Brenn Scott caught a 15 lb. 13 oz. bluefish from the beach on Savage Ditch Drive... thresher sharks were caught near "A" Buoy.

June 15, 2016 - bad weather dominated the week, keeping boats at the dock until the weekend... yellowfins, bigeyes and mahi were caught in 200 between Washington and Norfolk Canyons... the biggest number of yellowfins was caught outside the Crotch... Jason Appel on the "Boss Hogg" caught a 203 lb. bigeye at the Bigeye Hole... mako sharks were caught at the Hot Dog and the Marine Electric... the first longfin was caught on June 5th at the Lindenkohl Canyon... headboats saw a mix of flounder and sea bass on ocean structure... striper fishing in the OC Inlet was fantastic, but most were in the 20 to 24-inch range and were caught on paddletail shads... a lot of short tog were caught at the South Jetty and along the rocks off Martha's Landing... flounder fishing in the bay was horrible due to dirty water conditions... Delaware, In fishing in the IR Inlet was slow... some big bluefish were caught in the Inlet, but striper fishing was very slow... flounder action at the Old Grounds really picked up this week... the best sea bass bite was at the DelJerseyLand Reef Site... a few threshers were caught around "A" Buoy... flounder fishing in the Lewes Canal improved... a few weakies



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were caught at the Henlopen Pier... no croaker yet.

June 22, 2016 - Flounder fishing in the bay improved dramatically, but anglers had to deal with loads of throwbacks... striped bass were found around the Rt. 50 Bridge and small linesiders at the South Jetty... the better flounder bite was on ocean structure at the Bass Grounds, African Queen and on Fenwick Shoal... yellowfins, along with good size gaffer dolphin, continued to be caught between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons... good catches of bigeye tuna were made in 200 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon... bigeyes were also found in the Norfolk Canyon... a lone bluefin was caught at the Hambone... a few white marlin were released in 200 fathoms below the Washington Canyon... the first wahoo of the season was caught on June 11th in the Norfolk Canyon... In Delaware, bad weather made it tough for fishing... the Old Grounds continued to be the hot spot for flounder... anglers on the "Tail to Tale" caught a 557 lb. blue marlin in 500 fathoms between

the Washington and Norfolk Canyons... flounder fishing really picked up in the Lewes Canal as water clarity improved dramatically... 20 to 26-inch stripers were caught in the Lewes Canal... croakers finally showed up at the Cape Henlopen Pier... kingfish also arrived at the Pier and in the surf around Cape Henlopen.

June 29, 2016 - wahoo were caught in 150 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon...yellowfins and mahi were caught in unbelievably good numbers in 100 to 150 fathoms between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyon... double-digit catches were not uncommon this week with some boats returning with over 20 yellowfins in the box... bluefin tuna were caught on inshore structure and lumps such as the Chicken Bone and the Twin Wrecks... the bigeve bite was incredible in the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons... "Boss Hogg" returned with 5 from the Baltimore... wahoo were hooked in 150 fathoms in the Poor Man's... white marlin were found in 70 to 74-degree water in the Poor Man's and Baltimore

Canyons... sea bass fishing was hit or miss... small striped bass were abundant around the South Jetty... the flounder bite in the bay improved but the better action was on ocean structure... In Delaware, the good flounder bite at the Old Grounds continued, but anglers had to deal with a large number of throwbacks... weakfish were caught at various Delaware Bay reef sites... croakers in the 7 to 8inch range showed up in the Lewes Canal in addition to 15 to 25-inch stripers... flounder fishing in the Lewes Canal got better with most fish in the 16inch range... inshore anglers struggled with a lot of small sea bass this week... a decent number of flounder and short striped bass showed up in the IR Inlet... a couple of sheepshead were caught off the Indian River Jetty for anglers fishing with sand fleas... headboats found good flounder fishing on ocean structure when conditions were right... short stripers, sharks and skates were caught by surfcasters.

July 6, 2016 - The big news of the week was 9-year-old, Emma Zajdel catching a Maryland State

Record, 94.6 lb. cobia around Little Gull Shoal... Charlie Long

caught a 102 lb. wahoo in 80 fathoms just north of the Washington Canyon... the water holding the great yellowfin bite moved offshore into 1,000 fathoms... the bluefin bite was slow but a few were caught in Massey's Canyon, at the Chicken Bone, the Hambone and the Hot Dog... Brian Stempkowski on the "Brenda Lou" caught a 125.8 lb. yellowfin in 600 fathoms outside the Rockpile... it was the best week of the season, so far, for wahoo fishing with fish caught in the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons... we even saw some wahoo caught at the Fingers... white marlin and blue marlin were released in the Washington and Poor Man's Canyons... the flounder bite was scattered around the bay with most keepers coming from the East and West Channels and at the South Jetty... In Delaware, Tim

Parrill caught a Delaware State

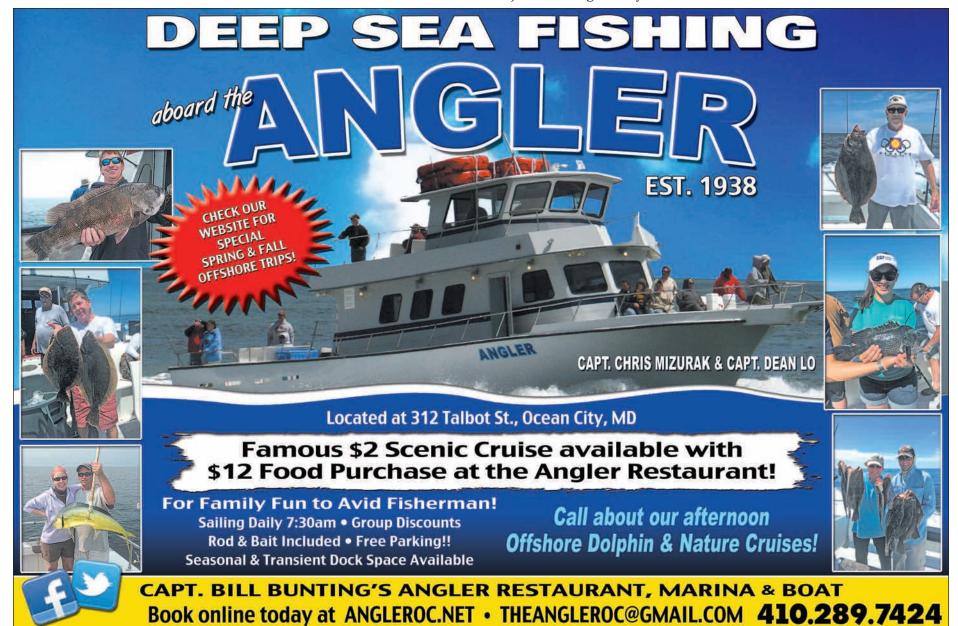
Record (20.5 lbs.) false albacore

in Massey's Canyon... short

stripers were hooked around the

IR Jetty... croakers were caught

in the suds... small bluefish were



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caught on the troll at Fenwick Shoal... flounder were found in good numbers at "A" and "B" Buoys... slot stripers were caught in the Lewes Canal on eels, clams and cut bait... flounder fishing in the Canal was steady all week... croakers were thick by the Cape Henlopen Pier... Site 5 and the Broadkill Slough were good spot for weakies... larger sea bass were caught by Site 10... offshore boats found bluefins in Massey's Canyon.

July 13, 2016 - Most of the tuna action centered on the Lumpy Bottom and the 800/800... good size bluefins were found in Massey's Canyon... white marlin were released in 100 to 200 fathoms from the 800/800 up to the Baltimore Canyon... chunking for yellowfins was good in Massey's Canyon and around the Lumpy Bottom... sea bass fishing was good on inshore structure... flounder were mixed in with sea bass... flounder fishing in the bay was best around the South Jetty, but fish were also found in the East, West and Middle Channels... the largest flounder, weighing over 9 lbs., was caught between Martha's Landing and the north tip of Assateague Island... In Delaware, tackle shops reported a dramatic dropoff in flounder coming in from ocean reefs and wrecks... in the Lewes Canal, slot stripers were caught during early morning hours and at sundown... spot showed up at the Cape Henlopen Pier... surfcasters stayed busy with kingfish and sandtiger sharks... offshore action was dominated by bluefins caught on the chunk in Massey's Canyon... In the IR Inlet, flounder were caught along the Coast Guard Wall... bluefish and Spanish mackerel were found at Fenwick Shoal... deep droppers found good tilefish catches in the Baltimore

July 20, 2016 - 343 anglers participated in the 12th Annual Kid's Classic... chunking for yellowfins in Massey's Canyon was super productive... great catches of mahi were made from the Baltimore to the Norfolk Canyons... although the bigeye bite wasn't as good as previous years, big eyeballs were caught at the Bigeye Hole... "Moore Bills" came back with a 250 pounder caught on a skirted

ballyhoo... Although the yellowfin bite was the best in Massey's Canyon, good bites were also found at the Lumpy Bottom and in the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyon... this week had the best billfish bite seen so far this season, with the top action coming from the Norfolk Canyon... the Old Grounds produced the best flounder action of the week... various size bluefish were caught while trolling at Fenwick Shoal... triggerfish were found on Fenwick Shoal... kingfish, sharks and skates in the surf... In Delaware, more croakers showed up in the Lewes Canal... flounder fishing in the Canal was steady, but not on fire... a few stripers a day were caught in the Canal... sheepshead roamed the water around the Outer Wall... just legal weakfish were caught at the Inner and Outer Walls, Site 5 and at Brown Shoal... small dominated action for those looking for knotheads... a few 16 to 18-inch flounder were caught in the IR Inlet in addition to some stripers and bluefish... surfcasters got into kingfish during early morning and late evening hours.

July 27, 2016 - The chunk bite continued in Massey's Canyon with the best action coming between sunrise to midmorning... white marlin, blue marlin and sailfish were caught while trolling deep outside the canyons... "Billfisher" had 17 releases in 2 days while trolling in 1,000+ fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon... dolphin were caught on the chunk in Massey's Canyon, the Lumpy Bottom and at the Twin Wrecks... tilefish were hooked deep in the Baltimore and Washington Canyons... stripers and bluefish were caught around the Rt. 50 Bridge at night... flounder fishing started showing some life for anglers fishing on structure off the coast of Delaware... in the bay, flatties were found behind Castaway's Campground and the OC Airport... weakfish were caught in the West Channel... anglers trolling spoons at the Bass Grounds hooked into good numbers of bluefish... triggerfish were caught at Fenwick Shoal and Winter Quarter Shoal... In

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Delaware, small spot finally showed up in good numbers in the Lewes Canal... schoolie stripers were hooked in the Canal... plenty of croakers and spot were hooked off the Cape Henlopen Pier... tautog fishing was slow... a few sea bass were caught on ocean structure... the bluefish bite for DE fishermen was hit-or-miss in Massey's Canyon with scattered fish difficult to find.

August 3, 2016 - Tom Distefano on the "Marli" caught a 407 lb. blue marlin in the Washington Canyon to win the Big Fish Classic... there was an excellent white marlin bite in 50 fathoms in the Norfolk Canyon... offshore water temperatures were in the high 70s and low 80s... most of the tuna action was in Massey's Canyon... bigeye tuna were caught at the Bigeye Hole and in the Baltimore Canyon... some big dolphin were hooked in the Washington Canyon and in Massey's Canyon... the best flounder bite in the bay was in the deeper holes holding cooler water... small to medium-size bluefish

were thick at the Rt. 50 Bridge... In Delaware, the flounder bite in the IR Inlet improved this week with fish up to 10 lbs. caught by the Coast Guard Station... short stripers and bluefish were also found in the bay... anglers fishing with cut bait at the Old Grounds had a great week of flounder fishing... surfcasters got into kingfish and short flounder... spot and croaker continued to be caught in the Lewes Canal... sheepshead were found around the Haystacks and the Breakers... small weakfish were found all around the Delaware Bay.

August 10, 2016 - Jimmy Willey graced the cover with a 54 lb. dolphin caught at the Bigeye Hole... 201 anglers fished in the Ocean Pines Flounder Tournament... warm water put a damper on flounder fishing in the bay but bite improved dramatically on ocean structure, particularly in 120feet of water... white marlin were released in good numbers in 200 to 500 fathoms

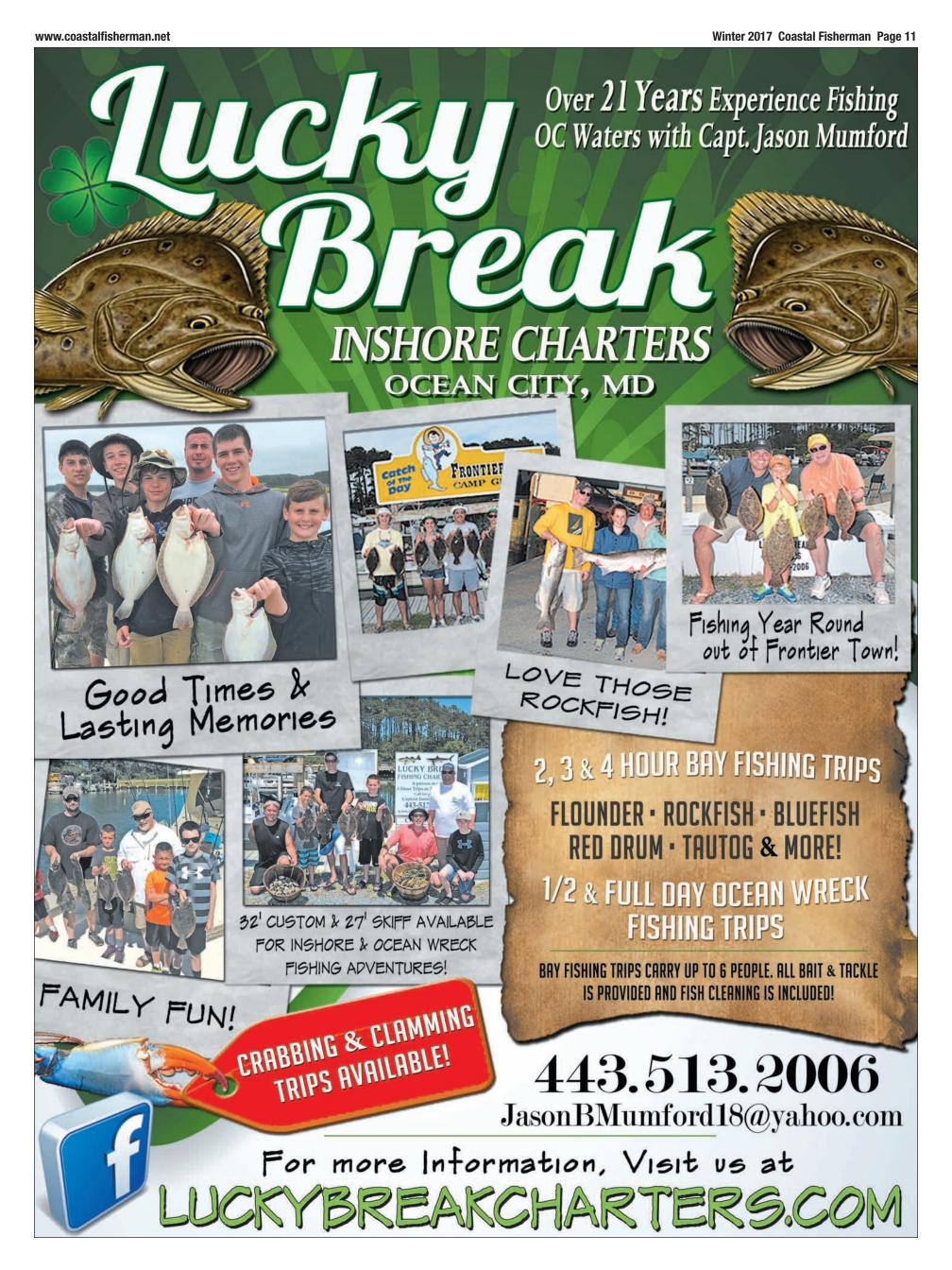
in the Washington Canyon... water pushed down from the Spencer Canyon and produced good white marlin bites in the Wilmington Canyon... early in the week, anglers on the "Billfisher" went 20 for 26 in the Lindenkohl Canyon... tuna fishing was pathetic this week... Erin McCulloch-Nadolny on the "Last Call" caught a 45 lb. dolphin in the Poor Man's Canyon... In Delaware, small spot (perfect for flounder bait) were caught in the Lewes Canal... slot-size stripers were caught by the Drawbridge... small weakfish were everywhere in the Delaware Bay... flounder fishing in the bay was decent, but scattered... the best flounder bite was at the Old Grounds, especially for those fishing with dolphin belly.. sea bass were caught at the DelJerseyLand Reef... the tuna bite at Massey's Canyon died off... in the IR Inlet, small flounder dominated the action... Fenwick Shoal held a lot

of small bluefish. August 17, 2016 - Phil Heasley on the "Kallianassa" caught a 76.5 lb. white marlin to take first place in the 43rd Annual White Marlin Open, but the angler, captain and mates all failed parts of the lie detector test given to all winners. At the time of this report, the award money was being held in escrow and the case was turned over to Federal Court for the judge to determine whether Phil's catch would stand... the catch was worth a tournament record \$2,818,660... during the week, 1,420 billfish were hooked with 98.3% released... the billfish action started off in the Spencer and Wilmington Canyons but moved south as the week progressed... a 790 lb. blue marlin was caught northeast of the Baltimore Canyon... bigeye tuna were hooked in the Washington Canyon... big dolphin were caught in the Poor Man's Washington and Canyons... in the bay behind OC, plenty of flounder were hooked but anglers had to weed through a lot of small fish to get their keeper in the East Channel, the Thorofare and behind Harbour Island... flatties were plentiful on ocean structure... In Delaware, spot and croaker action was steady in the Lewes Canal... flounder fishing in the Canal

www.coastalfisherman.net was slow... the early morning bite by the Freemont Bridge was strong for slot-size stripers... plenty of bluefish were found roaming the DE Bay... the Inner and Outer Walls produced some weakfish bites... flounder fishing around the DE Bay was much better for those using squid, shiners and Gulp! for bait... The Old Grounds and Sites 9 & 10 were the hot flounder spots this week... Site 11 was good for sea bass fishing.

August 24, 2016 - Karen Peet caught a 200 lb. bigeye tuna in the Washington Canyon on the final day to win the Poor Girls Open... 746 anglers competed for over \$189,000 in the tournament... the billfish bite centered in the Washington Canyon... anglers on the "Sea Slammer" recorded a Grand Slam with a blue marlin, 2 white marlin and a sailfish... good size dolphin were caught in the Baltimore and Washington Canyons... wahoo were caught in the Washington Canyon and by the Rockpile... the Bigeye Hole produced most of the bigeyes during the week... anglers on "Rhonda's Osprey" recorded a Grand Slam with a white marlin, a spearfish and a sailfish in the Baltimore Canyon... good numbers of dolphin were caught in the Norfolk Canyon... plenty of small yellowfins were found in Washington Canyon... anglers flounder fishing in the bay really struggled, battling hot days and hot water... fish were caught in the deeper holes of the East Channel... better fish were caught at the Old Grounds and at Site 10... Tony Munoz caught an 11 lb. 14 oz. flounder at the Old Grounds to win the Paradise Grill Flounder Tournament... croakers were plentiful at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor and behind Harbour Island... plenty of cobia were found cruising the surface just off the coast... In Delaware, flounder fishing was tough in the IR Inlet but anglers had good success catching small bluefish... drifting at night produced small stripers and bluefish... the DelJerseyLand Reef produced flounder, sea bass and ling... Spanish mackerel were found at Fenwick Shoal... wahoo were caught in Massey's Canyon and billfish were found in 1,000 Continued on page 12





fathoms outside the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons... a small blue marlin was released between the Hambone and Massey's Canyon.

August 31, 2016 - Jim Smith took top honors in The MidAtlantic Tournament with a 77 lb. white marlin hooked in 1,000 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon, winning over \$749,000... 85 boats out of Ocean City competed in the tournament... the billfish bite centered in the Spencer and Wilmington Canyons... "Billfisher" took Most Points with releases of 23 white marlin and 1 blue marlin during their 3 days of fishing... most billfish were in northern canyons but larger fish were caught outside the Poor Man's... "Moore Bills" weighed a 75 lb. wahoo caught at the Bigeye Hole... "FFMD" caught a 53 lb. dolphin in the Washington Canyon... yellowfin tuna bite turned on again in 100-200 fathoms in the Washington Canyon... trollers, chunkers and greenstickers all got into them... cobia action just Maryland off the coast

continued to be the best we have seen in years... Jim McDowell caught an 81 pounder only 8 miles south of the Inlet... there was a steady pick on flounder in the bay throughout the week but the throwback to keeper ratio ran 10 to 1... the best action came in shallow water in the Fish Bowl and behind Harbour Island... ocean flounder were caught at the African Queen and the Old Grounds... hardheads were thick in the East Channel and at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor... small bluefish were hooked during the end of the incoming tide around the Rt. 50 Bridge... small bluefish were found all over the bay... In Delaware, some flounder were caught in the IR Inlet but better action continued on ocean reefs and wrecks... croakers were caught on the south side of the Inlet on bloodworms, squid, clams and Fishbites... small bluefish were caught during the incoming tide at night... headboats reported seeing more sea bass in 80 to 95-feet of water, but most were too small to keep.

September 7, 2016 - Tropical Storm Hermine messed up fishing over the weekend... prior

to the blow, cobia continued to be seen in surprising numbers cruising around schools of rays and bunker, especially close to Little Gull Shoal... anglers on the "Last Call" continued their assault on large dolphin, boating a 51 pounder at the 461 Lump... the yellowfin bite really started heating up in the Washington Canyon, led by greenstickers... anglers had to contend with hungry sharks who attacked a lot of the hooked yellowfins during the fight... those chasing billfish headed to the Baltimore Canyon and several returned with double-digit catches... in the bay, flounder anglers picked at flounder in the East Channel, the Fish Bowl and just north of the OC Airport... the best flounder bite was in 90-feet of water on ocean structure... plenty of croakers and bluefish were found all over the bay... In Delaware, prior to Tropical Storm Hermine, offshore boats headed to the Washington Canyon to find cooperating yellowfins near the Bigeye Hole... yellowfin size was varied with fish up to 70 lbs. mixed in with rats... dolphin were caught near the Radford wreck... wahoo were hooked at the Chicken Bone and at the Fingers... headboats struggled to catch flounder but croaker fishing improved... nice size sea bass were caught at the Radford wreck... small bluefish showed

September 14, 2016 - The lasting effects of Tropical Storm Hermine put a damper on fishing for the majority of the

up in the surf.

swept the Bahia Marina Flounder Pounder with flatties caught on live bunker in the West Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge and at the South Jetty. Their top flounder weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz... most of the flounder caught in the tournament came from the West Channel off Martha's Landing... there was a good weakfish bite in the OC Inlet and around the South Jetty... there were a good number of sea bass in the Inlet as well... no reports of cobia this week... anglers fishing on inshore ocean structure found good flounder and sea bass fishing... offshore, the marlin bite was best between the Poor Man's and Baltimore Canyons... a few yellowfins were caught in the Washington Canyon... no bigeyes were caught this week... dolphin were found from the Baltimore Canyon down to the Washington Canyon... In Delaware, nice size flounder moved into the IR Inlet with the best bite coming during the outgoing tide... the best flounder bite was by the Coast Guard Wall... the weakfish bite improved in the inlet... small bluefish and croakers dominated the inlet bite on most days... inshore water temperatures hovered around 72-degrees and dirty water created from the tropical storm extended from the beach out to 6-miles... the

Radford wreck produced some

large sea bass... thick schools of

croakers were found 6-miles off

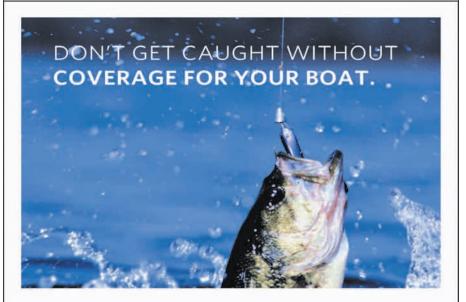
the beach... anglers found

bluefish and Spanish mackerel

on Fenwick Shoal.

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September 21, 2016 - The big news of the week, and possible the season, was the Fantasy Slam (4 different billfish species) caught by anglers on the "No Quarter". During their epic overnight trip to the Norfolk Canyon, the anglers released 23 white marlin, 2 spearfish, a sailfish and a blue marlin in addition to catching a 350 lb. swordfish and a 263 lb. mako shark. The Fantasy Slam occurred when they released 14 white marlin, a spearfish, a blue marlin and a sailfish during their first day of fishing. This was the first Fantasy Slam ever recorded out of Ocean City... the Challenge Cup returned to Ocean City after our team defeated a team from Cape May, NJ... white marlin were caught from the 800/800 down to the Norfolk Canyon... Mike and Dave Burt on the "Pumpin Hard" released 27 white marlin during an overnight trip to the Norfolk Canyon... yellowfins popped up in the Washington Canyon with fish weighing up to 72 lbs... greensticking continued to be a hot method for hooking yellowfins... dolphin were found in all the canyons and in as close

as 20 fathoms... headboats found the best flounder and sea bass action on ocean structure in 100feet of water... keeper striped bass were caught in the OC Inlet... water temperature in the bay was still in the lower-to-mid 70s... In Delaware, fishing in the Indian River Inlet was horrible... a few weakfish and small striped bass were caught in the Inlet... in the surf, bluefish up to 16-inches were caught on mullet rigs... inshore, the bite out to 7-miles was slow due to murky water but flounder were found around Site 11 and the Radford wreck... sea bass fishing improved with action at the best DelJerseyLand Reef... wahoo were caught in both the Poor Man's Washington and Canyons... yellowfins showed up in the Wilmington Canyon... swordfish were caught in the Washington Canyon.

September - December 2016 Flounder fishing picked up nicely in the bay towards the end of September with the best action taking place in the Fish Bowl, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge... stripers, drum and flounder were caught around the South Jetty... in the beginning of

October, sheepshead were caught in good numbers around the South Jetty... the wahoo and dolphin bites in the Washington Canyon was outstanding in early October... larger flounder were caught around the Rt. 50 Bridge in mid-October... on October 13th, anglers on the "Marli" caught 18 yellowfins just south of the Rockpile... toward the end of October, stripers were being caught on live spot around the Rt. 50 Bridge and at the South Jetty... sea bass were caught in good numbers at the Bass Grounds... at the beginning of November, red drum were being hooked around the South Jetty and in the West Channel... in mid-November, tautog were really snapping around the South Jetty and along the rocks along Martha's Landing... anglers on the "Get Sum" hooked over 100 tautog along the Martha's Landing rocks... inshore water temperatures hovered in the mid-50s... at the end of November, stripers were still up north off the coast of New Jersey... triggerfish were caught around the South Jetty... Site 9 off Delaware produced

Winter 2017 Coastal Fisherman Page 13 excellent catches of tog... good size schools of stripers were seen 7-miles off the beach... in the OC Marlin Club Rockfish Tournament, fish were caught on the first 3 days of the tournament and nothing thereafter... some boats headed to NJ to find their keepers... on December 4th, Paul Santa Barbara caught a 62 lb. striper at Overfalls Shoal in the Delaware Bay. Paul's catch is a pending Delaware state record, and at presstime was still being verified by the Delaware Division of Fish & Wildlife before it would be officially declared a state record... Mike Johnston took top honors the Rockfish in Tournament with a 33 pounder... John Rogowitz caught the largest bluefish tournament (11.8 lbs.)... on December 14th, stripers were seen under gannets on the MD/DE line... on December 20th, inshore water temperatures were still in the mid-40s and the bulk of stripers were moving south into Delaware and Maryland... everyone is hoping to salvage the season.

See ya next season!



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Roy Wurst released this 12.2 lb. tautog after hooking it on a green crab at Site 9 off the coast of Rehoboth, DE. Roy was fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley when his group caught their Delaware boat limit of 35 tautog in addition to releasing 7 more that weighed between 10 and 16 lbs.



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Blake Cropper (top) caught the released her first red drum, a 50-incher with a 30-inch girth, and Patty Cropper released a 49-inch red drum, both while surfcasting off a Virginia barrier island with Mo and David Cropper.





One of the earliest, big stripers we saw in the fall was caught on November 18th by Richard Crosariol of Fenwick Island, DE. Richard hooked the 33-inch, 13 lb. striper in 55.6-degree water, 500 yards off the North Jetty at the Ocean City Inlet.



Dave McKay of West Ocean City, MD boated a pair of speckled trout while jigging a Gulp! artificial bait just north of the Rt. 50 Bridge with Jack Kauefer of Berlin, MD. Pictured at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City, MD





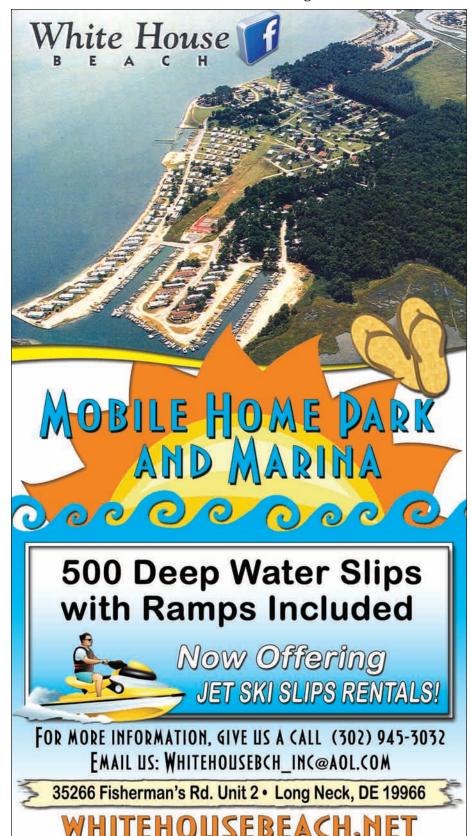
This 2 lb. 8 oz. porgy fell at the hands of Phil Falgowski while sea bass fishing with clams at the DelJerseyLand Reef. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Adam Keller used a bucktail tipped with strip bait to fool this 26-inch flounder that weighed just under 7 lbs. Adam was fishing at the Bass Grounds on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley.



Brandon Boyer took his 23-foot mako, "My Sanity" out to the canyons for the very first time and ended up catching and releasing his first white marlin in addition to hooking 3 blackfin tuna.



Choosing the Bob Pino Owner "AN OPTICAL GALLERIA Right Sunglasses

Picking the right pair of sunglasses can be very difficult. There are so many brands, styles, shapes, lenses and materials to choose from, priced from a low of \$5.00 to upwards of \$500.00. It's enough to make your head spin.

Let me simply state the truth from the start. Save your five bucks on the cheap ones, and here's why. Most of them are basically tinted, meaning that once you put that tinted lens over your eyes your pupils react like you have walked into a dark or dimly lit room. They get larger. They change dramatically in size from about a half a millimeter up to 5-6 millimeters. This naturally happens to let more light in. However, now that you're letting in more light, you are also increasing the amount of

UV rays that your eyes are being exposed to. In time, this can actually be more harmful to your sight. That additional exposure to UVA and UVB rays (the two most harmful types of UV light) may increase the risk cataracts, macular degeneration and even development ocular of melanoma – a very rare type of cancer. So let's just count them out. Plus, tinted lenses do not reduce glare like polarized lenses do.

Now since that's out of the way the options to choose from can be overwhelming. Frames come in all types of metals and zyl; in styles such as rimless, aviator and wrapped along with a magnitude of lens materials and colors. So how do you choose the right pair for you?

You know yourself better

than anyone. If you drop your keys in the parking lot and bend over to pick them up, your phone falls out of your pocket and once everything is gathered up, you stand up and whack your head. That pair of sunglasses you were resting on your hat goes flying and crash right onto the pavement. Well if that was a pair with Costa glass 580 lens, they would have shattered and you would be out of luck. If this sounds familiar, you might want to think about a more durable shatterproof polycarbonate lens for your next pair because those glass lenses are not looking pretty at the moment.

Brands and Styles

Being an optician for 37 years, I've found that Costa Del Mar, Wiley X and Silhouette have been my consistent brand

winners in frame durability. Costa Del Mar has the best warranty program available. Wiley-X sunglasses are made for and distributed to our military and Silhouette is a titanium frame that's won Rob Report's "Best of" for many years. You can't go wrong with

any of these.

If you are super sensitive to anything on your nose you should consider a lightweight titanium or a rimless style like Silhouette. These are lightweight, minimalist titanium frames that can be customized with any shape lens. They can weigh as little as half an ounce.

If you make a living on the water find a frame that is as tough as you and your working conditions, consider Costa Del Mar, Wiley X or even REVO (yes, they are back and some are being made here in the USA). If you prefer a wrap around style, make sure it fits properly and most importantly is comfortable. It should rest on your nose, not on your cheeks and wrap as close to the



side of your face WITHOUT squeezing your head and leaving indentation marks. A few benefits to wearing a wrapped sunglass style are that it will cut down the amount of light coming in the backside of the frame and will provide you with better peripheral vision. Here's a tip-the least amount of rubber on a plastic frame means less to become unglued.

If you like to cruise and bar hop in style, go for that big, cool aviator look with stylish mirror finish lens, but when doing so choose a lightweight polycarbonate lens. Big frames get very heavy with glass lenses. Once you start sweating they'll slide down your nose. It's important to have any sunglasses that you buy adjusted properly, no matter where you buy them. Costa Del Mar, Izod and Police have nice quality aviators. Some of the other designer brands offer polarized lenses but most overthe-counter ones are available with only tinted lens, so be careful. If you choose these make sure they have a good UV protection treated lens.

When selecting any frame, either sunglasses or your prescription glasses, look at the frame inside and out. If you see five screws holding on a cute plate design on the outside of the temple put it back. Keep it simple stupid (KISS)—means—less to fail in my optical world!

Material, Material

There are three commonly used materials for lenses. They are all good but different. The question is, "Which is best for you?" Glass, plastic CR-39 or polycarbonate?

Considering Glass? If you wipe your sunglasses with your T-shirt many times a day then glass lenses will be the most durable. It provides the best level of crisp, clear vision. It also is the most scratch of the three. resistant However, it is the heaviest and although sunglass lenses have to have a certain level of impact resistance the glass is the first to shatter.

How about Plastic CR-39? Plastic CR-39 is lighter than glass and provides a clear, crisp vision very close to what you find with glass lenses. It is more impact resistant than glass, but not shatterproof. Plastic is more forgiving when dropped or sat on, but is less scratch resistant than glass.

Last but not least is Polycarbonate. This is the lightest and most impact resistant of the three materials. I always go above and beyond what anyone tells me when I do my own testing of products that I sell. I've shot polycarbonate lenses with a shotgun, ran over them with a truck and driven a nail through them and I have never seen a polycarbonate lens shatter. In fact, a veteran showed me scars on his face from an exploding IED in Iraq, and thank God, his eyes were saved because he was wearing a Wiley X frame with polycarbonate lenses. He will never wear anything else and I am thankful for his safety and services. Even though vision with polycarbonate lenses will not be quite as crisp and clear as a glass or plastic lens, for safety reasons, it is often worth the trade off. No matter what, please do not let your kids wear anything but poly.

Polarized - It's a Must!

Water is highly reflective, as most of you fishermen already know, so basically what polarized lenses do is reduce glare from surfaces such as water, snow and/or glass.

Light is made up of waves traveling in different directions. Vertical light is actually helpful to the human eye; it helps us see. Horizontal light, not so much. It simply creates glare.

Glare is caused when light from the sun is reflected off of water and other horizontal shiny surfaces so when a ray hits that surface, the reflection shines back at your eye and is magnified. That's when you really squint. It bites but it's not the kind of bite you want.

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Wyatt, Chad, Sloane and Kelly Hruby headed south, down to Ocean City, MD from Pittsburgh, PA and spent some time drifting in the East Channel where they caught a 23-inch flounder and released 5 short stripers. All were caught on live spot.



Sunglasses, cont'd.

No one likes glare. It distorts your view, your depth and color perception. It can even cause temporarily blindness. It makes objects like crab traps, logs, turtles, jet skies and even other boats difficult to see.

Polarization neutralizes glare. That is why it is so important. It helps you see objects more clearly, lets you see color more truly and also helps to reduce the harmful effects of UV light. Reducing that glare helps you see the fish in the water, the baits your trolling and maybe even that marlin trailing your baits; if paying you're attention. Having an extra split second of reaction time can actually give your team an advantage if you're fishing a tournament. That extra time to see that fish under the water can be the difference between a hook-up or a swing and a miss. If you are in a tournament that could mean a money fish. Even better, a prescription pair of polarized sunglasses may even help you see what you do not know you're missing. No matter what, it's important to wear protection. Sunglasses your eyes sunscreen protects your skin by eliminating the harmful ultra violent rays.

So What Color Lens?

There are many variables and many different options and

a lot depends on your personal preference. I'll try to sum it up in a nutshell.

Yellow lenses are good for first thing in the morning, hazy or foggy conditions and on rainy days. With more light transmission and higher contrast this lens is made to cut through the haze and brighten images while still being polarized and cutting glare.

Ruby or copper lenses are good for partly cloudy days with variable light. This lens gives high contrast while allowing 12 to 20 percent light transmission.

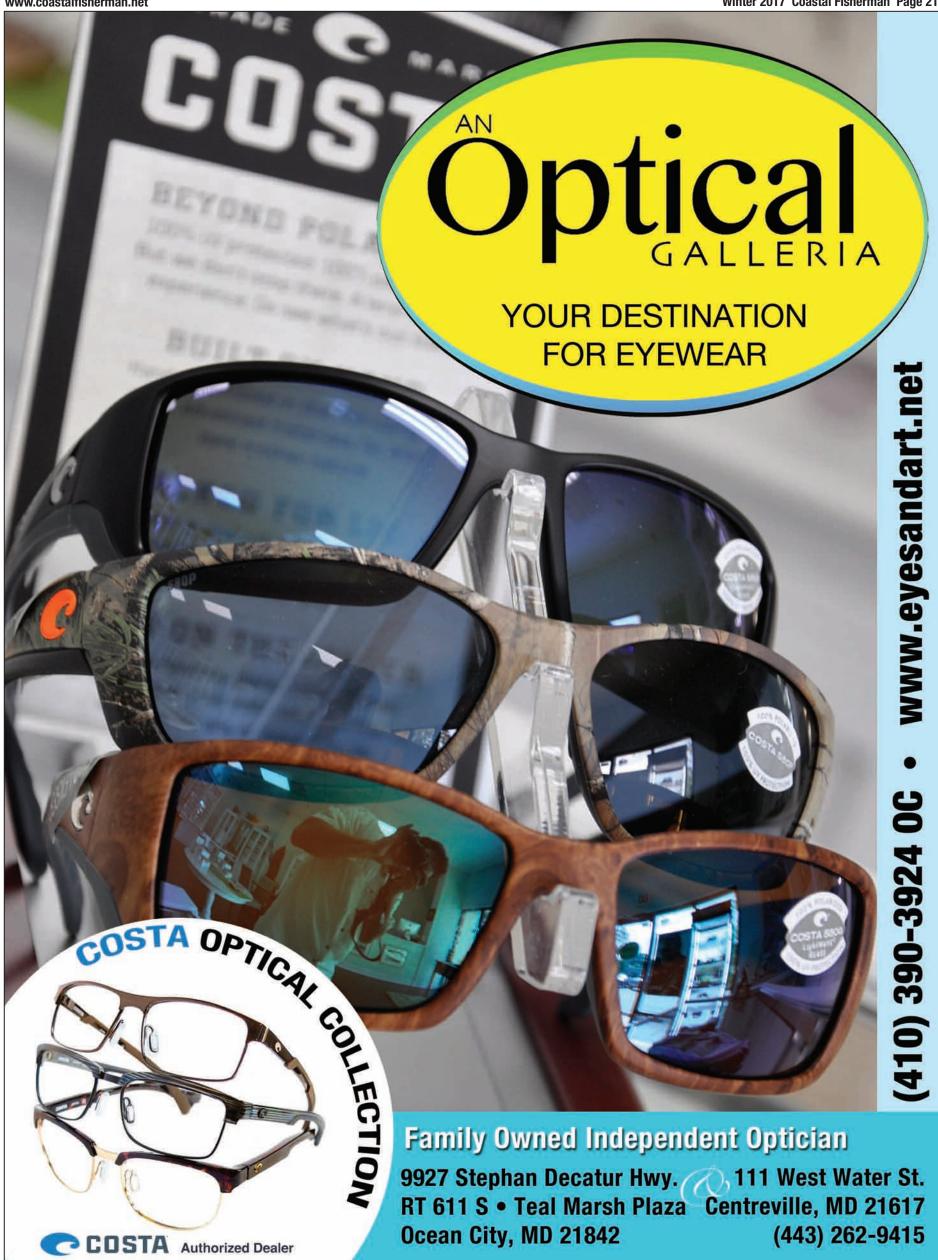
Brown lenses are better for overcast or partly sunny days. They allow 12 to 18 percent light transmission and provide a good contrast. Brown or copper lenses are both very good for site fishing. The enhanced contrast lets you see the movement of a fish on the flats, although some captains do prefer it while trolling bluewater offshore as well.

Gray lenses are best for bright sunny days. They allow 10 to 15 percent light transmission and less color distortion. On the ocean, the gray lens provides the most natural colors. It is also the best for sighting color change of the water.

Grey-green lenses are good on bright days as they also enhance contrast while making color more vibrant.

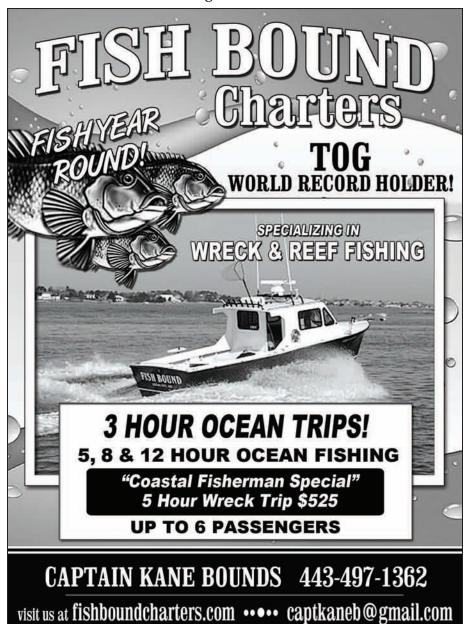
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Ben Wagner and his dad, Steve Wagner of Ocean City, MD caught their limit of speckled trout while fishing in 3 to 4-feet of water north of the Rt. 50 Bridge.



Sunglasses, cont'd.

Rose lenses are now available in polarized as well, which is better for hunters, skiers and target shooters, but not the best for on the water.

Most off-the-shelf polarized sunglasses come in darker shades of grey, grey- green, brown, amber or copper. In prescription or custom-made sunglasses from an optician the grey and brown lenses are an option in what's called an "A shade" which is lighter and allows more light transmission for semi-cloudy days.

There are many specialty lenses available such as the Costa Del Mar 580 lens. Costas 580 lens filters out yellow light, reducing haze and blur while enhancing blue, green and red colors. When you try a 580 lens it feels as if the colors pop and everything appears super sharp.

A lot is based on personal preferences. Make sure when shopping are sunglasses to try color lenses and step outside in natural light to see which color your most prefer. More than one pair of sunglasses may be needed for different conditions. This may seem extravagant but you don't use the same rod to catch a flounder as you do to catch a marlin do you? Lenses do matter.

Mirror-coated lenses and other treatments are options to consider as well. Again, you know yourself better than anybody. If you burn easily don't get a mirror finish on your lens. The mirror finish reflects the suns rays off the front surface of the lens and your nose is the closest thing to that surface. Your nose will cook. However, the finish does give an added layer of glare reduction while enhancing colors. The mirror coating also reduces light transmission by 2 percent; which is very good on bright, full-sun days. The mirror finish on a Costa Del Mar 580 lens is under a layer of glass making it very scratch resistant, which I like very much.

Another lens treatment is

the hydrophobic or oliophobic finish. This treatment makes the lenses easier to clean and water literally beads up and runs off the lens just like when you wax your car. It can cut down the number of times you need to clean your sunglasses during the day.

There is also an option for a backside, anti-reflective coating that provides even clearer vision by reducing any light that bounces off the backside of the lens into the eye which can be very distracting.

Can't See the Little Things?

If you need a little help seeing up close, Costa Del Mar offers a ready-made bi-focal lens called the C-Mate. This lens has a reading segment in the lens and is available in +1.50, +2.00 and +2.50 powers.

Prescription eyeglass wearers can get all lenses mentioned above made in your exact prescription. There are some limitations on higher RX powers but an educated optician should be able to fit you in the proper frame style and educate you on your options. Costa Del Mar glass 580 polarized mirror lens are now available in a progressive prescription. This gradually goes from distance vision to near vision so there is no jump of the lined bifocal and lets you clearly see objects at the intermediate distance like your charts and GPS.

Lens Care

Not matter what you wet your lens with, fresh water or a lens cleaner, prior to rubbing them we prefer you use a lens cleaning cloth, but since that not always available, we know you use your T-shirts. Just remember, when saltwater dries you're left with that salt residue which is very abrasive and will even scratch a glass lens.

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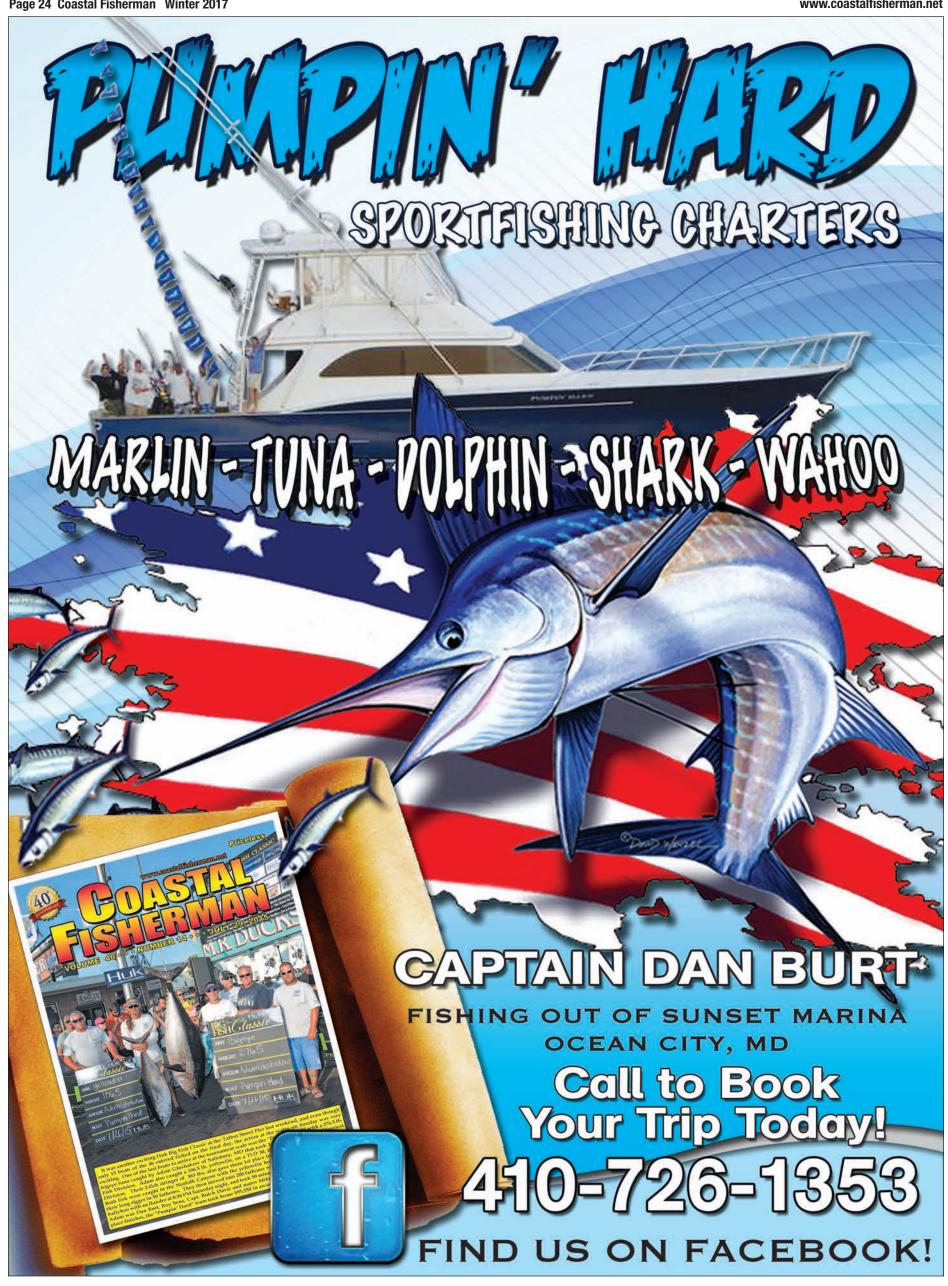


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Mike Behney took some time off from working at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE to do some fishing at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay where he caught a 6 lb. 8 oz. sheepshead and a 4 lb. 11 oz. triggerfish. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Capt. Nick Clemente took his charter boat, "Ivy Sea" over to the Choptank River in the fall and on this day, caught 6 keeper striped bass while jigging Power Bait pearl white jerk shads with Tesh Freng. Their largest linesider measured 26-inches.





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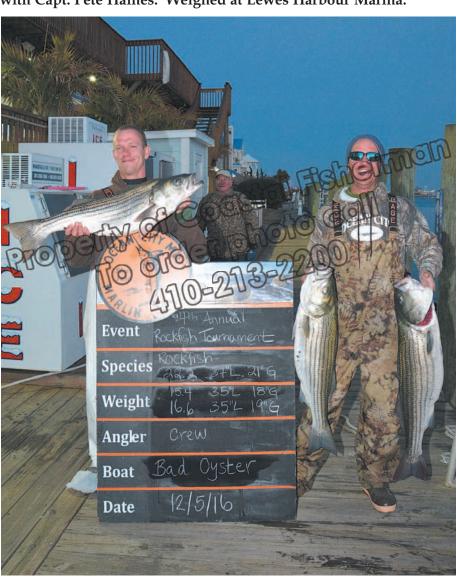


While fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts, Darrin Small of Washington, DC caught this 3 lb. sea bass on a strip of squid.





Greg Alexander of Coatesville, PA caught this 12 lb. 14 oz. sheepshead while fishing in the Delaware Bay on the "Top Fin" with Capt. Pete Haines. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



On December 5th, Nate Gregory and Mike Johnston were all smiles after weighing 3 rockfish in the Ocean City Marlin Club Rockfish Tournament. The fish measured between 35 and 37-inches with the largest linesider tipping the scale at 22.2 lbs. All of the fish were caught while trolling mojos just outside the Indian River Inlet with Scott White and John Rogowitz. Weighed at Atlantic Tackle.



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In early December, Ken Yuen of Silver Spring, MD was jigging on an ocean wreck when he hooked into this 6 lb. 10 oz. flounder. Ken was fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Rich Fouts (pictured).



Lee Abel of Lewes, DE took advantage of quick bite just outside the Indian River Inlet and boated a pair of stripers weighing 22.5 and 23.0 lbs. Both were caught on trolled Stretch 25 lures and weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.







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Jane Martin edged out Karl Ledford for largest fish honors when she boated a 6 lb. 3 oz. tautog versus Karl's 5 lb. 11 oz. tog. Both were caught on green crabs at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay while fishing on the "Miss Kristin" with Capt. Vince League. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



For a couple of days in early December, striped bass were snapping just outside the Indian River Inlet and David Lynam took the opportunity to catch this 44 1/4-inch, 37.5 pounder while trolling mojos on the "Lynam Up" with George Cole, Jr. and Roger Robaine.



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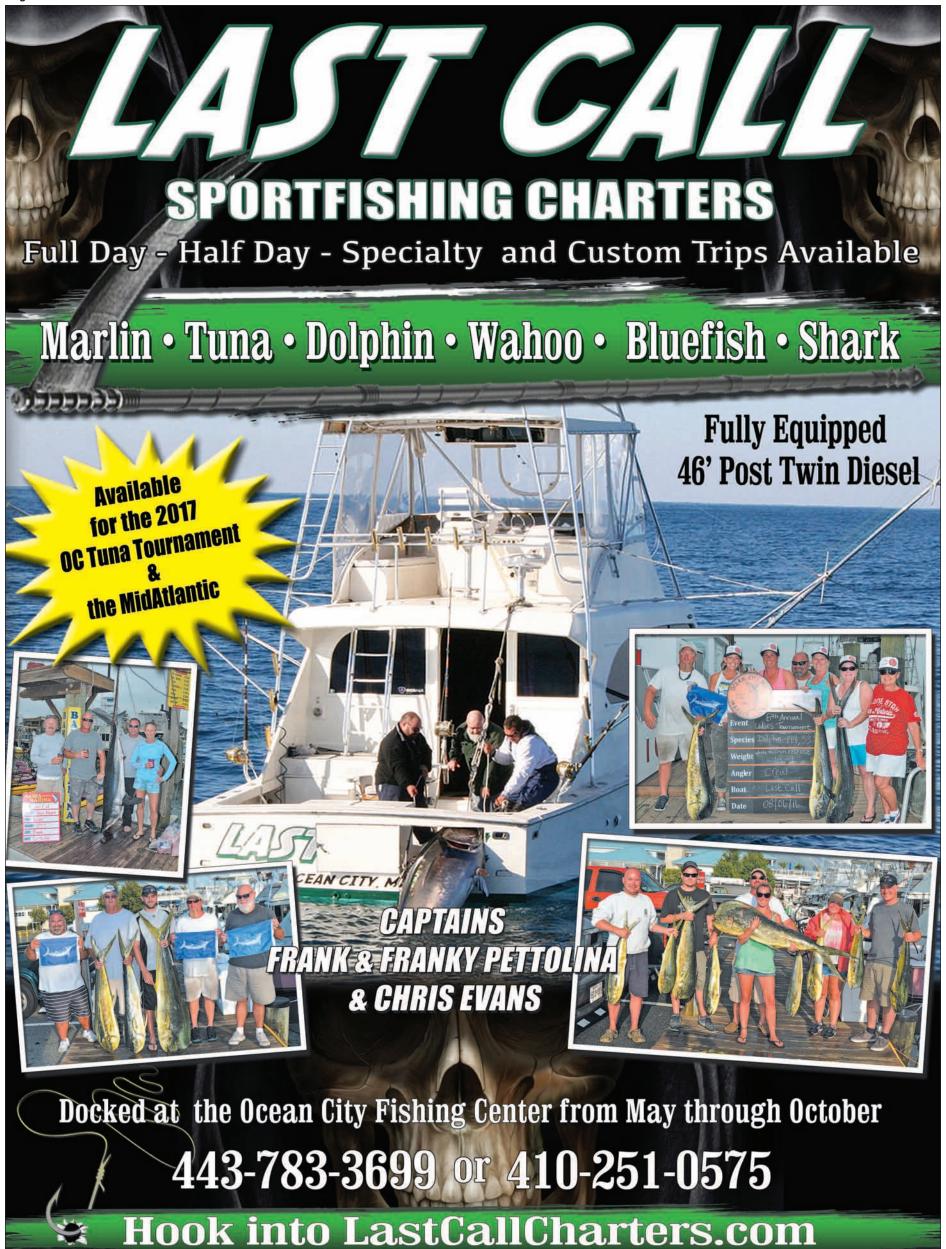








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At the end of September, Blake Owen of Cumming, GA joined Salisbury residents, David Propper and Dave Tabinowski for a trip on the charter boat, "Last Call" with Capt. Frank Pettolina and mate Chris Evans. The trio returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with a pair of yellowfin tuna, a couple of dolphin and a 49 lb. wahoo. All of the action took place while trolling ballyhoo at the Hot Dog.



Dave Vetter and Gordy Kautz ventured out to the Jackspot and caught some good size tautog, measuring up to 24-inches. Then they headed to the African Queen and boated a load of sea bass.



On her first offshore trip, Hope Noone caught and released her first and second white marlin during a trip to the Baltimore Canyon on the "A Salt Weapon 3" with Monica Freese, Capt. Ryan Freese and mate Andrew Clothier.

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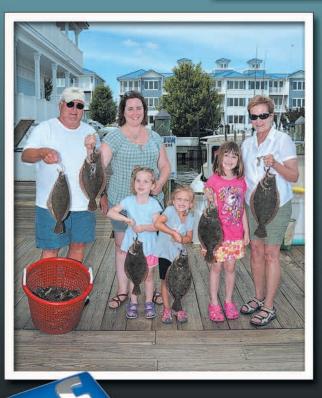
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When tautog season was closed in mid-December. Capt. Monty Hawkins was determined to "Make Sea Bass Fishing Great Again" and headed to ocean structure in search of knotheads. Arrie Johnson dropped a chunk of clam on a small, ocean wreck and muscled in a 5 pounder during a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star".



On November 3rd, Dave Apple caught this yellowfin tuna while trolling a cedar plug in the Wilmington Canyon. Dave was fishing in 61.8-degree water aboard the "Remedy II" with Mike McFadden.













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Danny Hitchens from Smyrna, DE was fishing at Site 11 on the "Tied the Knot" when he caught this 25 3/4-inch, 10 lb. 2 oz. tautog while using green crabs for bait. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



John Foreman of Ocean City, MD caught this 3 lb. 8 oz. knothead while fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Rich Fouts. John hooked the sea bass while jigging at an offshore wreck.

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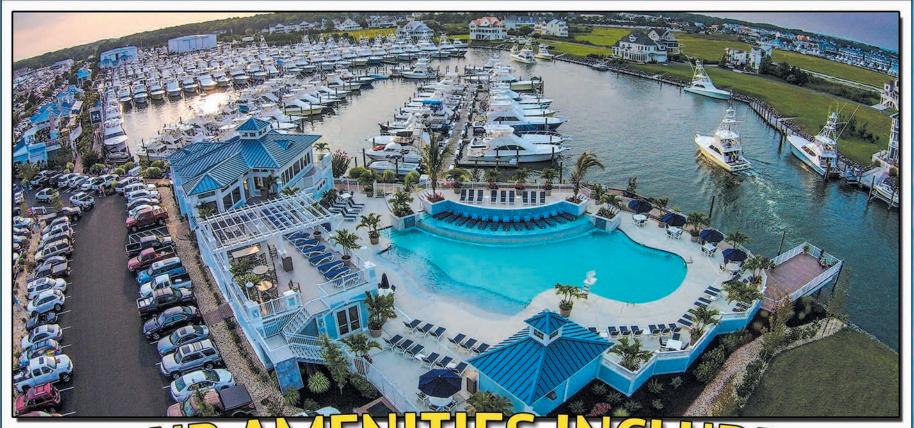
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John Foran released his first white marlin during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Marli" with Matthew Foran, Cullen Foran, Buzz Bell, Ronnie Pattisall, Tristan Pattisall, Adam Pattisall, Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. John hooked the white marlin while trolling ballyhoo in 77.4-degree water on the northeast corner of the Baltimore Canyon.



FORSTAL

Top Junior Angler

Shelby Frashure - 7 Hannah Link - 7 Parker Wheeler - 6

Top Lady Angler

Judy Duffie - 35 Debbie McCann - 16 Kelly Weber - 10

Top Gentleman Angler

Ed Dunn - 49 Jonathan Duffie - 45 Tom McMurray - 37

Charles Kratz Award for 1st White Marlin Caught by a Junior Angler (member)

C.J. Little - "Talk N Trash" June 11, 2016 @ 11:30 AM

Edna Hodgens Award P.J. Aldridge

Jimmy Jackson Memorial Award for Top Mate on a Charter Boat

Chris Hornung - "Billfisher" Jake Emche - "Billfisher"

Jimmy Jackson Memorial Award for Top Mate on a Private Boat Chip Matthews

Recreational Angler Award Monica Freese - 7 releases

Heaviest Tuna

"Moore Bills" 250 lbs.

Heaviest Dolphin

"FFMD" 53 lbs.

Heaviest Wahoo

"Pumpin' Hard" 102 lbs.

Heaviest Shark

"Boss Hogg" 180 lbs.

First White Marlin of the Season

Andy Urban - "In the Black" May 27, 2016 @ 9:20 AM

Last Billfish of the Season

Vence Benedict - "First Light" October 2, 2016 @ 4:36 PM

Most 1st Billfish Caught by a Charter Boat

"No Quarter" - 58

Most 1st Billfish Caught by a Private Boat

"Haulin' & Ballin'" - 27

First Blue Marlin of the Season

Congratulates all

2016 Marlin Club

Award Winners

Bo Appel - "Boss Hogg" May 28, 2016 @ 1:30 PM

Most Blue Marlin Released by Any Boat

"No Quarter" - 6

Most Tuna Caught by a Charter Boat

"Marli" - 501 "Boss Hogg" - 256 "Wrecker" - 207

Most Tuna Caught by a Private Boat

"Primary Search" - 55 "Reel Fin Addict" - 41 "Slaughterhouse" - 25

Most Tuna Caught by a Boat - 35' to 46'

"Spring Mix II" - 87

Most Tuna Caught by a Boat - 27' to 34'

"Primary Search" - 55

Most Tuna Caught by a Boat - 26' and Under

"Bet-Sea" - 18

Most Billfish Released Private Boat - 26' and Under

"Hollywood" - 6

Most Billfish Released Private Boat - 27' to 34'

"My Cin" - 65 "Brenda Lou" - 44 "Canyon Hunter" - 28

Most Billfish Released Private Boat - 35' to 46'

"Griffin" - 57 "Gret's Three J's" - 54 "Poore Sport" - 53

Most Billfish Released by a Private Boat

"Makara" - 132 "Haulin' & Ballin'" - 109 "D.A. Sea" - 97

Most Billfish Released by a Charter Boat

"Billfisher" - 233 "No Quarter" - 104 "Buckshot" - 95

Most Billfish Released in 1 Day by a Private Boat "Makara" - 20

Most Billfish Released in 1 Day by a Charter Boat "Billfisher" - 23

Most Billfish Released by Any Boat "Billfisher" - 233

BILLFISH RELEASE CLUBS

200 Club

"Billfisher'" - 233

100 Club

"Makara" - 132 "Haulin' & Ballin'" - 109 "No Quarter" - 104

50 Club

"D.A. Sea" - 97 "First Light" - 67 "Poore Sport" - 53 "Reel Joy" - 53 "Buckshot" - 95 "My Cin" - 65 "The Chaser" - 91 "Marli" - 65 "Boss Hogg" - 51 "C-Boys" - 51 "Wrecker" - 63 "Sea Slammer" - 86 "Reel Chaos" - 82 "Tighten Up" - 60 "Reel Toy" - 51 "Pumpin' Hard" - 77 "Griffin" - 57 "Wound Up" - 51 "Bar South" - 76 "Maverick" - 50 "Gret's Three J's" - 54

25 Club

"Moore Bills" - 48

"Absolute Pleasure" - 46

"Brenda Lou" - 44

"Max Bet" - 42

"Christine Marie" - 38

"Contango" - 32 "Kingfisher" - 32 "Fish Whistle" - 31 "Last Call" - 31 "Grande Pez" - 29 "Par Five" - 29 "Top Dog" - 28 "Canyon Hunter" - 28 "Streaker" - 27





The team on the "No Quarter" took home several awards at the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Awards Banquet. They were recognized for Most Blue Marlin Caught by Any Boat, Most First Billfish Caught by a Charter Boat, second place for Most Billfish Caught - Charter Boat and a member of the 100 Club for their 104 billfish releases during the season. Pictured are mate Erik Mateer, Mike Peet, Karen Peet, Capt. Kyle Peet and Marissa Crosby.



At the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Awards Banquet, for the thirteenth year in a row, the team on the "Marli" won the award for "Most Tuna Caught - Charter Boat" with an incredible 501 tuna caught during the season. Pictured are Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens.



The team on the "Primary Search" fished hard this past year and were recognized at the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Awards Banquet with the "Most Tuna Caught - Private Boat" award for their 55 tuna boated during the season. Representing the "Primary Search" were Capt. Austin Ensor and angler Tommy Clark.



A lot of times mates are the unsung heroes in the fishing world, and at the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Awards Banquet, the Jimmy Jackson Memorial Award for Top Mates was presented to Chris Hornung and Jake Emche, mates on the charter boat, "Billfisher" and Chip Matthews, mate on the private boat, "Makara".



At the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Awards Banquet, the team on the "Billfisher" was the lone inductee in the 200 Club, recognized for their 233 billfish releases during the season. In addition to the 200 Club, the team won awards for Most Billfish Caught - Charter Boat in 1 Day (23), Most Billfish Caught - Charter Boat (233) and Most Billfish Caught by any Boat (233). Mates Chris Hornung and Jake Emche won the Jimmy Jackson Memorial Award for Top Mates on a Charter Boat. Judy Duffie took home 1st place honors for Top Lady Angler and her husband, Jonathan Duffie won 2nd place for Top Gentleman Angler. Also pictured are Capt. Jon Duffie and angler Dan Gough.



At the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Awards Banquet, three boats were inducted into the 100 Club for the 2016 season. The "Makara" for their 132 billfish releases, "Haulin & Ballin" for their 109 releases and "No Quarter" for 104 releases. Pictured are Mike and Karen Peet from the "No Quarter", Capt. Billy Gerlach from the "Makara" and Aaron and "K Bird" Jezierski, Shelby and Ryan Frashure and Capt. Howard Lynch from the "Haulin & Ballin".



At the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Awards Banquet, several boats were inducted into the 50 Club for releasing between 50 and 99 billfish during the season. Inductees were the "Maverick" (50), "Wound Up" (51), "Reel Toy" (51), "C-Boys" (51), "Boss Hogg" (51), "Reel Joy" (53), "Poore Sport" (53), "Gret's Three J's" (54), "Griffin" (57), "Tighten Up" (60), "Wrecker" (63), "Marli" (65), "My Cin" (65), "First Light" (67), "Bar South" (76), "Pumpin Hard" (77), "Reel Chaos" (82), "Sea Slammer" (86), "The Chaser" (91), "Buckshot" (95) and the "D.A. Sea" (97).

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At the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Awards Banquet, inductees into the 25 Club, in recognition of 25 to 49 billfish releases during the 2016 season were the "Streaker" (27), "Canyon Hunter" (28), "Top Dog" (28), "Par Five" (29), "Grande Pez" (29), "Last Call" (31), "Fish Whistle (31), "Kingfisher" (32), "Contango" (32), "Christine Marie" (38), "Max Bet" (42), "Brenda Lou" (44), "Absolut Pleasure" (46) and "Moore Bills" (48).



Shelby Frashure on the "Haulin & Ballin" is all smiles after winning the Top Junior Angler award for her 7 billfish releases during the 2016 season. Shelby is pictured at the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Awards Banquet with her winning trophy and a custom lithograph by local artist, George Kalwa.





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Registration: June 16, 6:30 PM

Fishing Days: (1 of 2) June 17 & 18

Awards Banquet: June 18, 6:30 PM 35th Annual Canyon Kickoff*

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Awards Banquet: July 2, 6:30 PM 13th Annual Kid's Classic*

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Registration: August 31, 6:30 PM Fishing Days: (2 of 3) September 1,2 & 3 Awards Banquet:

September 3, 6:30 PM

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Registration:
September 13, 7:00 PM
Fishing Days: (2 of 3)
September 14,15 & 16
Italian Night:
September 15, 6:30 pm

Awards Banquet: September 16, 6:30pm 5th Annual OCMC Rockfish

Tournament*

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Registration: December 8, 6:00 PM

Fishing Days: (5 of 9) December 9-17

Awards Banquet: December 17, 5:00 PM

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Grilled Whole Striped Bass

2 lemons 3 TBSP. olive oil 1 TBSP. chopped fresh oregano leaves 1 tsp. ground coriander 11/4 tsp. salt 2 whole striped bass, cleaned and scaled

1/4 tsp. black pepper

2 large oregano sprigs

Prepare outdoor grill for covered, direct grilling over medium heat.

From 1 lemon, grate 1 TBSP. peel and squeeze 2 TBSP.

Cut 1/2 of remaining lemon into slices and cut the remaining piece into wedges.

In a small bowl, stir lemon juice and peel, oil, chopped oregano, coriander and 1/4

Rinse fish and pat dry with paper towels.

Make 3 diagonal slashes in both sides of each fish.

Sprinkle inside and out with pepper and remaining 1 tsp. salt.

Place lemon slices and oregano sprigs inside fish cavities.

Place fish in a 13x9 glass baking dish.

Rub 1/2 of oil mixture on outside of both fish and reserve remaining oil mixture.

stand at room temperature for 15 minutes.

Place fish on hot grill over medium heat.

Cover grill and cook 15 minutes, turning once, until just opaque throughout, 12 to 14 minutes.

To serve, working with one fish at a time, with knife, cut along backbone from head to

Slide wide metal spatula under front section of top fillet and lift off from backbone.

Transfer to platter.

Pull out backbone and rib bones from bottom fillet and discard.

Transfer bottom fillet to platter.

Repeat with second fish. fillets Drizzle remaining oil mixture.

> Serve with lemon wedges. Serves 4.

Baked Marlin Steak

6 marlin steaks 1 TBSP. oil 1 medium onion, chopped 1 large green pepper, coarse chop 8 oz. tomato sauce 1 TBSP. Worcestershire sauce 1/2 tsp. each salt and

Place steaks in a glass baking dish.

pepper

Heat the oil in a large skillet and add the onion and green pepper; sauté 3 minutes.

Add remaining ingredients and pour sauce over steaks.

Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Serves 6.

Striped Bass Amandine

1 cup butter, divided 1 cup sliced almonds Juice of 1 lemon 1 TBSP. finely chopped fresh parsley Salt and pepper to taste 11/2 cups flour Kosher salt 1/2 tsp. black pepper Vegetable oil, for frying 6 skinless striper fillets

In a small skillet, melt 1/2 cup butter over medium-low heat.

Add the almonds and stir gently until they are golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes.

Remove the almonds from the pan with a slotted spoon, place in a bowl and set aside.

Add the remaining 1/2 cup butter to the same skillet.

Once the butter has melted, stir in the lemon juice and parsley.

Add salt and pepper to

Set aside.

Place the flour in a large bowl and season generously with salt and pepper.

Heat oil to 350 degrees in a deep heavy saucepan.

Dredge 2 of the fillets in the seasoned flour, coating both

Shake off the excess flour and place in the hot oil.

When the first two fillets are golden brown, transfer to a paper towel lined baking sheet to keep warm while frying the remaining fillets.

Do not dredge the fillets until just before frying.

Return the lemon-butter sauce to medium-high heat and stir for 1 minute or so until piping hot.

Place each fillet on a plate and scatter with almonds.

Drizzle with some of the lemon-butter sauce and serve immediately.

Serves 6.

Almond Crusted Flounder

3 TBSP. butter, softened

1/3 cup flour

1 tsp. lemon pepper

1 tsp. garlic pepper

1 tsp. salt

2 large eggs

11/4 cups finely ground almonds with skins

11/4 cups freshly grated parmesan cheese

8 flounder fillets

Preheat oven 450 degrees.

Spread butter over bottom of a large rimmed baking sheet.

Stir together flour, peppers and salt in a shallow pie plate.

Whisk eggs in separate shallow bowl until combined.

Combine almonds and cheese in another bowl or pie plate.

Dredge each fillet in flour mixture, shaking off any



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excess.

Dip fillets in egg, letting excess drip off.

Dredge each fillet in almond mixture, coating both sides and transfer to a prepared baking sheet.

Bake until fish flakes easily with fork, about 10 minutes. Serves 6-8.

Baked Coconut Shrimp

1 lb. large shrimp, peeled and deveined

1/3 cup cornstarch

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. cayenne pepper

2 cups unsweetened coconut

3 egg whites, beaten until foamy

For Sauce:

1 cup orange marmalade 2 TBSP. horseradish

2 TBSP. Dijon mustard

Stir together all of the ingredients and serve with shrimp.

For Shrimp:

Rinse shrimp and pat dry with paper towels.

Whisk together cornstarch, salt and cayenne in a shallow bowl

Spread coconut on a dinner plate or a wide shallow bowl.

Working with 1 shrimp at a time, dredge in cornstarch mixture, knocking off excess.

Dip shrimp in egg whites, letting excess drip off.

Roll shrimp in coconut, patting it on to coat well.

Transfer to baking sheet.

Repeat with remaining shrimp.

Bake shrimp, turning them over halfway through, until cooked through and coconut is browned, about 20 minutes.

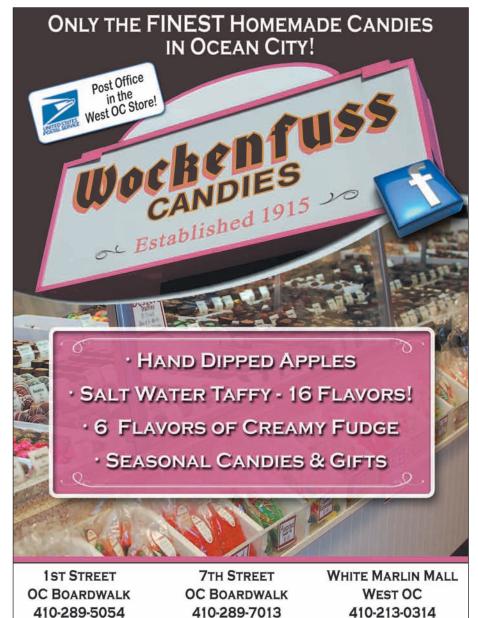
Serves 6.

Tuna Steaks with Melon Salsa

1 cantaloupe, seeded and finely diced1/2 red chili pepper, seeded and chopped10 fresh basil leaves, cut



Ray Ricci muscled in this 5 lb. sea bass while dropping a 6 oz. jig on an ocean wreck. Ray was fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt.





Bill Finitely was fishing with sand fleas at the Ice Breakers in the Delaware Bay when he captured this 8 lb. 15 oz. tautog. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



into thin strips

- 4 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 TBSP. fresh lime juice
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 pinch sugar
- 6 tuna steaks
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper

Combine cantaloupe, chili, basil, 2 TBSP. lime juice, 1/4 tsp. salt and sugar in a bowl.

Let stand about 10 minutes. Heat 2 remaining 2 TBSP. oil in a skillet over high heat.

Sprinkle tuna with black pepper and remaining 3/4 tsp. salt.

Cook to desired degree of doneness, about 3 minutes per side for medium rare.

Spoon 1/2 cup of the salsa over each steak.

Serves 6.

Fish Chowder

Courtesy of Frank "Killer" Kinelski

1 lb. cod fillets

2 TBSP. cooking oil

1 medium onion, sliced

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1/2 cup celery, diced

2 cups raw potatoes, diced

1/2 cup carrot, sliced

2 cups boiling water

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. pepper

1 cup milk

Cut cod into bite size pieces.

Heat oil in a large saucepan.

Cook onion and celery until onion is tender and translucent.

Add potatoes, carrots, water, salt and pepper.

Cover and cook until vegetables are tender.

Add fish and cook 10 minutes.

Add milk, but do not boil. Serves 4.

Spicy Bacon-Wrapped Scallops

12 slices bacon (not thick cut)

12 large sea scallops

1 tsp. Cajun seasoning

1 TBSP. olive oil



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2 lemons, cut into wedges

Cook bacon in a skillet, turning occasionally, until lightly browned but still pliable, 2 to 4 minutes.

Drain on paper towels.

Pour off grease from skillet.

Wrap a bacon slice around each scallop and secure with a toothpick.

Sprinkle the Cajun seasoning on both sides (do not season until just before cooking).

Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat.

Sear scallops in 2 batches until golden brown and just cooked through. Bacon should be crisp, 3 minutes per side.

Serve immediately with lemon wedges.

Serves 4.

Garlic Shrimp Linguine

6 oz. linguine

1/2 cup white wine

2 TBSP. butter

4 cloves garlic, finely chopped

1 lb. jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined

1/2 tsp. salt1/4 tsp. black pepper

5 oz. (6 cups packed) baby spinach

1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese, plus more for garnish Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil.

Add pasta and cook until al dente, 9 to 11 minutes.

Drain and transfer to a large bowl.

Simmer wine, 1 TBSP. butter and garlic in a large skillet over medium-low heat until garlic is tender, about 4 minutes.

Add shrimp, salt and pepper and simmer, turning shrimp over halfway through, until pink and just cooked through, 3 to 4 minutes.

Remove from heat and add the spinach, cheese and remaining TBSP. of butter; toss until butter has melted.

Add to the pasta and toss to combine.

Garnish with additional cheese.

Serves 4.

Spicy Grilled Flounder Fillets

1/2 cup Chardonnay or other dry, white wine

1/4 cup fresh chopped cilantro

2 TBSP. fresh lime juice

1 TBSP. chili powder

1 TBSP. dry mustard

1 TBSP. black pepper

1 TBSP. olive oil

3/4 tsp. salt 6 flounder fillets

Preheat a grill to 350 degrees.

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In a medium bowl, combine wine, cilantro, lime juice, chili powder, dry mustard, pepper, olive oil and salt; mix well.

Add flounder and marinate for 15 minutes.

Drain fillets, reserving marinade.

Place fish on a lightly oiled grill.

Grill for 5 minutes per side or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Baste with marinade while cooking.

Serves 6.

Chicken-Fried Mahi-Mahi with Sauce

Marinade:

1 cup buttermilk 1/4 cup minced red onion 1/4 cup chopped scallions

3 TBSP. chopped fresh dill

1 tsp. minced garlic

1 tsp. grated lemon zest

1/2 tsp. chili paste

Combine all of the ingredients in a baking dish. Stir well.

Mahi:

4 mahi-mahi fillets
Coarse salt and ground
white pepper
Flour for dredging
Corn or peanut frying
Spicy Remoulade (recipe
follows)





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Place fish in the marinade, making sure they completely coated.

Cover with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator for at least 1 hour or up to 8 hours.

At dinner time, remove fish from the marinade and season with salt and white pepper.

Coat the fillets well with flour.

Heat 1/4-inch of oil in a heavy skillet.

When hot but not smoking, fry the fish in batches, 2 minutes per side. The crust should be golden.

Drain on paper towels. Serve with the remoulade sauce.

Serves 4.

Remoulade Sauce 1 cup mayonnaise 2-3 anchovy fillets, minced to a paste 1 TBSP. small drained capers

Grated zest of 1/2 lemon 11/2 tsp. fresh lemon juice

6 dashes of Tabasco sauce

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1 TBSP. chopped fresh parsley

2 tsp. chopped fresh dill

1 tsp. Harissa (store bought chili pepper

Coarse salt and white pepper

Combine all ingredients in a bowl.

Taste for spiciness.

Heat will develop as sauce

Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour.

May be made the day before.

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Key West Style Striped Bass

5 key limes, juiced 1 egg, beaten 3 TBSP butter, melted 1/2 cup bread crumbs

1 TBSP light extra virgin olive oil

3 striped bass fillets 3 tomatoes, diced

















During a trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley, anglers Adam Kellet, Rob Flynn, Matt Marceron, Terry Williams, Shannon Peterson and Dan Iacangelo teamed up to catch 32 flounder and a few sea bass while fishing with bucktails tipped with strip baits at the Bass Grounds. Their largest flounder, caught by Adam, weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



The bite just outside of the Indian River Inlet in early December only lasted only a couple of days, but the fish were big as shown by the 36.5 pounder caught by Brad Pecoraro of Milton, DE. Brad hooked the big linesider while trolling mojos and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.

1 bunch scallions, sliced 1 cup Parmesan or Pecorino Romano cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Prepare a baking pan by spraying with non-stick cooking spray.

Juice limes.

Place 1 tablespoon of lime juice in a wide mouthed bowl and add egg.

Stir to combine and set aside.

Add remaining lime juice to melted butter and place in freezer for a few minutes to harden.

Sprinkle bread crumbs on a flat plate.

In a large skillet, heat olive oil.

Dip fish fillets in lime-egg mixture then into bread crumbs.

Pat to help bread crumbs adhere to fish.

Place in skillet and saute until golden brown on both sides.

Remove from skillet and place in prepared baking dish.

Take lime butter from freezer and divide over top of fish.

Bake in oven for 10 minutes.

While fish is baking, mix diced tomatoes and scallions together.

Remove fish from oven and top with tomato-scallion

mixture .

Sprinkle with Parmesan or Pecorino Romano cheese.

Cook for 5-8 minutes or until cheese is melted.

Serve immediately.

Striped Bass Ceviche

1 cup diced tomatoes

2 fresco chiles, seeds removed and thinly sliced

1 small serrano chile pepper, seeds removed and minced

2 scallions, thinly sliced

1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro

Juice of 1 lemon Juice of 4 limes

2 tsp. honey

2 tsp. sea salt

1 lb. fresh, skinless striped bass, cut into 1/2-inch dice

In a medium mixing bowl, combine the tomatoes, Fresno and Serrano chiles, scallions, cilantro, lemon and lime juice, honey and sea salt.

Stir in the fish until coated. Cover and refrigerate for at least an hour (and up to 4), stirring every 20 minutes, until the fish is soft and opaque but not falling apart.

> Taste for seasoning. Serve with tortilla chips.





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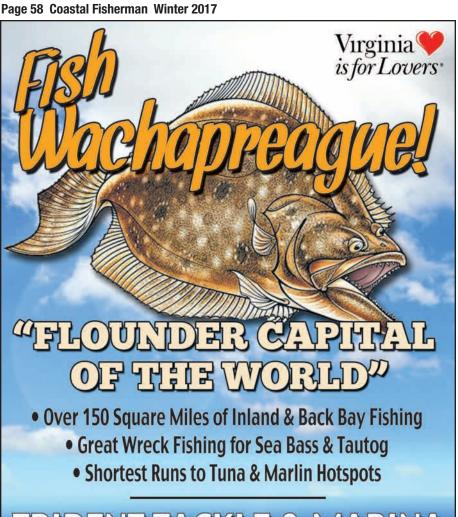
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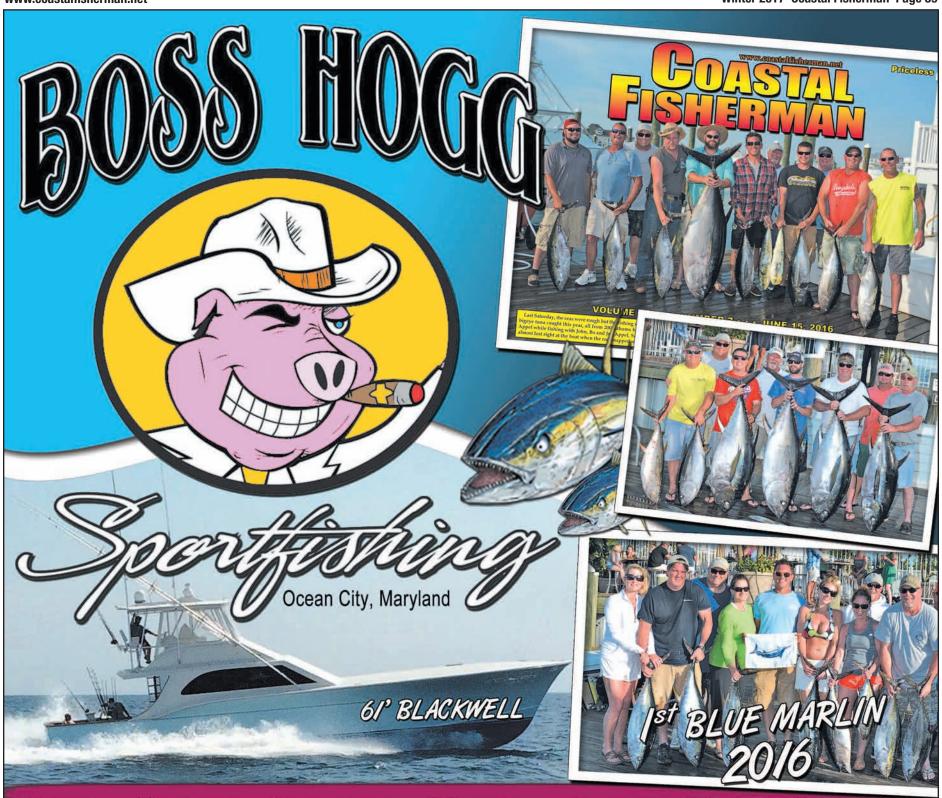
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John Gudknect caught this 9 lb. 14 oz. sheepshead while fishing with sand fleas on an ocean wreck aboard the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



Ask an angler to describe what fishing is all about and you'll probably hear words such as "fun, rewarding, relaxing, exciting, challenging, enjoyable, soothing" or any one of a thousand other adjectives that cast a positive light on the sport – the "passion" that we all love so much. Words that probably wouldn't be thrown into that mix would be "danger, pain fear, grief" or any other way of describing a situation where things have gone terribly wrong.

Fishing is about good times and good stuff, but the very nature of the sport has us outside enduring the elements, sometimes many miles from another human being, where we may need some kind of help should we need it. Keeping the "fun" in fishing requires that we have our boats floating, our engines running, our body parts out of the very fish we're trying to catch, we stay warm, dry, nourished, hydrated and not have some kind of freaky mishap with the bait knife while cutting the head off a mullet. Fishing is all fun and games until there's an accident.

Man Overboard!

Last summer I did a story about falling in the water. Highlighting some of my own blunders, I described a few of the more embarrassing, if not downright humorous, splashdowns I've had over the years. I wrote that story back in late June, but now it's December and falling in the water now is no joke. Cold air, cold water and heavy clothing can be a deadly mix that can end the life of someone in just a few short minutes.

Falling in the water is not something most people plan to do. In fact, I'm pretty sure most folks plan "not" to fall in so they are not prepared if it happens and they do not take extra precautions to ensure it doesn't happen in the first place. We'll look at how to prepare in the event that it happens in a moment, but first lets see how to prevent an unnecessary coldwater bath.

Do you know what is the number-one reason why people fall overboard from a boat? Here's a hint - it's usually men. So the answer is - the primary reason people fall overboard is when a man attempts to "take a leak" over the side of the boat. If you think about it, the whole set up is a recipe for disaster. The fellow would likely be pushed up as close to the side of the boat as possible, knees against the gunwale, likely holding onto boat with only one hand. If the boat rolls or drops off a wave the guys feet can kick out and over

he goes. Talk about wetting your pants!

Preventing that type of plunge into the water can be as simple as requiring everyone uses the boat's head, and if the vessel doesn't have one require that they use a bucket. Stopping the boat whenever someone needs to 'go" might seem like a timewasting inconvenience but it can also be a lifesaver. You can also hold the back of your buddies jacket or belt to steady him while he goes. It might not be a glamorous job, but neither is fishing your friend out of the big cold pond.

Skippers should also ensure that no one has a chance to fall overboard without being observed. A few years ago, a Delmarva boat was running out in the dark and didn't realize until they were close to their offshore fishing grounds that they were minus one passenger. Somewhere along the way, a fellow ended up in the water. It's hard to imagine the horror he must have felt watching the boat run away from him in the darkness. Miraculously, after 10-12 hours of treading water (no lifejacket) he was spotted and picked up by another boat. No one saw him go overboard because no one was watching. For the rest of the ride out, those in the cabin thought he was on the bridge and those on the bridge thought he was in the cabin. Incidences like that are not uncommon and occur even during the day.

People also end up in the

water by falling off the bow of the boat. Cars have seatbelts to keep us from flying forward during a sudden stop - but not boats. If a boat hits bottom while traveling along at even a modest clip everyone on board who is not holding onto something very securely is going to fly forward. Passengers close to the bow are likely to be ejected right off the boat. To make matters worse, if the boat continues to move forward it could very possibly run right over those in the water. No one should be allowed to ride up close to the bow of a moving

Boats aren't the only platforms from which people end up in the water. Piers, bulkheads, rock jetties, marsh banks and even a walk along a sandy shoreline can have someone splashing around in neck-deep water when they take one step too many over an unexpected drop off. In the summer the algae that grows on hard surfaces can make them extremely slippery and in the winter just a little bit of frost on a deck or a dock can be disastrous.

Perhaps the one saving grace is that this time of the year there's a lot fewer people spending time on or near the water than during the warm weather months, so there are much fewer accidental splashdowns. Sportsmen, however, are not so inclined to let a little cold weather stand between them and their quarry and therefore are more likely to be the ones who end up

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unexpectedly submerged in ice cold water. Careful attention to concerns safety is extra important for anyone who ventures on or near the water during the cold weather months. Watch your footing on decks, docks and rocks. Take measures to ensure that no passengers have an opportunity to fall over the side, no matter what they're doing, and if ever there was a time to follow the number one safetv boater course recommendation, this would be it - Wear a life jacket at all times!

Hypothermia

Every fisherman needs to know that, no matter what time of the year they fish, they are always at risk of hypothermia. It doesn't have to be bitter cold outside and you don't have to be in ice water to succumb to hypothermia, which occurs when the body loses heat faster than it can produce it and your body temperature gets below 95 degrees. Untreated hypothermia can kill you from heart and respiratory failure so it's nothing to take lightly!

Prevention of hypothermia is simply "don't get too cold"

which can be easier said than done on a boat. We've already discussed staying in the boat and out of the water, and that's a good start. But also those who find themselves on the water during the cold weather months should also consider whether or not they are prepared to spend a night or two on their boat should they have a breakdown and can't get home before the sun goes down. Poking around the reefs for tautog in December or January in an open boat is a barrel of fun until you lose power and can't call for help! Cold weather boating requires that safety equipment include more than just your standard PFD's, flares and extinguishers. Quality foul weather gear, blankets, sleeping bags, extra thermal clothing, portable heaters, survival suits and life rafts are items that could keep boaters safe from the effects of hypothermia.

Obviously, treatment for hypothermia is to warm the patient up. On a boat without a heater this can be a problem but if the vessel has a running engine it has a heat source. If the engine compartment is large enough, someone can warm themselves by getting close to the engine. Both inboards and outboards emit warm water from their exhaust. That warm water can be collected and used to warm someone by allowing them to hug a bucket of it or by putting it in plastic bags that can be placed over various parts of the body or even under their clothing. Just make sure the water isn't too hot

Knife Cuts

Whether they're for cutting bait, filleting fish, cutting lines or for slicing bread in the galley, every properly equipped fishing boat is going to be equipped with a knife or, more likely, a collection of knives to cover all the possible onboard tasks that require a good blade. As fishermen, we're always cutting something. But unlike when we're carving up Thanksgiving turkey, on a boat we seldom have a nice stable platform to work on and from. Instead we often find ourselves sitting on a cooler or bucket trying to slice and dice on a cutting board that's probably sliding around with every roll of he boat. Other times we might be

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kneeling on a pitching deck trying to restrain some big lively fish with one hand as we slice it's head off with the other.

Because they always seem to cutting "something", fishermen get pretty good with knives. But mess around with anything long enough and sooner or later you're going to get bit. Minor nicks on the fingers and knuckles are commonplace for fishermen, but more severe cuts are always just a fraction of an inch or one slip of the knife away. Wearing a cut resistant glove on the hand that does not hold the knife can prevent a nasty cut at sea or at the cleaning table at the end of the day. Such gloves are available in Kevlar for only \$10 to \$15 or in steel mesh for \$70 to over \$100.

Besides being careful when you're using knifes, it's important to properly store them so that no one gets cut or impaled as they're moving about the boat. Sturdy knife racks mounted in locations where they are handy but also out of traffic zones where people might brush against them will help prevent severe injuries.



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Eve Injuries

It might not seem as though eye injuries are something fishermen need to worry much about but they're not uncommon and when they do occur they can be really bad. I once overheard a distress call to the Coast Guard from a sport fishing boat that was reporting an incident whereby an angler had a hook impaled in their eye – not in the eyelid, not the eyebrow, the "eyeball"! The thought of it still gives me chills.

I don't know how that particular accident happened, but I know of two other incidents where anglers were holding large fish (a white marlin and a tuna) when the hook pulled and came flying back into their face, shattering their sunglasses and sending glass into their eyes.

That's the kind of freaky accident that shows what can happen. How do you guard against something like that happening? I guess when wiring up a fish don't pull your hands up toward your face, and be prepared in case the hook pulls. Another thing to consider when buying sunglasses is to opt for lenses made of plastic or polycarbonate rather than glass (see Bob Pino's column in this issue) so that you don't have to worry about them shattering.

Even more so than a direct eye injury, is the risk of eye damage from the effects of the sun's ultraviolet rays. It's critically important to wear quality sunglasses that offer 100% UV protection. I keep a few pairs of cheap sunglasses aboard the boat for clients to borrow if they forget their own, but what I wear on my face are the best quality lenses I can afford from a reputable optician. I use An Optical Galleria in West Ocean City for my eyewear needs because not only do they know everything about eyewear, but the business is also owned and run by a family of avid fishermen who know from firsthand experience the unique and demanding needs of us fishermen.

Drowning

Whether it's a stream, a river, an ocean or a pond, the one thing all fishermen have in common is that we do what we do on, over, in or at the edge of the water. And while nothing can survive without water, the environment

that holds the fish we so joyfully pursue can also extinguish our own life in mere seconds. The risk of drowning hovers over every angler all the time, and disaster can result from one bad step in a stream, one slippery rock on a jetty or one unexpected wave on the ocean. Anglers don't have to do something stupid to end up fighting for their life in an environment that just moments before was the source of their happiness and admiration.

There are so many ways an angler can end up in the water that you couldn't list them all, and about all I can say is "be careful and don't fall in". What's most important is that no one takes the threat of drowning for granted. Fishermen can spend a lifetime on the water without a mishap, and in the blink of an eye find themselves in a very bad way that can end in tragedy if they are not prepared. And being prepared means two things - knowing how to swim and wearing a life jacket.

It's probably safe to say that these days most people learn to swim when they are children, but not everyone does, and it's not uncommon to hear of adults who have spent their entire lives working on the water who can't swim a stroke. No less important than teaching them to look left and right before crossing the street, every parent has a responsibility to ensure that their child knows how to swim, because someday it could save their life, and any adult who doesn't know how to swim should also make the effort to learn

Discussion on this topic would not be complete without mentioning the wearing of life jackets (PFDs). Do we all wear them all the time? No. But there's no doubt that if everyone wore a PFD all the time while they were on the water there would be a lot less drownings. PFDs save lives – period.

Fish Bites

If you've never been bitten by a fish you probably haven't fished for very long. Sooner or later we all get "bit"! Fish bites can be minor nips or lifethreatening lacerations. The trick is not getting bitten by anything with teeth big enough or jaws strong enough to do any serious damage. Keeping all your parts in tact starts with knowing what fish have teeth you've got to worry about and which ones don't. The next step is learning how to handle each type of toothy fish so you don't end up impaled on their teeth in the first place. Finally, anglers should have a "what-if" plan that will help ensure that they can properly address a bite from whatever type of fish they might encounter.

It goes without saying that of all the fish that might be encountered off Delmarva, those that anglers should be most careful with would be sharks. Even those anglers who have no intention of fishing for sharks should have some kind of plan on how to deal with them because no one really knows when one might decide to take a bait or lure that's intended for other fish. The important thing to remember about sharks is that they are born with a full set of sharp dentures so that even very small ones can cut you up pretty bad if they get hold of you. If a large shark grabs you it's going to be bad - really bad! I have a number of small scars from sharks that remind me of some close calls I've had over the

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years, but only one time did I have to visit the hospital from a bite. It was only a four-foot shark that got a hold of just my thumb and index finger, but after 27 stitches and a hard lesson I came away with an extra dose of respect for how sharp a shark's teeth are and how quickly they can snap their jaws!

In most cases the safest thing anglers can do is to release sharks without bringing them out of the water. Using a dehooking tool or by cutting the leader a safe distance away from the hook is always a good move. Sharks that are boated to bring home should be secured with a head and tail rope and it's not a bad idea to put a bucket over their head so they can't get in mischief on the way home.

The jaws in a bluefish, wahoo, king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, Atlantic bonito and dolphin may not be as formidable as that of a shark and not large enough to bite off an arm or a leg, but the teeth are quite sharp and can cause severe lacerations that could require immediate medical attention. Bites from fish such as tautog, sheepshead, blowfish, flounder



Page 64 Coastal Fisherman Winter 2017 and triggerfish aren't likely to put anyone in the hospital, but they could certainly spell the end of the fishing trip for an angler unlucky enough to feel the effect of their relatively small, but very powerful jaws.

A lot of people get bitten while removing a hook or holding a fish up for a photo. There are a number of tools on the market (I recommend the "Boga Grip") that clamp onto the lower jaw of a fish. While they don't work on medium to large sharks, such tools do allow anglers to safely hold most other fish with little risk of being bitten. Of course, sometimes the safest bet for a photo is not to hold it at all but allow the fish to lie on the deck, remain in the water, or just hang from the leader.

Fish spines

If the teeth don't get you the spines might! The teeth of a fish are designed primarily to help them acquire food, but the "spines" of a fish are intended for their defense, and you can bet that when you hook and land a fish it's going to be much more concerned about its defense than its next meal, so you've got to watch out for those spines!

Spines are usually located on the back of a fish and are a part of their dorsal fin. Some spines, such as those on the triggerfish, spiny dogfish, stingrays and skates are quite formidable and very obvious. Other spines, like those on a sea bass, are not so apparent until you stick one into the palm of your hand. Some fish such as croaker and sea robins have spines (or at least sharp edges) on their heads and around the trailing edges of their gill plates. Wherever the spines are located, you can bet that when a fish is in defensive mode

the spines will be erect and ready to jab. Aside from those of the stingray, most spines are not designed to inject any kind of toxin into the body, but bacteria or other nasty stuff contained in the fish's slime can enter through the site of the puncture. Getting "spined" should prompt anglers to immediately wash the wound thoroughly with hot water and an anti-bacterial cleanser, and then monitor for any signs of infection, which should then prompt a visit to the doctor.

Being pulled overboard

When I consider some of the sudden and unexpected tragedies that have befallen fishermen over the years, I cannot help but remember a few incidences when crew members where literally pulled overboard by their catch. Particularly when it comes to offshore fishing for big fish on sometimes choppy sea conditions, it's almost surprising that such accidents don't happen more often than they do.

Most often the victim is not the angler but whoever has the duty of "wiring" the fish or pulling it in by hand before either gaffing or releasing it. If someone is holding onto the leader and a big fish surges away from the boat, that person had better be able to quickly and smoothly let it slip out of their hands because there is no margin for error. One of four things will happen if a fish makes a last minute run; (1) either the leader is released and the angler fights the fish back to the boat, (2) the hook pulls and the fish gets away, (3) the leader breaks and the fish gets away, or (4) the person on the leader goes overboard attached to a big angry fish. Of the four outcomes one is good, two are bad and one

can be tragic.

Wiring even modest size fish on relatively light tackle can get anglers in trouble if they are caught off balance at a critical time. Whether it's from a boat, a pier or a shoreline, wiring a fish can be the most dangerous part of fishing and should always be done with extreme concern for safety.

Getting hooked

Once, while reaching over the side of the boat to release a 100-pound shark that was on the bottom hook of a two-hook rig, the top hook swung around and imbedded in my upper arm. Fortunately, my mate didn't let go of the leader and someone else was able to quickly cut the connection between the two hooks, allowing the shark to swim away with a 14/0 hook in it's jaw and me to stay aboard with one in my arm. While that was another lesson learned the hard way, it could have been worse - much worse!

Hooks are intended to impale two things; the bait we use and the fish we are trying to catch. They're not supposed to be sticking in or out of us fishermen, but as luck would have it, for one reason or another they very often end up in places where they shouldn't and we have a dilemma on our hands. Or should I say "in" our hands because that seems to be the part the body where most hookings occur. Obviously, the more hooks someone has on their line the more chance they have to end up on one. Multiple treble hooks on a lure is an accident waiting to happen, particularly when that lure is in the mouth of a lively fish that the angler is trying to unhook. One good headshake at the wrong time and suddenly the angler and fish become blood-brothers on the same lure!

Something I've seen a number of times while bottom fishing is when an angler attempts to hold a fish up by the leader either for photo or just to look at it. If it's a two-hook bottom rig and the hand holding the leader is between the two hooks and the leader slips a little the weight of the fish will drive the other hook into the angler's hand – ouch! It's best to make sure both hooks are on the same side of the hand when lifting a fish on a leader.

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Another tip is to avoid using
the little wire "hook keeper" that
is often installed on light rods
just above the foregrip. Storing a
hook or lure in a hook keeper
while the rod is not being used
puts the hook or hooks right
where anglers often grab their
rods to pick them up.

It's surprising how painful even a small hook that's gone in past the barb can be, and getting it out is not going to be fun. Extracting a hook by pushing it the rest of the way through, cutting off the barb and then backing it out is good when it can be done, but it's not always an option. The other methods such as the string technique or just quickly yanking it out with a pair of pliers like you'd do with a fish can do some real damage if the barb catches on a tendon or any of your internal plumbing on the way out. Often the only alternative is to leave the hook in place and make a trip to the emergency room. If you can get away with it, smashing down the barbs of hooks is a great way to ensure that if you do get hooked at least the hook will come out easily. Better yet, be careful and don't get hooked in the first place.

There is no way to provide a comprehensive list that would cover all the trouble we fishermen can conjure up for ourselves when we're out and about and doing all we can do to get a fish on the line. And while preceding paragraphs covered everything from being too cold to being burned by the sun, I still didn't touch on common hazards such seasickness, overexertion, dehydration or the mental stress of spending too many days of your life being a jerk on one end of a line waiting for a jerk on the other. Yea, I guess fishing can be a little perilous at times, but probably no more so than walking across the street or admitting who you voted for in the last election. It's all about being careful, learning from the mistakes of others, and if all else fails - keeping a good first-aid kit

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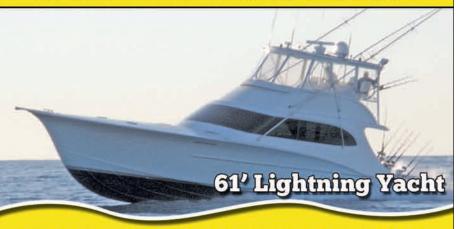


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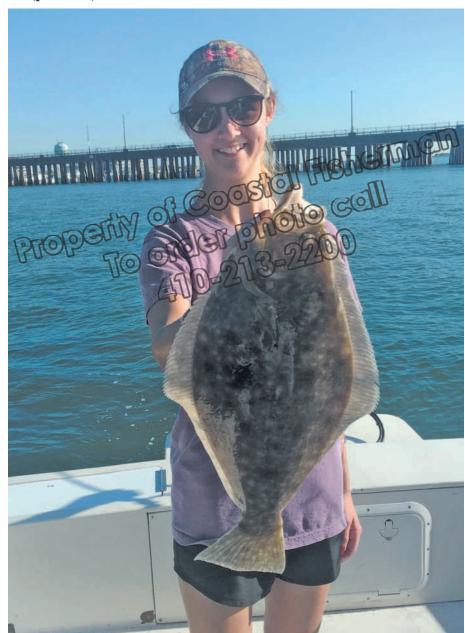
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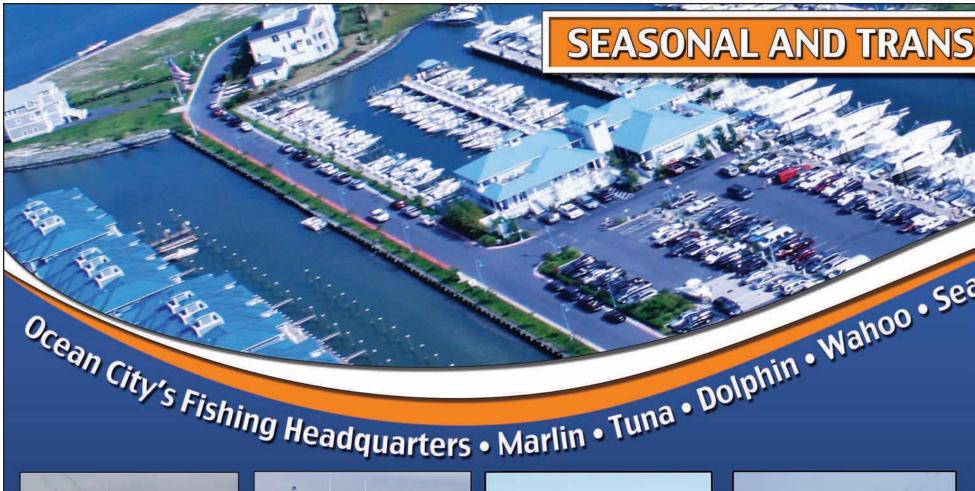
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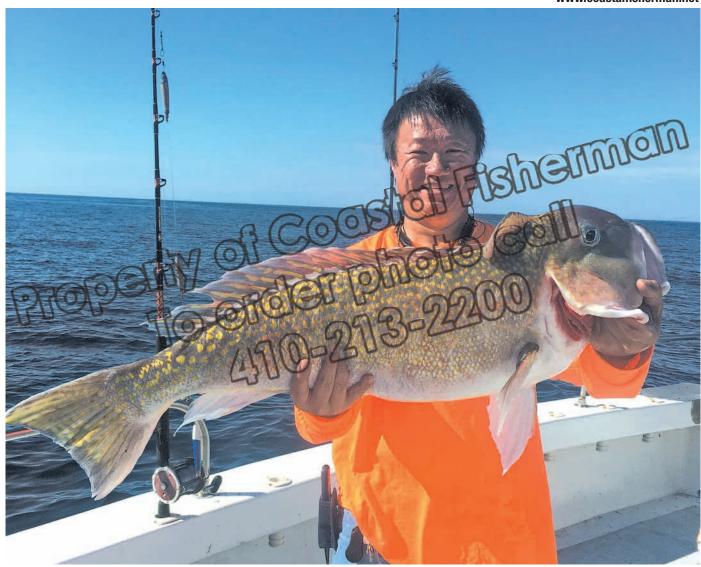
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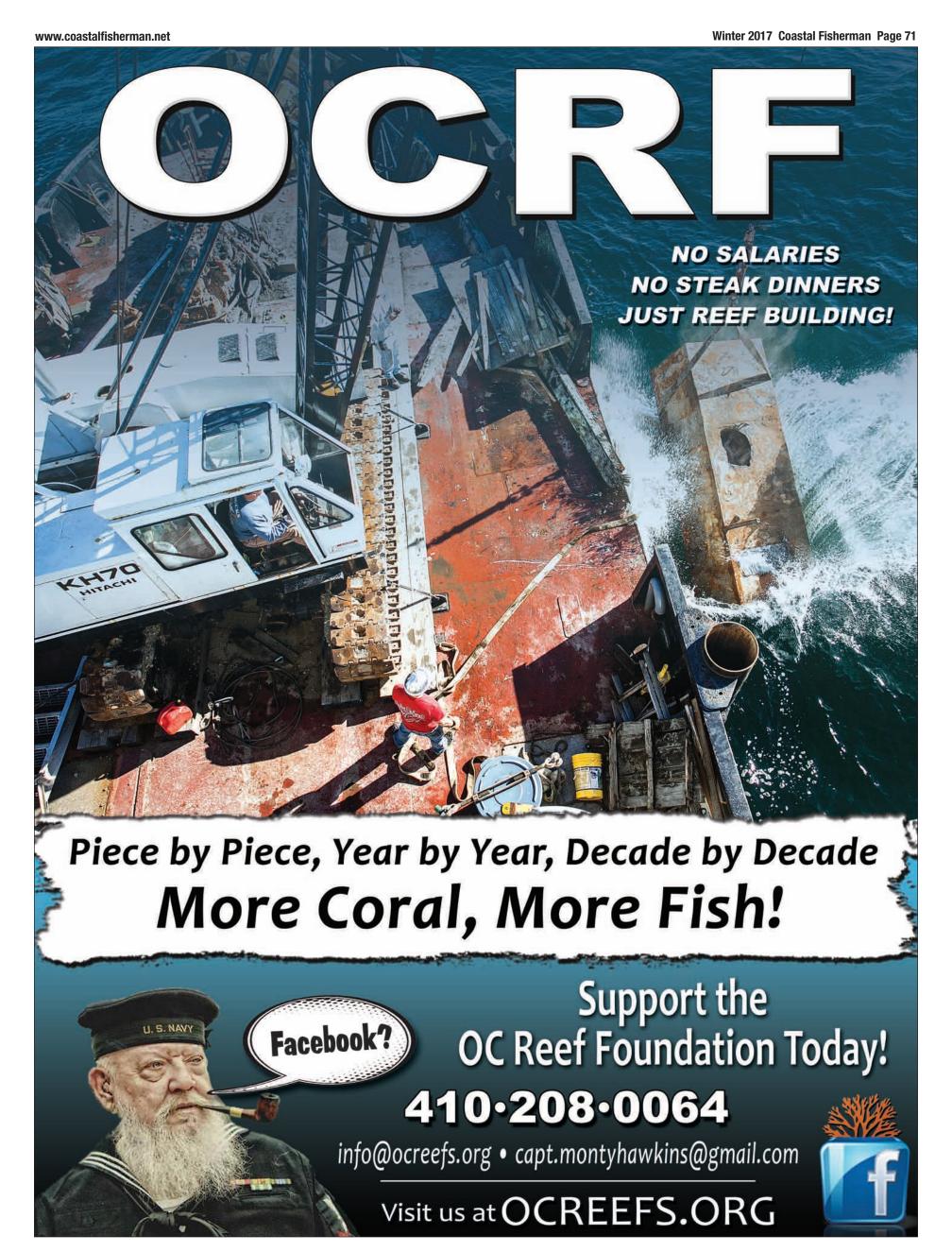
No stranger to readers of the Coastal Fisherman, Ken Yuen of Germantown, MD was at it again, this time boating a 25 lb. golden tilefish during a trip aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo. Ken hooked the big tilefish on a squid in the Baltimore Canyon. The "Angler" sails out of Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock on Talbot Street in Ocean City, MD.

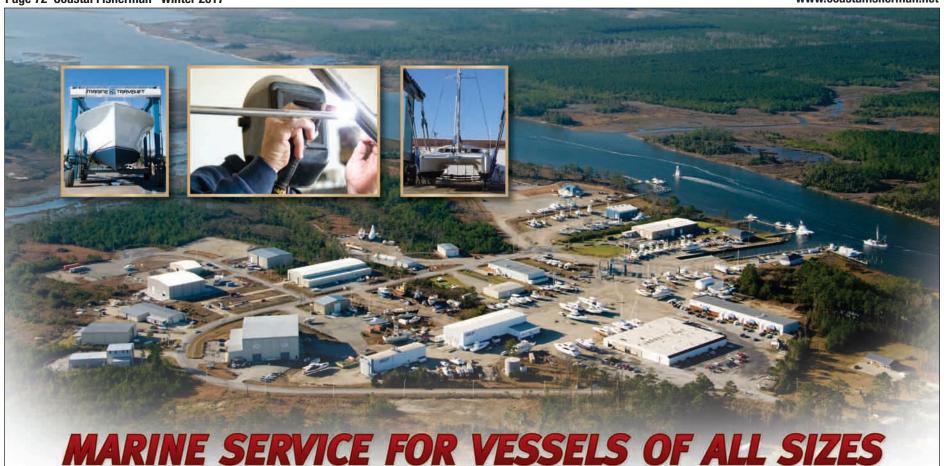
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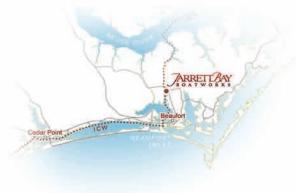














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Atlantic Cod	24 lbs.	Fred Brungart	05/31/13	38 miles S.E. of OC Inlet
Bluefish	23 lbs. 8 oz.	Lillian Morris	1974	Assateague Island
A	23 lbs. 8 oz.	Kevin Weber	10/07/13	Rt. 50 Bridge
Cobia NEW	94.6 lbs.	Emma Zajdel	06/30/16	Little Gull Shoal
Dolphin	67 lbs. 8 oz.	Kim Lawson	1985	53 miles off Ocean City
Drum, Black	79 lbs.	Stanley IIyes	1985	Bass Grounds
Drum, Red	70 lbs.	Robert Light	1977	Assateague Island
Flounder, Summer	17 lbs.	Anthony Vacari	1974	Assateague Island
Flounder, Winter	5 lbs. 2 oz.	Kevin Twilley	06/23/15	26 miles off Ocean City
Kingfish, Roundhead	2 lbs. 8 oz.	Grace Walker	1975	Assateague Island
Mackerel, King	47 lbs.	Gerald Kauffman	1985	Great Gull Shoal
Marlin, Blue	1,010.5 lbs.	James Kontos	2010	Spencer Canyon
Marlin, White	135 lbs.	George Pierson	1980	Poor Man's Canyon
Porgy	6 lbs. 3 oz.	Pearl Hoppie	1966	Fenwick Shoal
Sea Bass	8 lbs.	Hayward Madison	1978	Jackspot
Sheepshead	17 lbs. 8 oz.	Raymond Daniel	2004	Ocean City Inlet
Snowy Grouper	66 lbs.	Gregory Benn	07/30/12	Norfolk Canyon
Spadefish	11 lbs. 6.5 oz.	Noel Lohr	2004	Triple Wrecks
Striped Bass	57.2 lbs.	Gary Smith	2006	Assateague Island
Tautog	28.8 lbs.	Kenneth Westerfeld	01/02/15	Wreck off Ocean City
Tilefish, Blueline	20 lbs.	Bob Purcell	09/12/12	Norfolk Canyon
Tilefish, Golden	62 lbs.	Steve Doctor	2009	Baltimore Canyon
Triggerfish, Gray	5 lbs. 2 oz.	Wayne Gower	10/31/14	Great Eastern Reef
Trout, Grey (Weakfish)	16 lbs.	Donald Cannon	1976	Ocean City Inlet
Trout, Speckled	13 lbs.	Jack Miller	1973	Sinepuxent Bay
Tuna, Bigeye	375 lbs. 8 oz.	Cecil Browne	1977	Ocean City
Tuna, Blackfin	32 lbs.	Bob Zang	1998	30 fathom line
Tuna, Bluefin	625 lbs.	James Daniels, IV	1975	45 miles off Ocean City
Tuna, False Albacore	22 lbs. 8 oz.	Kevin Sheckells	1995	Third Lump
Tuna, Longfin Albacore	74 lbs.	Victor Gardner II	2005	Baltimore Canyon
Tuna, Yellowfin	236 lbs. 8 oz.	Mark Bennett	2002	Washington Canyon
Wahoo	131 lbs.	John Schaar	07/01/14	Rockpile
White Perch	1.65 lbs.	Ryan Timmons	07/30/16	Ayres Creek
Sharks	193 lbs.	Brian Twol	1991	Ocean City
Black Tip		Brian Zysk		•
Blue Hammarhaad Scallanad	280 lbs. 266 lbs. 8 oz.	Martin Waltman	1997	Ocean City Washington Canyon
Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth	375 lbs.	Scott Cusick	08/08/12 2004	Washington Canyon
Mako	876 lbs.	George Ford V	2004	Parking Lot Poor Man's Canyon
		Jim Hughes Bront Applopit		•
Thresher	642 lbs.	Brent Applegit	2009 1983	Fingers Ocean City
Tiger	1,210 lbs.	Grace Czerniak		Ocean City
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At the end of November, anglers on the headboat, "Morning Star" came close to a boat limit of sea bass and even added some variety to the catch after fishing with clams, squid and Gulp! artificial baits on an ocean wreck. Pictured are Frank Wagner who had the first limit of sea bass in addition to a couple of big bluefish, Mike Maney, Paul Born with a good size triggerfish, Terry Burgess with the the day's only flounder, Joe Costello and Jack Pearson. As always, Capt. Monty Hawkins was at the helm and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt took care of the deck. The "Morning Star" sails out of the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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The summer season is always an action packed couple of months and no time is more exciting than the week of the White Marlin Open. This little local tournament has grown into the premier fishing event that has turned Ocean City into the mecca of offshore fishing in early August.

I had an opportunity to interview founder, Jim Motsko about the tournament and gained some insight on how this event has turned into "The Largest and Richest Billfish Tournament in the World".

The first White Marlin Open was in held in 1974. Where did you get the idea?

I got the idea when I was on my honeymoon in Andros Island, Bahamas. I thought I like to be "professional angler" after working six summers and one winter on charter boats in Ocean City and Florida. Golf had been offering cash prizes and tennis was just starting to offer guaranteed prize money. I thought if there was a fishing tournament that guaranteed prize money by paying a basic entry fee, I would enter to fish the tournament and hopefully win some money and possibly earn a living being a professional angler.

What was the impetus behind starting the tournament and who was involved?

The impetus was to try to set up a venue that would establish marlin fishing as a way to earn a living doing what people loved to do and possibly earn prize money by doing so. Myself, my wife, Marianne, and one of my cousins, Chuck Motsko were the main people who started the White Marlin Open.

Prize money has really grown over the years. How much did the top white

marlin win in the 1974 tournament?

The winner, Vince Sorenson caught a 68.5 lb. white marlin and won \$10,000.

How many boats entered that first tournament?

There were 57 boats entered in the 1974 tournament.

What was the total prize money?

Total prize money was \$20,000.

Has the White Marlin Open always been a 5-day tournament?

Yes, but originally it was four straight days, with three "weather boats" to make decisions about whether the boats fish or not fish each day because of the offshore weather forecast.

Were there many 5-day fishing tournaments when you first started out?

No, not at the time we started the tournament.

What year did the tournament really take off with boats coming in from outside Ocean City?

We started seeing non-local boats coming in for the tournament beginning in 1998 when Marsh Harbor opened up and more so in 1999 when Sunset Marina opened.

What drove this to happen?

We had more room to dock in the Ocean City area for out of town boats.

How many people are involved in putting on the White Marlin Open, both paid and volunteer?

Basically, 3 full-timers and about 10 to 15 total during the week of the tournament.

I know you all get to catch your breath right after the tournament, but when do you begin working on next year's tournament?

Usually, about 4-5 weeks after the close of the tournament towards the end of

September.

What are the biggest challenges in pulling together a tournament of the magnitude of the White Marlin Open?

A lot of the final details can't be done until the last minute and with a 3 person operation that can get crazy!

Also, getting as many boats to enter the tournament as possible. The more boats, the more prize money. Keeping the release points scoring upto-date is a lot harder than folks think and we are always challenged with any computer glitches or problems on our website.

When did you know that the tournament could become "special" and what made you feel that way?

When we were declared "The World's Largest Billfish Tournament" the year we had 257 boats. We surpassed a tournament in Australia to claim that title.

I know studies have been done regarding the financial impact of the tournament on our local economy. What do those studies show?

That over \$20,000,000 per year is spent because of the White Marlin Open and that study is close to 10 years old so I'm sure it is even more currently. The White Marlin Open is a huge economic impact engine for Ocean City, Worcester County and the states of Maryland and Delaware.

Did you have much support from the Town of Ocean City when the tournament began?

Unfortunately, no.

How much support do you get from the Town of Ocean City currently?

Some city services such as police directing traffic at the corner of St. Louis and 14th Street, trash containers for refuse left at Harbour Island

each day of weigh-ins and a \$5,000 advertising budget.

We also pay the Town of Ocean City to have banners displayed on the Route 50 Bridge and at the base of the Route 90 Bridge during the tournament.

One of the questions I get asked the most is what does it cost for a boat to fish in the tournament?

The basic entry fee is \$1,000 per boat if entered by June 1st and \$1,350 after that time. This enables each boat to be eligible to win the guaranteed \$50,000 in prize money. After that, anglers can spend an additional \$50 to \$10,000 for various "added entry levels".

If a boat wants to get "Across the Board" it would cost \$27,450 for big boats and \$29,450 for smaller boats since there are added entries only for smaller boats. Next year, we will add a "Small Boat/Big Fish added entry for smaller boats. Any boat under 40-feet and under is eligible to enter.

What is the largest number of boats ever entered in the tournament and in what year did it happen?

The most boats we ever had entered was in 2006 when 449 registered.

What has been the biggest change fishing-wise, that you have seen in the tournament since it's inception?

I think one is the size of the boats have been getting larger and faster. As far as actually fishing is concerned, the use of circle hooks and conservation awareness have both had significant impacts.

Conservation is a big part of the White Marlin Open with divisions set-up for Billfish Releases. How does the tournament view it's role in billfish conservation and are there any plans to expand conservation efforts in future tournaments?

The past few years, we have averaged about a 98% billfish release ratio. We are extremely proud of our industry leading release ratio for a tournament that offers prize money for boating the heaviest fish of various

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species, including billfish. We also offer prize money for releases of billfish.

The last couple of years saw a good spike in total prize money, primarily due to the addition of a big money added entry? What does the new Added Entry level cost and how many boats got in it last year?

The added entry level "WM" costs \$10,000 per boat and is awarded to the heaviest white marlin, 70 lbs or over, caught by one of the boats that have entered this specific added entry level.

I know one of your challenges comes from "small" boat fishermen wondering how they can compete against the "big" boat teams. How do you deal with this concern?

We have very reasonable time schedules to allow smaller boats the time to get where they want to fish in time before the "lines in water and out of water".

A few years ago, we initiated "small boat added

entry levels" for small boats only. In 2017, the "small boat entry levels" will be for boats that are under 40-feet. We are also adding another entry level, in addition to the heavies tuna and white Marlin small boat added entries. It is the "Small Boat/Big Fish" added entry for small boats.

I'm always amazed where I run into people wearing White Marlin Open t-shirts, whether it is in an airport or just walking around in another city. You sell a lot of White Marlin Open t-shirts each year. I can only imagine how many you sell, but I was wondering what is the farthest country you have ever sent out a t-shirt to? Do you get many orders from outside the USA?

I have seen people wearing White Marlin Open shirts as far away as Australia. I have also seen them in Greece, Mexico, Panama, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Brazil, Canada, Bahamas, Azores, Madera and Venezuela to name a few countries. We get orders from

out of the USA, mostly Canada.

Each year, the anglers in the White Marlin Open can donate their fish to the Maryland Food Bank to feed the hungry. Do you know how many pounds of fish have been donated to the Food Bank?

On average, anglers in the White Marlin Open donate an average of 2,000 to 2,500 lbs. of fish to the Maryland Food Bank each year that is distributed to local agencies right in Ocean City and Worcester County. They estimate that it fed over 1,600 people last year alone.

If you aren't able to attend the White Marlin Open, how can you view it online? Do you have any changes coming in future years making it easier for people to view the action?

We have a live feed web cam that is mobile during the event. It can be accessed by going online to www.whitemarlinopen.com from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM each

Winter 2017 Coastal Fisherman Page 77 fishing day. Many marinas, restaurants and bars live

restaurants and bars live stream the weigh-ins in their establishments.

In 2016, we added a "jumbo tron" type screen for viewers at the event.

I guess we have to address the issue from last year's tournament where the winning white marlin is under protest right now. I know it has been turned over to the Federal Court. What was the reasoning for turning it over to the courts?

We asked for an "Interpleader" from the Court so a judge can make a ruling as to who is entitled to the prize money in question. That way, we are impartial.

My understanding is that the dispute is based upon them failing the lie detector test for (1) catching the white marlin within legal fishing times, and (2) nobody but the angler touching the rod after hook-up. Are they disputing that these violations took place or are they disputing the

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results of the lie detector test?

The court ordered a "confidentiality agreement", so I cannot comment at this time.

Can you give us an update on where the case stands? I know there was a move being made by lawyers to bring it back to Worcester County.

It is still in Federal Court in Baltimore

Do you think the case will be resolved before next year's tournament?

Yes. The court date is scheduled for May 22, 2017

The tournament has been held at Harbour Island since the beginning. When is your current agreement up and do you envision the tournament remaining there? You know a move to West Ocean City is always circulating in the rumor mill.

We have a lease with the Harbour Island Condo Association for the next 4 years. Either entity can cancel with a 2-year notice. We would look at an offer to relocate, if presented, but as it stands now, we will be back at Harbour Island again, for the 44th year.

What changes in the White Marlin Open can we expect to see in upcoming years?

At this moment, we are not planning anything. "If it ain't broken, why try to fix it" is our feeling at this time. But, I am sure we will continue to

"tweak" our rules, as needed.

For you, what is the most memorable highlight of the last 43 years?

There are many "highlights". I think some of the main ones are.

- 1.449 boats entered in 2016.
- 2. The first fish over 1,000 lbs. caught on the "No Problem" by Bob Farris, from South Carolina. It weighed 1,062 and is now the Maryland State Record blue marlin. You can see it mounted and displayed at the Ocean City, Convention Center.
- 3. Having my 2 daughters stepping into being critical parts of the event.
- The total purse exceeding \$4.4 million dollars in 2016.
- 5. Attaining the recognition of being "The World's Largest Richest Billfish Tournament.
- 6. NOT having the White Marlin being declared to be listed as "Endangered".
- 7. Spearheading the use of circle hooks for billfish tournaments and fishing for billfish in general.

Thanks Jim. It was very interesting to hear about the history of this tournament and get some behind the scenes insight on what it takes to put the event on every year. Best of luck to you, your family and the tournament in the coming years.



Julie Keenan of West Ocean City was on a tear this year, first landing good size cobia during the summer and then adding a nice catch of sheepshead while fishing with Chris Trovitch on "My Sanity". All of the fish were caught at the South Jetty while using sand fleas, spider crabs and lobster bodies for bait. Quite the smorgasbord!



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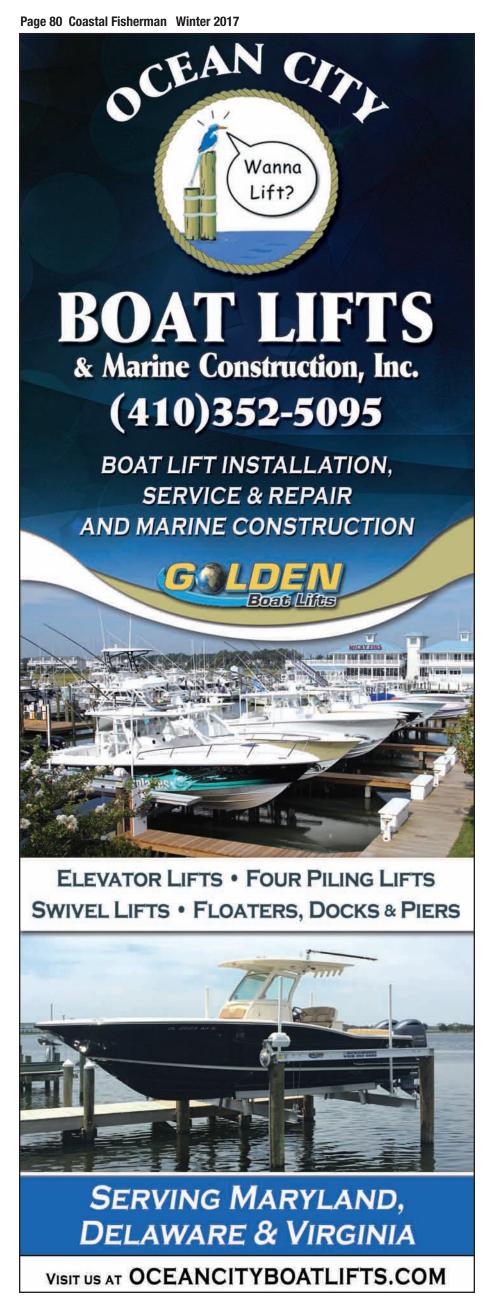
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Joe Choma took "Best Dressed Angler" award for this issue of the *Coastal Fisherman* when he caught this 46.5-inch, 36.1 lb. striper while trolling mojos in the Delaware Bay. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



In late September the flounder bite turned on in the Fish Bowl, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge and Neil Fischer of Williamsport, PA was there to catch a pair of quality flounder, measuring up to 23-inches. Neil was fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and fooled the flatties with Z-Man artificial baits. The "Lucky Break" sails out of Frontier Town in Berlin, MD.

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In late October, this group of anglers hit some ocean structure while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Wes Pollitt, and returned with flounder, triggerfish and sea bass. Pictured back at the Ocean City Fishing Center are Mike Zeigler, Frank Wagner, Bruce Bomberger, Claude Bowers, Larry Jacobs and Marcus Wooley.

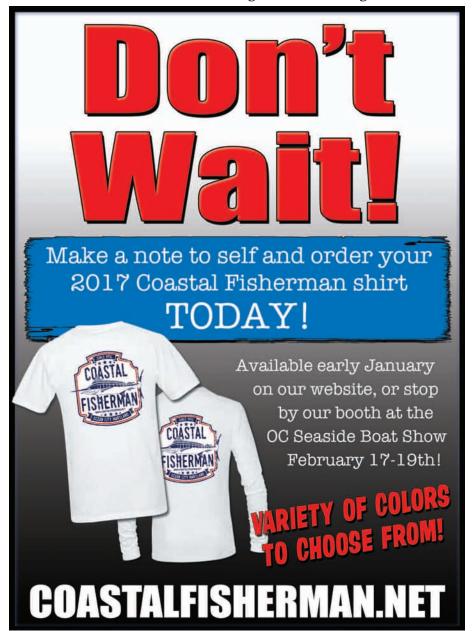


Striped bass are never safe when Ben Clemente (right) rolls into town and on this day he headed over to the the Choptank River with Ryan Foose for a day of fishing with Capt. Nick Clemente on the "Ivy Sea". The anglers jigged up with a pair of stripers measuring 28 and 31-inches. Pictured back at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





Mike Lavassar, Jim Frazzetti, Ronnie Bittner, Zach Little, Ralph Smith, Bobby Ambrose, Parker Marshall, Roger Ruby, Capt. Chris Little and mate Keith Puller teamed up to boat 11 wahoo and some dolphin in the Washington Canyon during a trip on the "Talk N Trash" in late October. The two largeest wahoo weighed 75 lbs.



2016 ICCAT meeting takes steps to combat IUU fishing, sustainably manage Atlantic migratory species

Countries from around the globe agreed to take more steps to combat Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing at the annual meeting International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) which recently concluded in Vilamoura, Portugal. ICCAT is an intergovernmental fisheries organization responsible for the conservation of tunas and other highly migratory species in the Atlantic Ocean. This year more than 600 delegates representing 51 governments gathered to discuss a number of important measures that advance the sustainable management of these valuable species.

Other key outcomes from the 2016 ICCAT meeting included:

- •A measure introduced by Brazil, the European Union, Guatemala, Venezuela and the United States to establish the first-ever international management measures for sailfish including total allowable catches for both eastern and western Atlantic stocks.
- A measure adopted by ICCAT for North Atlantic blue sharks that included a total catch limit and blue shark data collection and reporting programs. A U.S. proposal to require fins attached gathered 30 co-sponsors, as well as additional support from other members on the floor, but despite this high level of support, did not gain a consensus and was not adopted.
- •A new measure for North Atlantic albacore tuna that recognizes the assessment results showing the stock has been rebuilt and sets the stage for development of harvest control rules that will maintain the stock at a sustainable level.
- •Extensions of the existing management measures for western Atlantic bluefin tuna and North Atlantic swordfish were also adopted. They will remain in place through 2017 when updated scientific advice becomes available based on new stock assessments.

Despite significant efforts by the United States, ICCAT failed

to adopt measures to reduce the catch of juvenile bigeye and yellowfin tunas or establish meaningful controls on vessels fishing on fish aggregating devices in the eastern Atlantic tropical tuna fishery. The U.S. will continue to press for these actions, as they are critical to ensuring the long-term sustainability of stocks of great economic importance to U.S. recreational and commercial fisheries.

ICCAT also took important steps to improve compliance with the management measures adopted.

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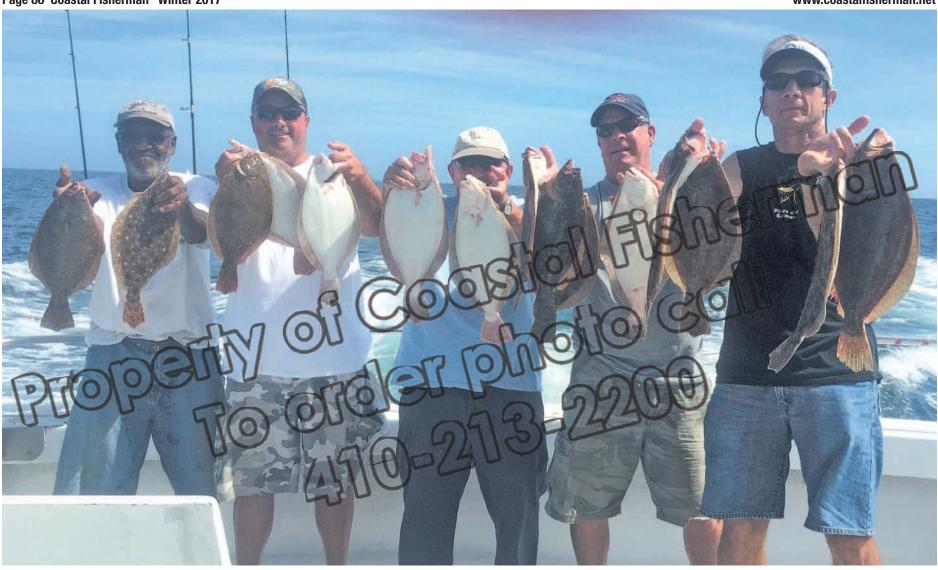




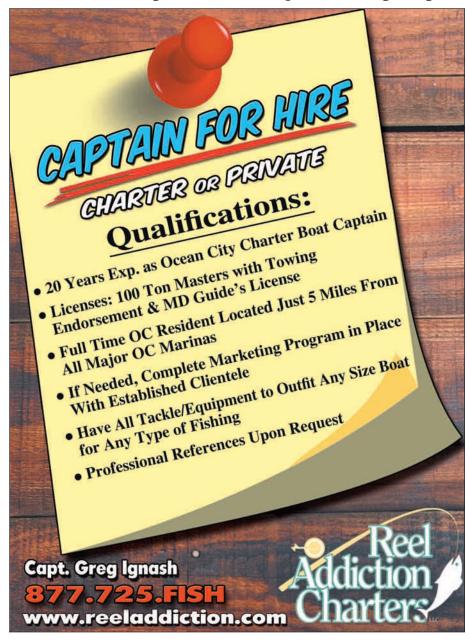




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It was "Flounderpalooza" for this group of guys on the headboat, "Angler" after fishing with bucktails on an artificial reef. Joining Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo were Riddell Thompson of Washington, DC, Charlie Donohue of Philadelphia, PA, Wayne Gower of Baltimore, MD, Jerry Fox of Catonsville, MD and Paul DiForte of Trappe, MD. Paul led the way with his limit of flatties weighing up to 3 lbs. 12 oz. The "Angler" sails out of Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock on Talbot Street in Ocean City, MD.





Bob Ferguson, Bill Scheivert and Dave Weller were fishing in the East Channel when they caught their limit of 12 flounder. They attributed their success with leaving Gerry Chaveca at the dock.

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On October 16th, Courtney Swisher of Salisbury, MD muscled in this 32 lb. wahoo while fishing on the "Magic Moment" with Josh Cannon, Kevin Davies, Simone Hutchins, Capt. Jim Bugg and mate Dan Clayland. The speedster was hooked in 200 fathoms just north of the Norfolk Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Bob Gummer caught this 18 1/2-inch, 5 lb. 2 oz. black drum while fishing with sand fleas off the 3rd Street Bulkhead in Ocean City.



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Page 90 Coastal Fisherman Winter 2017 Baltimore Aquarium seeks to establish Baltimore Canyon as a National Marine Sanctuary

On December 2, 2016, representatives of the Baltimore Aquarium submitted to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) a proposal to establish the Baltimore Canyon as a National Marine Sanctuary.

Prior to the submission, on November 28th, Aquarium representatives met with invited members of the Ocean recreational City and commercial fishing community to outline their proposal and field questions. The meeting was contentious with opposition to the idea expressed from both private individuals and government leaders.

After the meeting, on December 16th, John Racanelli, CEO of the Baltimore Aquarium published the following letter:

A couple of weeks ago, with an abundance of good faith, the National Aquarium submitted a proposal to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to consider establishing a national marine sanctuary in the Baltimore Canyon, 70 miles off Ocean City's shores.

A mile beneath the surface, the Canyon is home to ancient deep-sea corals and cold methane seeps, which support a rich food web that's irresistible migrating sportfish and billfish. Aware that invasive practices like oil drilling or gas fracking could wipe out this ancient ecosystem, we joined others who wanted to provide better protection against such assaults by seeking its designation as a national marine sanctuary. With good intentions, we reached out to some members of Ocean City's recreation fishing and community to discuss the idea and hear their views.

Regrettably, I believe our efforts fell short, and numerous leaders have since expressed strong concerns about the wisdom of such a designation.

I take full responsibility for this miscommunication, and, as a former commercial fisherman myself, want to stress three important points to those in the fishing community who have concerns: We hear you; we want only what's best for Maryland; and we stand ready to work with you to figure out how to best meet the important goal of preserving fragile treasures like the Baltimore Canyon. Please allow me to briefly address each of these points.

We hear you. Your concerns are vital to any discussion about issues that affect the health of our offshore waters. In fact, they are central to this conversation. If the communities of our Eastern Shore feel a national marine sanctuary is not the right idea, we have little interest in pursuing such a course. We will only seek solutions that have the support and backing of the entire community and its leaders. For the record, sanctuary or not, we would gladly join our partners in the fishing and recreation industries to resist any attempts establish prohibitive restrictions on their livelihoods.

We want only what's best for Maryland's people and natural places. That's our mission: to inspire conservation of aquatic exhibits. treasures. Our educational programs and conservation efforts are all focused on creating connections between our guests and those treasures that have made the Chesapeake Bay region famous. Generations of Marylanders have relied upon our bay and ocean resources for recreation, sustenance and livelihood, and we're committed to ensuring that this never changes.

Many leaders have told us that no other Maryland institution cares or does as much as the National Aquarium to ensure that the ecosystems that support our recreational and commercial fisheries remain robust, resilient and healthy.

Since 1981, more than 51 million aquarium guests have learned about these special places. We've hosted 3 million students, trained teachers and volunteers, supported watermen, cleaned up removed invasive beaches, species, planted native trees and grasses, and promoted local, sustainable seafood. We've rescued, treated and released over 150 stranded seals, turtles, dolphins and a manatee named Chessie, marshalling a network of volunteers and staff who respond 24/7/365 anywhere in the Mid-Atlantic. It's what we do, and that, too, will never change.

We stand ready to work with you. Ultimately, we all want the same thing: clean, safe, fishable waters for ourselves, our children and grandchildren. As I've said, the National Aquarium would never support any new restrictions or limitations on current activities in the waters of the Canyon, such as recreational and commercial fishing, boating, diving and other marine tourism activities.

I've been fortunate to travel our state and meet many who, like me, care deeply about the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean. I look forward to meeting and engaging with anyone who has concerns about this well-intentioned proposal. If, in fact, we come to agreement that a national marine sanctuary is not the best way forward, I will ask that our application be withdrawn.

One thing I am confident about is that our shared vision of healthy, abundant waters for future generations far outweighs any debate about how best to achieve it. After all, as goes the health of the ocean, so goes our own. We're in this together.

John Racanelli Chief Executive Officer Baltimore Aquarium

In response to the proposal from the Baltimore Aquarium, the following letter was released by the Recreational Fishing Alliance and Canyon Runner

The environmental industry has leveled its sites on some of the most productive and important offshore fishing grounds. Their goal....turn them into marine sanctuaries and use them as massive fundraising tools at the

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The Wildlife Conservation Society, the National Aquarium Foundation and several other environmental non-profits are petitioning the U.S. Department of Commerce to designate the Hudson Canyon, Wilmington Canyon, Baltimore Canyon and other offshore canyons as National Marine Sanctuaries. Make no mistake, these groups are not pursuing marine sanctuary designations address or correct a conservation problem. This is all about a selfish desire to drive fundraising and raise millions of dollars for their own salaries and project If designated, all budgets. activities that take place in and around those canyons, such as fishing, would fall under authority of the sanctuary manager to carry out the mandates of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act. In managing the sanctuary, the sanctuary manager is not required to make science-based decisions, implement measures that produce a measurable impact on conservation or consideration to the recreational or economic consequences when taking action. In short, offshore anglers could be shut out of the offshore canyons for no good reason.

The National Marine Sanctuaries Actis authorizing law that outlines the sanctuary designation process. It also defines which activities will and will not be allowed to take place in an area once designated as a marine sanctuary. The Act states that it "is unlawful for any person to destroy, cause the loss of, or injure any sanctuary resource." Sanctuary resources are defined by the Act as any living or nonliving thing, meaning, fish such

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as tuna, marlin, swordfish, tilefish and mahi would be considered sanctuary resources making it illegal to even catch and release these species. Despite Wildlife Conservation Association, National Aquarium and other groups claiming that they do not intend to prohibit recreational fishing in their request for sanctuary status, the law is very clear, if an activity kills or even injures a fish, it's a prohibited act under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

RFA, Canyon Runner, and Yamaha Marine are extremely concerned about this proposed action and have raised their concerns directly with the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the groups pursuing these designations but we need your help. We are encouraging all recreational fishermen, offshore charter/for-hire operators, bait/tackle shops, outfitters and marine manufacturers to submit letters to their U.S. Senators opposing this dangerous action. Go to www.joinrfa.org and click on the "Take Action" button. There you will see a link that will allow you to submit a letter to your U.S. Senators by simply entering your zip code and clicking Submit.

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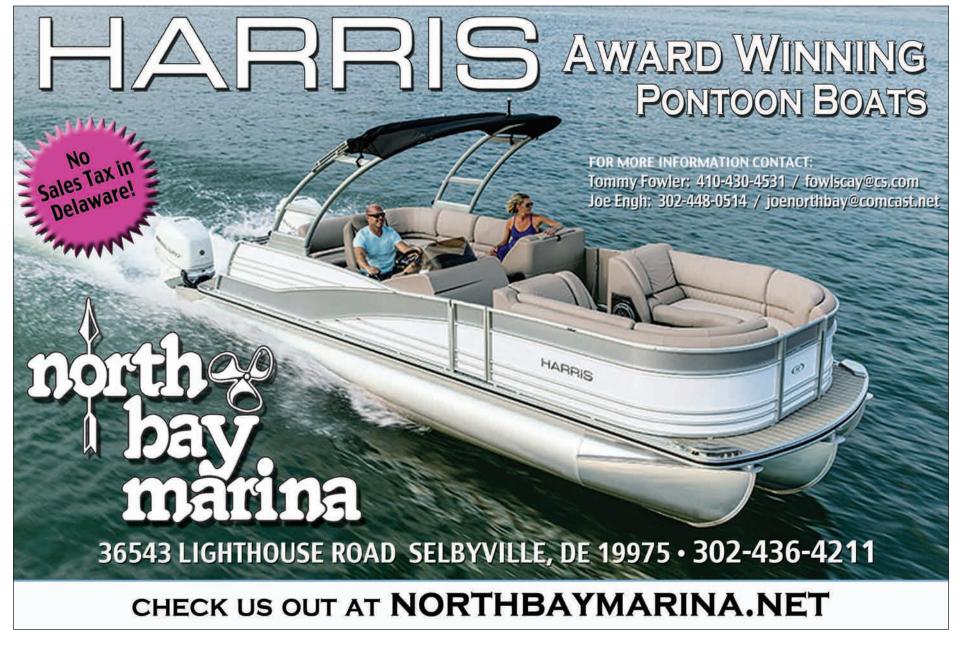


Species	Weight	Angler	Date	Location
Bluefish	24.8 lbs.	Luis Mispireta	11/16/15	Del-Jersey-Land Reef
Cobia	82 lbs.	Joe Costello	07/07/12	Russell's Reef
Croaker	5 lbs. 3.5 oz.	Catherine Simpson	1980	Indian River
Dolphin	56 lbs. 9 oz.	Butch Emmert	07/06/14	
*	115 lbs.	Kenneth Smith	1978	Baltimore Canyon
Drum, Black Drum, Red	No classification	Refilled Sillul	1970	Delaware Bay
Flounder, Summer	17 lbs. 15 oz.	William Kendall	1974	Indian River Inlet
Flounder, Winter	No classification	William Kenuan	19/4	mulan River milet
	4 lbs.	Rilly Hastings	1973	Rothany Roach
Kingfish, Roundhead	48 lbs. 9 oz.	Billy Hastings Gordon Harris	1973	Bethany Beach "B" Buoy
Mackerel, King	6 lbs. 4 oz.		2000	J
Mackerel, Spanish	820 lbs.	Eric Ludwig	1986	Light Ship
Marlin, Blue		Bruce King William Garner, Jr.	1986	Poor Man's Canyon
Marlin, White	120 lbs.			Baltimore Canyon
Porgy	5 lbs. 5 oz.	Herman Schmidt	1979	Not recorded
Sea Bass	7 lbs. 6 oz.	Steve Samluk	1988	Fenwick Shoal
Sheepshead	17.1 lbs.	Dave Walker	09/30/14	Delaware Bay reefsite
Spadefish	No classification	Davil Canta Davilana	10/04/16	O (-11- C11
Striped Bass	62 lbs.	Paul Santa Barbara	12/04/16	Overfalls Shoal
Swordfish	358 lbs.	Kurt Lorenz	1978	Poor Man's Canyon
Tarpon	No classification	C1	2005	D 1 D
Tautog	21 lbs. 4 oz.		2005	Delaware Bay
Tilefish, Blueline	22.2 lbs.	Andy Orr	08/19/15	Baltimore Canyon
Tilefish, Golden	No classification	D 11 M	00/00/10	I D 1
Triggerfish, Grey	6.34 lbs.	Buddy Masten	09/30/12	Ice Breakers
Trout, Gray (Weakfish)	19 lbs. 2 oz.	William Thomas	1989	Delaware Bay
Trout, Speckled	No classification			
Tuna, Bigeye	No classification			
Tuna, Blackfin	No classification	D D:11	2005	A (1 (1 O
Tuna, Bluefin	873 lbs.	Dan Dillon	2005	Atlantic Ocean
Tuna, False Albacore	17 lbs. 9 oz.	Scott Werner	1980	30 Fathom Line
Tuna, Longfin Albacore	80 lbs.	David Francella	1987	Atlantic Ocean
Tuna, Yellowfin	No classification	TAP11 O. 1.1	2005	
Wahoo	106 lbs.	Will Stahlgren	2007	Atlantic Ocean
Sharks				
Black Tip	No classification			
Blue	No classification			
Hammerhead, Scalloped	No classification			
Hammerhead, Smooth	No classification	TII D	2000	D 14 / C
Mako	975 lbs.	Thomas Barnes	2000	Poor Man's Canyon
Thresher	No classification			
Tiger	No classification			
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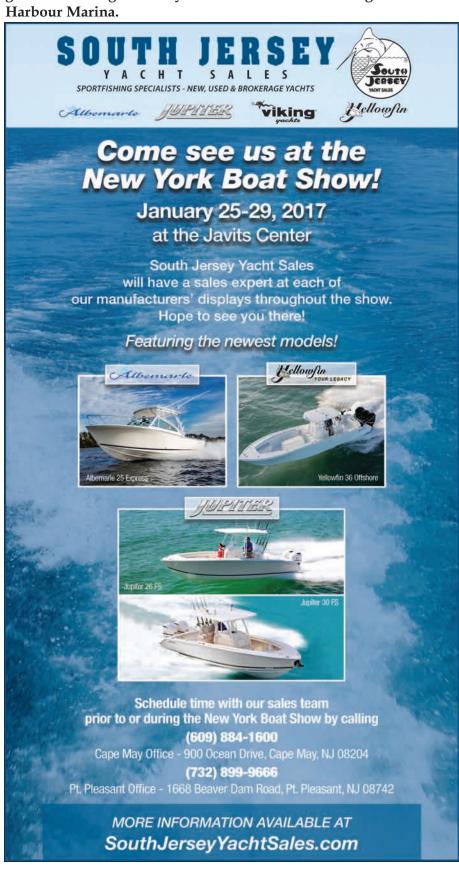
Kale Falgowski is all smiles after catching a 6 lb. 3 oz. tautog at the Ice Breakers in the Delaware Bay.







This 9 lb. 5 oz. tautog made the grave mistake of going after the green crab being fished by Ernie Stone at Site 11. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



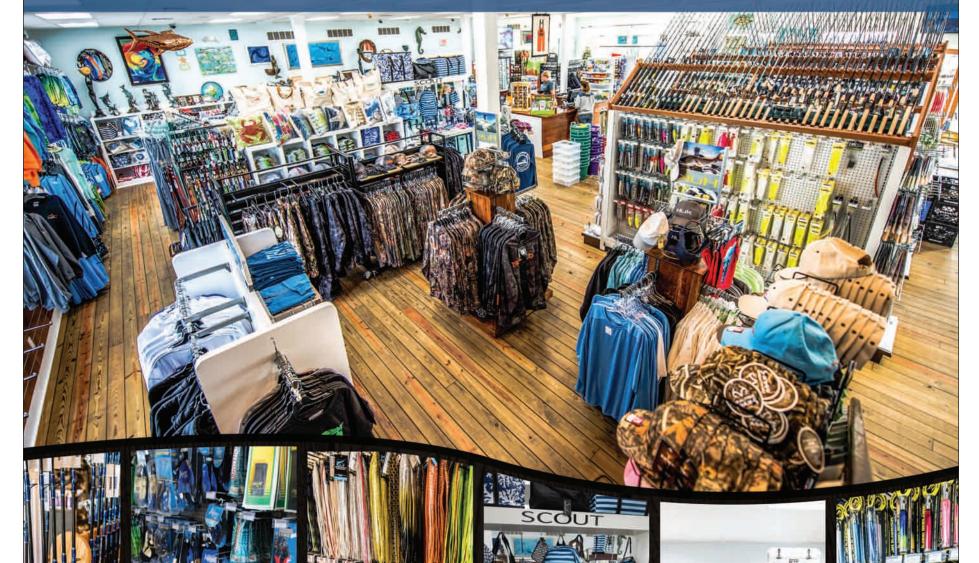


Doug Zarlenga of Palmyra, PA caught this 23 1/4-inch flounder while fishing off the pier on 32nd Street in Ocean City. Doug hooked the big flounder on a live minnow at the beginning of the morning high tide.



Daniel and Veronica Altfather of Centreville, MD were married on December 9th and spent part of their honeymoon fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. The duo were rewarded with their limit of nice sea bass (4 pictured) caught on clams at an ocean wreck.





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In the 2016 Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Tournament held on October 22nd and 23rd, Phil Boylan of Berlin, MD (right) took 1st place in the Rockfish Division with a 30.5-inch, 11 lb. 8 oz. linesider and 3rd place with a 10 lb. 6 oz. fish. Both were caught on live spot at the Rt. 50 Bridge while fishing on the "Fish Whistle" with Shaun Flaherty and Bobby Echols. For his 1st and 3rd place finishes, Phil took home \$2,393 in award money.



Big Bird Cropper and Dave Leizear were at it again, this time taking 1st place in the Flounder Division of the Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Tournament back in October. Big Bird caught the 21-inch, 4 lb. 9 oz. flounder at the beginning of the outgoing tide on a Gulp! artificial bait at the Rt. 50 Bridge. For their 1st place finish, the guys won \$177 in award money.



Second place in the Rockfish Division of the 2016 Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Tournament was won by Matt Stoltzfus of Lancaster, PA with a 29.5-inch, 10 lb. 11 oz. rockfish. Matt hooked the fish on a live spot at the Rt. 50 Bridge while fishing on the "Reel Sexy" with Scott and Kevin Stoltzfus and Brent Housekeeper. The anglers ended their trip with 5 keeper rockfish in the box and won \$495 for the 2nd place finish.



In the 17th Annual Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Tournament, Bryan Oberholtzer captured a 3 lb. bluefish to win 1st place in the Bluefish Division and a check for \$177. Bryan's fish tied Rich Daiker's 3 lb. bluefish, but won the tiebreaker by landing the bluefish earlier in the day. The winning chopper was caught during the outgoing tide on a live spot at the Rt. 50 Bridge.



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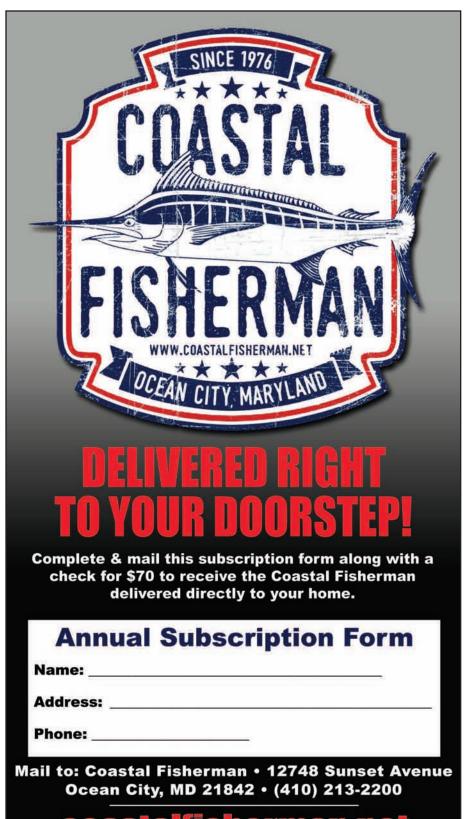
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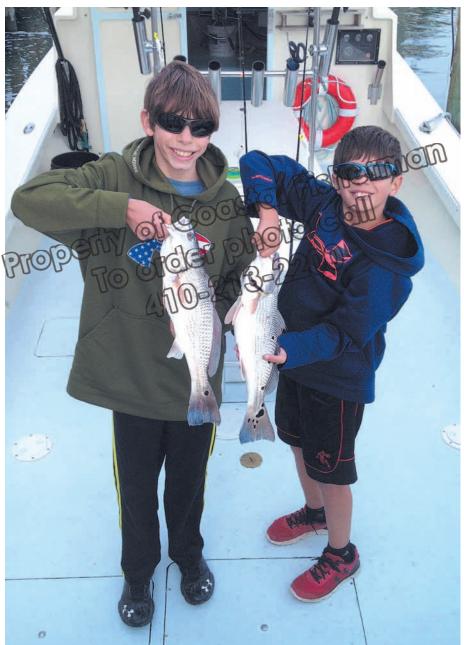


Maggie Lingo of Rehoboth, DE caught a 3 lb. 8 oz. sea bass while fishing with clams at an ocean reef site aboard the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





In the 2016 Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Tournament, Rich Daiker of Reisterstown, MD (left) captured a 2 lb. 13 oz. flounder that didn't hit the leaderboard and a 3 lb. bluefish that tied for 1st place in the Bluefish Division but lost the tiebreaker since it was caught later in the day than Bryan Oberholtzer's 3 pounder. Rich was fishing with his son, Baron when he caught the two fish on bunker and spot at the Rt. 50 Bridge.



Bradley and Benny Bookwalter from Olney, MD took a trip on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and were rewarded with a pair of 20-inch puppy drum. The fish were caught on white Gulp! artificial baits in the East Channel. Pictured back in the slip at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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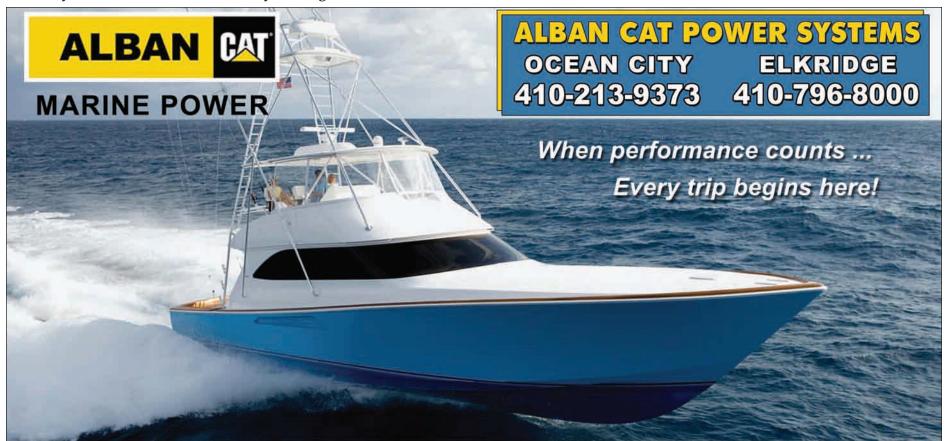




Andy Walther of Catonsville, MD took a risk that his trip on the headboat, "Morning Star" would be blown out when he scheduled the same trip as "Hurricane" Murray Adams, but the day turned out to be unexpectedly nice and Andy was rewarded with a 26-inch, 6 lb. 9 oz. flounder caught on natural bottom. "Hurricane" surprised everyone when he caught a 3 lb. 7 oz. sea bass while using sand fleas for bait. As always, Capt. Monty Hawkins was at the wheel and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt were Murray's personal "bait boys". Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



While fishing on the headboat, "Angler", William Cornish won the pool with this 14-inch triggerfish fooled with a chunk of clam on an ocean reef. As always, Capt. Chris Mizurak was at the wheel and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts worked the deck.



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Back in October, Simone Hutchins of Ocean City, MD caught her very first tuna, a 30 lb. yellowfin, while fishing on the "Magic Moment" with Josh Cannon, Kevin Davies, Courtney Swisher, Capt. Jim Bugg and mate Dan Clayland. The yellowfin was hooked in 71-degree water in the Norfolk Canyon.



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Acie Mankins of Laurel, DE used a chunk of clam at an artificial reef to fool this 23-inch, 4 lb. 11 oz. sea bass. The knothead was caught while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Dan Iacangelo. Pictured back at the dock at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



In late September, Rich Quiet of Northampton, PA caught this 23-inch flounder on a live mullet in the Middle Channel while fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford.



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Darrell Doupnik of Easton, MD used a chunk of clam to fool this 3 lb. sea bass while jigging at an ocean wreck aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts.



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Mike Orchulli caught a 16-inch and a 20.5-inch flounder at the outside of the South Jetty on a bucktail tipped with a white Gulp!



Back in early November, Dave Walker made the trek all the way down from Boothwyn, PA to do some tautog fishing in the Delaware Bay. Dave was rewarded with a monster, 17.4 pounder caught on a green crab at the Outer Wall. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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In Orlando, Florida all of the big-wigs in the fishing tackle industry get together at the International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trade Show (ICCAST) to hobnob and show off their latest and greatest products. The organizers of ICCAST select the "Best in Show" in 24 different categories. Here are a few of the winners from the 2016 Show:

Best Saltwater Rod



This is the first year I saw a product from Lew's show up as a Best of Show winner, but it

looks like we may be hearing more from this company in the future.

Lew's won for their Mach Speed Stick Series of saltwater rods. These rods feature IM6 graphite blanks, which are multi-layered, lightweight and extremely sensitive. The grips are unique, manufactured with Winn advanced polymer Dri-Tac techology. The grips are also split, a common set-up in today's rods, making the rod even more lightweight. The 8 guides are American Tackle's new AirWave slim ring control system, known for easy, smooth line flow to improve and maximize castability. The inshore models, for which they won the "Best in Show" award, come in a 6'9" casting model and a 7'0" spinning model, both capable of handling 8 to 15 lb. test line.

Lew's Mach Speed Stick



Inshore Rods retail for an affordable \$79.95.

Best Saltwater Reel



For many years, Shimano was eating Penn's lunch when it came to saltwater reels, but over the last few years, Penn has made a tremendous comeback. At the 2015 ICCAST show, they won "Best Saltwater Reel" for their Clash spinning rod. At the 2016 show, they won again for their Penn Slammer III spinning rod.

The Penn Slammer has been a favorite among fisherman for several years, and the Penn Slammer III was introduced for heavy use no matter how you fish. The reels feature Penn's new IPX6 sealed body and spool design to keep the gear box and drag system free of dirt and water. Penn also improved the reel by utilizing their Dura-Drag material into the drag system. This is the same material used in their famed Penn International big game reels. The reel contains 6+1 stainless steel ball bearings along with Instant Anti-Reverse technology. When it comes to comfort, Penn stepped it up a notch with their larger handle design that makes the reel easier to hold and more efficient when you are cranking.

You can find the Slammer III in several models, from the 3500 that can hold 220 yards of 20 lb. braided line up to the 10500 model that holds 540 yards of 80 lb. braid. The reels aren't cheap with the 3500 setting you back around \$250 and the 10500 cool costing a \$349.95. However, with the durability improvements made to the Slammer III, this reel should be around for quite a long time.

Best Fishing Accessory

I remember back in college wondering why anyone would pay a whole \$1 for a bottle of water. I just couldn't imagine someone ever doing that and I certainly never thought the day would come where we would pay crazy high prices for modern day, high end coolers. Obviously, the folks at Yeti and Pelican had a different opinion. High end coolers are the current rage and Yeti looks like they are

leading the pack in innovation.



Yeti won Best Fishing Accessory for their Hopper Flip 12 cooler. With an MSRP set at a frigid \$279.99, the Hopper delivers Yeti's famous thermal regulation in a small, more portable size measuring 12.5inches long by 10-inches wide. It's walls are 3/4 to 1-inch thick and made of TPU-laminated anti-microbial nylon. HyroLok Zipper is a tough one to open, but it's sturdy design is a major component of the leak proof cooler, keeping contents airtight and cold. The seams are RF-welded which melds the parts together to improve durability and keeps leakproof.

With a 3.2 gallon capacity, it is a nice size to hold a days worth of food and beverages and a shoulder strap makes it easier to lug around.

Are these high end coolers worth the money. I may not think so, but there are plenty of fishermen who swear by them. At least the Hopper makes it easy to carry, unlike most of the conventional designed Yeti's that require a small army to lift.

Best Fish Smart Accessory

I find that fishing nets can become very personal and I know that I am always on the lookout for one that feels better in my hands and improves my chances of getting that whopper into the boat.

At the 2016 show, Adverture Products introduced their Ego S1 Genesis Kryptek Nets as part of their system of nets and accessories...

The S1 Genesis Kryptek

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Nets use a lightweight, hexagonal aluminum design that provides durability but not at the cost of weight. I'm not sure they could handle big stripers, but they certainly can help you boat any other inshore fish caught off our coast and in our bays.



The main feature of the nets are it's ability, with a twist of the floating handle, to remove the net and replace it with a different size net or an accessory such as boat hooks, gaffs and brushes. This makes it ideal for multi-species anglers or those looking to save space. Their selection of nets include models with clear rubber, PVC or black rubber mesh in sizes ranging from a 14x16-inch hoop size on an 18-inch handle up to a 19x21-inch hoop on a 36-inch handle.

You can pick up one of these nets for between \$56 and \$66 with replacements hooks costing a little less than the complete package.

Best Soft Lure

It's really incredible how a local, Ocean City company like Squidnation created has innovative products that can be found anywhere in the world that anglers are chasing fish. Local angler and founder of Squidnation, Bill Pino, introduced their Longtail Flippy Floppy to the industry and took home "Best Soft Lure" honors at the show.



The original "That Flippy Floppy Thing" took the local

fishing scene by storm and won rave reviews from many offshore anglers over the past couple of years. Known for listening to charter boat and avid offshore fishermen, the folks at Squidnation found out that years ago, North Carolina fishermen were stuffing their 9inch squids with pink or blue skirts that extended beyone the tentacles of the squid. This setup produced more bites, the same results found through testing by Squidnation, so they decided to add the Long Tail Maulers to the original Flippy Floppy Thing and came up with the Longtail Flippy Floppy. Squidnation offers eight colors of UV impregnated skirts in their clear Mauler squid.

The cost for the Longtail version is \$99, the same as the original Flippy Floppy and slightly more than the Billfish Edition.

I have never personally used any of the Flippy Floppy daisy chains but I can tell you that many, many times when I have interviewed anglers about their catch, they have raved about the Flippy Floppy and I see more boats using them every year.

Best Tackle Management



Tackle junkies always seem to be looking for better ways to store their equipment and it looks like Cobra Garage Door Storage Solutions has come up with a way to utilize some unused space and in the process, win a "Best in Show" award at ICCAST.

Cobra's Garage Door Storage Rack mounts to the inside of your garage doors with adjustable clamps and ABS plastic racks that can hold not only your fishing rods but also garden tools and other equipment. The Storage Racks can be used on 18 or 21-inch door panels and are fully adjustable to the length of your fishing rods. The company does offer custom spacers to fit non-standard doors.

The Storage Rack installs in minutes and costs just \$35, not much when you are limited in the space you can devote to your collection of fishing rods.

Best Boat



Over the last few years, fishing from kayaks has exploded. We see more and more anglers in kayaks fishing in the bay, around the bridges and even out in the ocean. YouTube is loaded with videos of anglers tangling with huge fish in the ocean. I think they are crazy, but it must be a lot of fun to hook up with a big fish and have them towing you around the big pond.

Last year, Eddyline won Best of Show for their YakAttack kayak and this year, Johnson Outdoors Watercraft introduced their Old Town Predator PDL kayak to rave reviews.

The Predator PDL is one mean looking boat and is made of LT900 polyethylene, making it highly durable and strong. The defining feature of the PDL is the pedal drive system that uses a high ratio propeller drive, giving you a smooth ride, the ability to back up, change position and the ability to hold your position while fighting your fish. Two cool features of the drive is that it is easily removable and it floats. The pedal drive works just like a bicycle, making it very easy to

Like it's relatives in the Predator family of kayaks, the PDL is extremely sturdy, making it easy and comfortable to stand or walk on the deck.

Because it is built like a tank, the PDL is not easy to lug around by yourself and the handles have not received good reviews.

The 13' 2", 117 lb. kayak contains several nice features including removable mouting plates for rod holders, GPS units or other electronic

Winter 2017 Coastal Fisherman Page 107 equipment. It also has a large

equipment. It also has a large tank well, molded paddle rests, a large bow hatch and dual tackle holders giving you quick access to your equipment.

Depending on the accessories you get with your Predator PDL, it will set you back around \$2,800, still not a bad price to give you the flexibility and ability to get into the shallow waters throughout our bays and around our bridges.

Every now and then, a new product comes across my desk that makes me wonder if anyone would possibly ever buy it. Recently, I received a press release from Fixate, Inc. about their new FX8 men's and women's silicone wedding bands. The rings are made of medical-grade silicone that are hypoallergenic, non-conductive and non-porous, making them perfect for those who don't want to wear a metal wedding ring on the water. I have heard of several accidents where the leader gets caught on a wedding ring and the results aren't pretty.



The rings can be custom engraved, both on the inside and outside with up to 12 characters.

So if you want to earn some brownie points with your spouse (and can stand all the busting from your buddies) or you have occupational or rereational issues that prevent you from wearing a metal wedding band, you can pick up one of these silicon wedding rings for only \$19.95 at fixatedesigns.com. Just think twice before you do it!

Please remember to shop at local tackle shops and retailers for all your fishing needs. These businesses are vital to our fishing community and deserve our support. Make sure you check with them first for all your tackle and apparel needs.



In early December, Matt Basile and Matt Mundok caught some big stripers, weighing up to 32.5 lbs., while tossing Bomber lures and Wind Cheaters off the coast of Indian River. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Ki Ju Park is having trouble containing his excitement after catching an 11.2 lb. tautog on a green crab while fishing at Site 9 off the coast of Rehoboth. Ki Ju and his 5 fishing buddies combined to catch their boat limit of 40 tog during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley.



During a trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley, Alex Corteza caught and released this 10 lb. 15 oz. tautog while fishing with green crabs at Site 9 off the coast of Rehoboth, DE. Alex and his group of 5 anglers caught their limit of tog and released an estimated 100 fish during their trip. In the winter, the "Fish Bound" sails out of the South Shore Marina at the Indian River Inlet.

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OCEAN CITY MARLIN CLUB ROCKFISH TOURNAMENT



On the second day of the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Rockfish Tournament, Mike Johnston caught a 44-inch, 33 lb. linesider and held on to win 1st place in the Rockfish Division and a check for \$6,680. On the same trip, John Rogowitz caught an 11.8 lb. bluefish and ended up winning the Bluefish Division and a check for \$540. The anglers were fishing on the "Bad Oyster" with Nate Gregory and Scott White. Since the bite was so bad off the Delmarva coast, the anglers had to travel north where they found water temperatures of 47.9-degrees off the coast of Brigantine, NJ. All of the fish were caught on trolled mojos and weighed at Atlantic Tackle.



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Always a team to watch in the Ocean City Marlin Club Rockfish Tournament, anglers on the "Fish Frenzi" ventured north to the coast off Avalon, NJ where Chuck Wenzel caught a 37 1/2-inch, 25.4 lb. rockfish to win 2nd place in the Rockfish Division and a check for \$1,512. Chuck was fishing with Jeff Powell, Pete Renzi and Eli Shrock when he hooked the fish in 47-degree water on a white mojo. Weighed at Atlantic Tackle.



On the third day of the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Rockfish Tournament, anglers on the "Nontypical" found schools of linesiders off the coast of Indian River and caught four weighing between 18.6 and 22.4 lbs. Andy Smelter, known more for his tog fishing ability than for catching stripers, boated the 22.4 pounder and held on to win 3rd place in the tournament. Andy was fishing with Terry Layton and Dave Peterson when they ended their day with a 3-fish stringer weighing 65.8 lbs., good enough to win 1st place for Heaviest Stringer. For placing in 2 divisions, the anglers took home \$2,088 in award money. Weighed at Atlantic Tackle.

























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Site 9 off the coast of Rehoboth was a hot spot for anglers fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" this past fall and Brian Whyard took advantage of it, releasing this 16.4 lb. tog after hooking it on a green crab. Brian was fishing with Roy Wurst, who released a 16.4 pounder, Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley.





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Shawn Rodgers was fishing on the "Always Something" with Jason Massey when they boated 8 keeper striped bass on December 16th. Their largest was a 39 pounder caught right outside the Indian River Inlet while trolling mojos and Stretch lures.



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Tautog	January 1, 2016 Dave Moore "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	January 2, 2015 Ken Westerfeld "Fish Bound" Ocean Wreck	White Marlin	May 27, 2016 Andy Urban "In the Black" Norfolk Canyon	May 24, 2015 Dale Downey "Got-R-Done" Baltimore Canyon
Striped Bass	January 14, 2016 Connor Metz "G-FORCE" Little Gull	January 2, 2015 Danny Cox Little Gull	Blue Marlin	May 28, 2016 Bo Appel "Boss Hogg" Norfolk Canyon	May 29, 2015 Derek Damon "Sea Box" PM/Wash Canyon
Weakfish	June 2, 2016 Rod Grodzicki Inner Wall	August 10, 2015 Ben Schassler Star Site Reef	Bluefin Tuna	April 21, 2016 Joe Cantianelli "Reel Life" Baltimore Canyon	May 8, 2015 Austin Ensor "Matetrix II" Wilmington Canyon
Flounder	April 16, 2016 Hannah Johnson "Lucky Break" Sinepuxent Bay	April 17, 2015 Jeff Purdy Lewes Canal	Yellowfin Tuna	May 7, 2016 Jeff Rosenkilde "Mate Trix" Baltimore Canyon	May 8, 2015 Tony Burr "Knock on Wood" Spencer Canyon
Bluefish	April 15, 2016 Sean Fox Assateague Surf	April 18, 2015 Mike Hastings Assateague Surf	Longfin Tuna	June 5, 2016 Jeff Drury Lindenkohl Canyon	August 31, 2015 Steve Zarick "No Limits" Poor Man's Canyon
Black Drum	March 31, 2016 Billy Powell Assateague Surf	April 17, 2015 Tom Nelson Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna	May 26, 2016 Denise Rust "Marli" Norfolk Canyon	May 24, 2015 Josh Thompson "Over Billin" Baltimore Canyon
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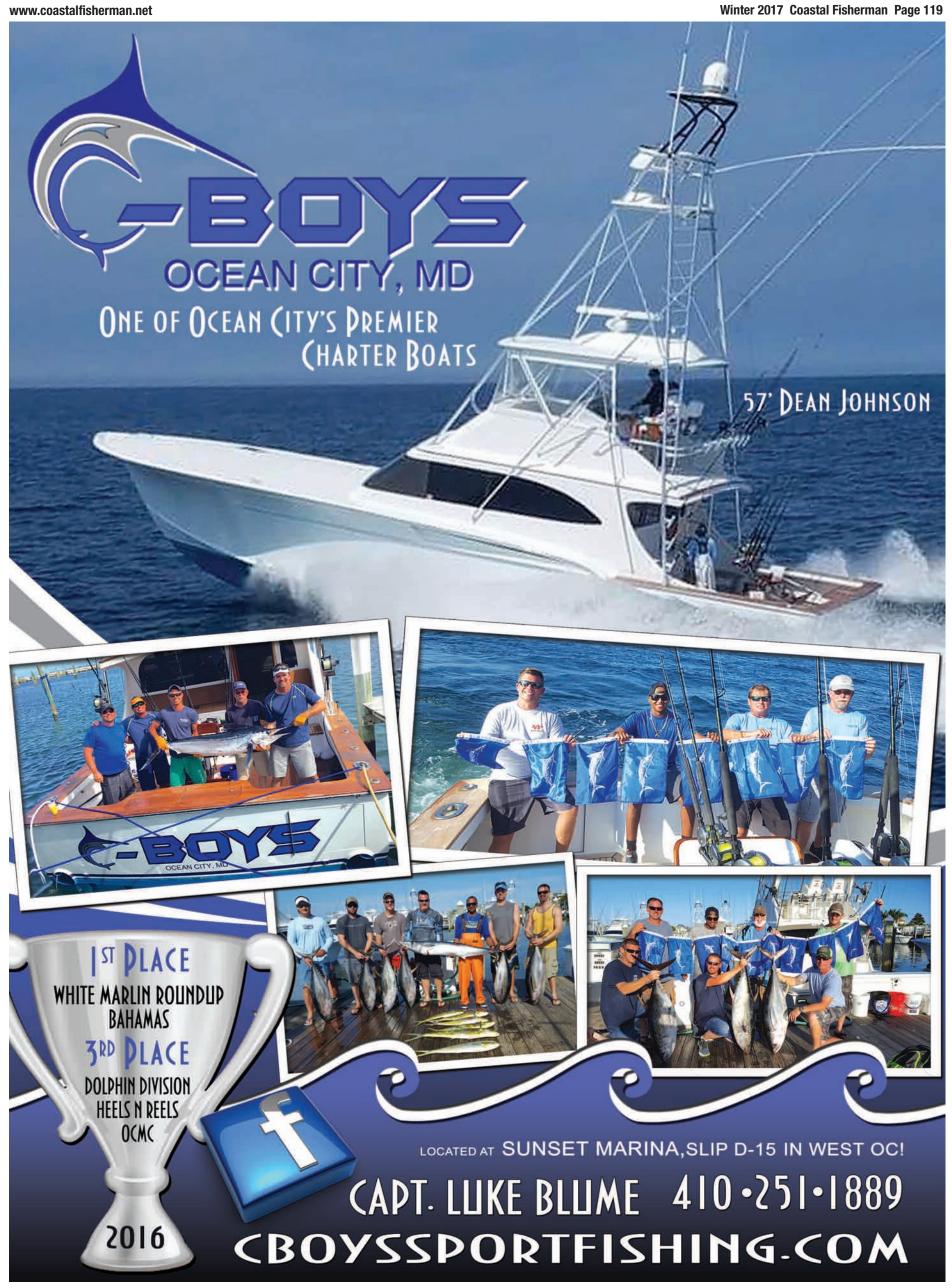


Striper fishing this past fall/winter was pathetic, but JP Turansky, Billy Low, Jay Huss and Brad Pecoraro caught 5 quality fish while trolling mojo rigs just outside the Indian River Inlet in early December. Brad's 36.5 pounder was the heaviest striper caught during their trip. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





In early October, the crew on the "Primary Search" ventured out to 70 fathoms on the 170 line and caught a yellowfin tuna, false albacore tuna, 2 mahi (1 pictured) and almost the last white marlin of the season (missed it by only 2 hours). The tuna were caught while greensticking and the white marlin was caught on the troll. Pictured at Sunset Marina are Reed Welton, Tommy Clark, Mark Ensor and Austin Ensor.

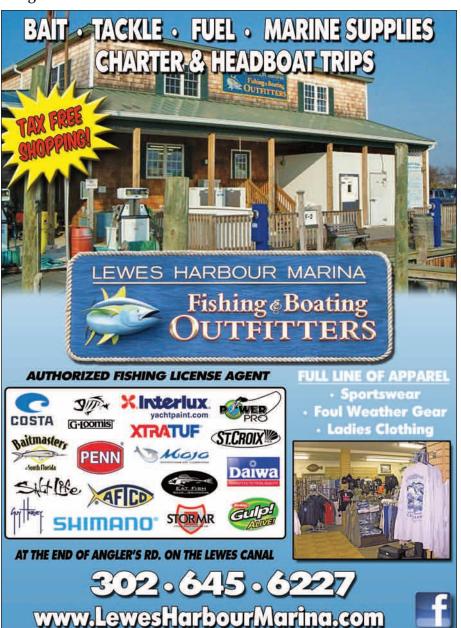




TOG TOURNAMENT



In the Lewes Harbour Marina Tautog Tournament that runs for the month of October, John Leader took 1st place honors with an 11.81 pounder caught while fishing with crabs at the Outer Wall. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Larry Hughes, Jr. boated this 8.39 lb. tautog to win 2nd place in the Lewes Harbour Marina Tautog Tournament held during the month of Ocober. Larry hooked the tog at the Outer Wall while using green crabs for bait.



Not content with only winning the Lewes Harbour Marina Tautog Tournament, John Leader added a 3rd place finish to his resume with this 7.58 pounder caught at the Outer Wall while using Asian box crabs for bait. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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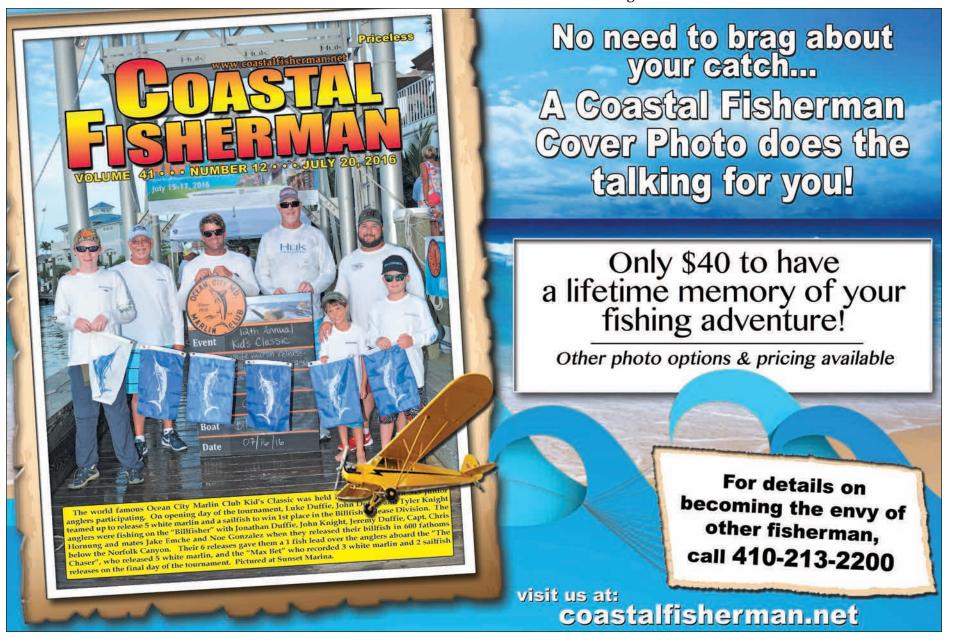




James Lee from Columbia, PA was fishing at Site 11 on the "Thelma Dale" when he captured this 13 lb. 10 oz. tautog while fishing with white legger crabs for bait. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Mike Maney of Rehoboth, DE took the pool money with this 4 lb. sea bass caught on a white crab on an ocean wreck. Mike was fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt.





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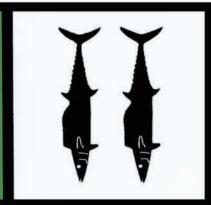
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Pasquale Petrera caught and released his first white marlin while fishing on his newly renovated, classic 31' Bertram, "Priceless". Pasquale hooked the white marlin while trolling a skirted ballyhoo at the south end of the Poor Man's Canyon during a trip with Mike Garry, Tony Petrera and Rodney Evans. The anglers also released an additional white marlin and caught a 48 lb. wahoo during their trip.





In the early 20's of December in 2006, I was driving northbound through the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. I was on my way home for the holidays after the start of the giant bluefin tuna season in Morehead City, North Carolina. This was back before tunas became "Wicked". The "Tails Up" hand signal was still some Hawaiian slang for "hanging loose". The breaker wasn't going POW!!! And my One Armed wasn't Buddy #fishingtwiceashardwithhalft hearms yet. Or at least he wasn't famous for it.

Anyways, I was driving home for the holidays. The start of our season had been pretty good on the giants. Dad and I already managed to catch 6 out of our first 8 or 9 bites. I think we may have fished about a dozen days. As soon as I got through the second of the tunnels I was ready to get on the phone and get some bragging done. The reason I had waited so long was because I had started my drive home at 4:30 AM and I didn't think it was quite fair to call any of my fishing pals before sun up on a nonfishing day. Now that the sun was up I was hitting the speed dial. Remember that this was back in 2006. The phones weren't quite smart yet. They

had cameras and we could send texts, but that was about it.

My first call was to one of my most long-term fishing My good amigo, Robby Paquette. The season before was my first in Morehead City, and I had only managed to catch one giant bluefin out of a measly three bites. Robby had been with me for that one catch, and to be honest I probably would not have caught it without It was half of a doubleheader, with only Robby, my Dad and me on the "Last Call". Anyone who has watched the show on TV knows that doubles are tricky. Well let me tell you, when a double is your very first encounter with giants it is even more tricky. Robby's help one of the two fish was landed and rewarded with a first class plane ticket to Tokyo along with a guided tour of the World Famous Tskuji Fish Market. payout was modest - \$11.00 per pound. The fish "cored out" at 283 pounds. I'll let you do the math.

So I couldn't wait for Robby to answer the phone so I could tell him about my new found luck, err, I mean success at catching giants. Well, guess what. That oaf didn't do me the courtesy of

answering the phone!!! It was a little after 8:00 in the morning. I knew he was up. What the heck!!!

I found out what was up about 20 minutes later when my phone rang. I looked at the caller ID and it was Robby (the phones were smart enough to tell us who was calling at least). immediately answered and started giving Robby a hard time for sleeping in and not answering my earlier call. He gave it right back and told me he was too busy to answer. TOO BUSY???? When he knew that I had fish stories to tell him!!! That unacceptable. Or at least I thought it was until he told me exactly what it was that he was too busy doing. He was fishing. Striper fishing to be exact. Rockfish. Striped Mullet. Linesiders. Morone saxatilis. One fish that neither Robby nor myself was especially proficient catching.

I figured I could put the heroics of my Giant tales on hold to hear Robby lament about drifting around with slimy eels on his hook and nothing in his cooler to take home for dinner. Lord knows we had both been there too many times before. wouldn't feel right bragging about the 6 fish I had caught knowing full well that Robby had been freezing in his john boat getting skunked. So I asked him how many he had caught, knowing full well that the number was going to be some multiple of zero.

I was just about to extend my condolences to him on his rough morning of fishing when something registered in my mind. Something about his answer didn't sound quite right. I asked him again how many he had caught. I was sure I had heard him incorrectly the first time.

He said it again. "I don't know, probably somewhere around 50."

So I answered in the best way I knew how. "50 what?"

After a laugh and a bit of profanity he told me yet again. 50 rockfish. And they were decent rockfish too. All in the mid 30-inch class, not little pups. I couldn't believe it. I needed all of the details.

So he gave them to me. Much like my initial disbelief, another of our fishing buddies told him the day before about a wide open striper blitz less than a mile off the beach, just a little south of the Ocean City Inlet. Robby had to see it for himself to believe it. So he went. And he was made a believer. There were huge schools of bait with rockfish and whales feeding on them right beyond the surf off of Assateague. Huge flocks of gannets and gulls were diving on them. It was like a nature show out there. Robby said he was catching a fish on every cast he made. Bucktails, popping plugs, Storm lures, it didn't matter. Anything you wanted to cast would get bit. And get bit quickly.

After hearing excitement in Robby's voice when he was telling me the story I knew I had to get in on some of this fishing. I asked him when WE were going next. He asked me if I was free the following morning. Of course I said yes. He told me to meet him at the boat at 6:30 the next morning. I told him it was a plan. He said he was going to invite Captain Gary Stamm to go with us too. Those fish were in for some trouble!

That fast I forgot all about my Giants. I don't think I even mentioned them to Robby, and he didn't ask about them either!

As the sun was coming up the next morning I was climbing into Robby's john boat along with Captain Gary. We each had a couple of spinning rods ready to go and a plethora of extra rigs in our tackle boxes in anticipation of the red hot bite. It was a crisp, cool December morning but there wasn't much wind. We were ready to fish.





Evan Falgowski was trolling a Stretch 25 lure at Overfalls Shoal at the mouth of the Delaware Bay when he hooked into this 37.2 lb. striped bass. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

Robby fired up the boat and we were on our way. As soon as we cleared the no wake zone Robby put the coals to her and we were flying out the inlet and making the bend to the south. In no time we were right back where Robby had shellacked them the morning before, but there were no whales. gannets. No gulls. And there sure as heck weren't any rockfish. I felt like I had been duped. That was until I looked at the dismay on Robby's face. This wasn't some sort of elaborate prank. He was dumbfounded that there were no fish where there had been so many the day before.

We were already on the water and we were rigged up, so out came the binoculars. The search began. Gary was on the bow with the binoculars and I was sitting next to Robby and we worked

our way further south and then back to the north. Right about the time we were ready to call it quits and go get some breakfast Gary spotted something. He told Robby that he couldn't be sure, but he thought he saw some life way up the beach.

Now let me tell you one thing, Robby ain't afraid to be hard on his equipment when it comes to catching fish. He put that rig into the wind and we were heading up the beach at warp speed (to borrow a quote we had heard from Capt. Mark "The Hammer" Hill some years earlier). In no time, we were a half of a mile off the beach at the north end of Ocean City. And so were the whales. And the gannets. And the gulls. AND THE ROCKFISH!!!

Each of us hooked up as soon as we made our first cast. In a matter of minutes the metal deck of that john boat was thumping like the double bass drums at a Metallica concert. Actually, I guess it was more like double striped bass drums. Our limit of 6 fish was filled. All of the fish were 34 to 37-inches. And it wasn't even 8:30 yet.

Over the next hour or two probably caught somewhere around rockfish. As long as we were near the birds and the whales we would get bit on every cast. Again, it didn't matter what type of lure hit the water. The one thing I figured out early on was to mash down the barb on any hook I was using. That made for a quicker release and I didn't have to pull the fish into the boat to get my lure out of its mouth. I am pretty sure that is why I handily out caught Gary and Robby 2 fish to their 1 that day... or at least that is the way I remember it!!!

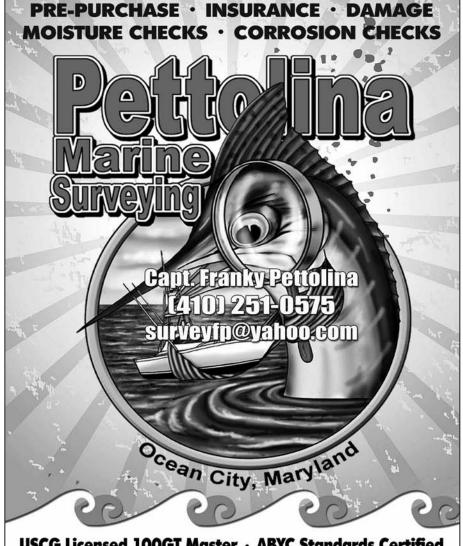
It was the best day of rockfishing I ever had. Probably one of the best days I will ever have. I know that I

Winter 2017 Coastal Fisherman Page 127 have not matched it since, and we tried several more times that week. We had some success, but nothing like the first days of that bite. And to experience it with two of my good buddies made it even better.

Oh yeah, and while Gary was cleaning the fish that day I did get a chance to brag about the Giant bluefins I had caught the week prior, but everybody at the cleaning table was more interested in hearing about the stripers... and where we caught them!

Have a good winter everyone. I hope you find some fish wherever you are, and you get to share the catching of them with your friends and family. I wish you all a Merry Fishmas and a Fishy New Year!!!!

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- Garden State Outdoor Sports Show Garden State Exhibit Center January 12-15, 2017
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 - New York Boat Show Javits Center January 25-29, 2017
 - Baltimore Boat Show Baltimore Convention Center January 26-39, 2017
- NRA Great American Hunting & Outdoor Show Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex - Harrisburg, PA February 4-12, 2017
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 - Seaside Boat Show Ocean City Convention Center February 17th, 2017 - 11am to 7pm February 18th, 2017 - 10am to 7pm February 19th, 2017 - 10am to 5pm
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 - Atlantic City Boat Show Atlantic City Convention Center March 1-5, 2017
 - Greater Philadelphia Boat Show Greater Philadelphia Expo Center March 10-12, 2017
 - New Jersey Saltwater Fishing Expo Garden State Exhibit Center March 17-19, 2017



Ever wonder what gets dropped to create artificial reefs? On this day, mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt on the headboat, "Morning Star" prepare to drop concrete blocks at the Doug Ake Reef. In early December, just shy of 10,000 lbs. of concrete and soapstone/slate was placed on this reef and Capt. Monty Hawkins predicts this site will be "very toggy" in the near future!



Shailyn Nasuti of Washington, DC showed the boys how it is done, boating this 3 lb. sea bass after hooking it on an ocean wreck. Shailyn was fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts.



Warm ocean temperatures kept migrating stripers far to our north for an unusually long time, so what did local striper fishing fanatics do? They headed to New Jersey. On Thanksgiving day, Jimmy Paulakuhn, Darin Cathell, Mike Gelfeld, Doug Hudson and Del Baker on the "Blu Bye U" ended up 51 miles north of Indian River, off the coast of Sea Isle City, NJ where they found 51.5-degree water and big fish under schools of bunker. Their two largest stripers measured 45 and 50-inches.

10 releases

23 releases



(As reported to the Coastal Fisherman - Ties go to first fish reported) **Species Ocean City** Delaware **Species Ocean City** Delaware **Sea Bass Mako Shark** May 29, 2016 June 13, 2016 **September 14, 2016** June 16, 2016 100 lb. minimum **Irving Drummond** Kevin DiPoalo **Hunter Pusey** Luke Brubaker "Morning Star" DelJerseyLand Reef "Rumor Has It" "Michael D" 223 lbs. 231 lbs. 5 lbs. 6 lbs. 3 oz. **Tautog Thresher Shark** May 9, 2016 November 30, 2016 June 4, 2016 June 4, 2016 Karl Maier Dave Walker Jeff Green **Rick Passwaters** "A" Buoy "Fish Bound" **Outer Wall Fingers** 455 lbs. 20 lbs. 2 oz. 17.4 lbs. 477 lbs. **Striped Bass Bluefin Tuna** April 23, 2016 May 9, 2016 December 4, 2016 July 11, 2016 **Rick Findley** Paul Santa Barbara **Josh Ensor Brooks Vaughn Ocean City Surf Overfalls Shoal** Wilmington Canyon Massey's Canyon 35 lbs. 62 lbs. 133 lbs. 142 lbs. Weakfish **Yellowfin Tuna** July 19, 2016 June 2, 2016 July 3, 2016 September 4, 2016 Finn McCabe Rod Grodzicki Brian Stempowski **Wyatt Greene West Channel Inner Wall** Rockpile **Baltimore Canyon** 3 lbs. 10oz. 125.8 lbs. 76.7 lbs. 7 lbs. 8 oz. Cobia **Longfin Tuna** June 5, 2016 August 1, 2016 June 30, 2016 July 2, 2016 **Darin Cathell** Jeff Drury Emma Zajdel John Brittingham Lindenkohl Canyon **Delaware Coast** Little Gull Shoal **Fingers** 54 lbs. 76.6 lbs. 94.6 lbs. 48 lbs. **Bigeye Tuna Flounder** August 10, 2016 August 20, 2016 July 5, 2016 August 20, 2016 Rich Kosztyu **Mason Coursey Tony Munoz** Jennifer Vojna Wilmington Canyon Poor Man's Canyon **Old Grounds** Martha's Landing 236.5 lbs. 210 lbs. 11 lbs. 14 oz. 9 lbs. 13 oz. May 1, 2016 **Bluefish** August 19, 2016 **Dolphin** August 3, 2016 August 1, 2016 **Big Bird Cropper Andrew Stuchlik** Nick Kincaid Jimmy Willey Rt. 50 Bridge Henlopen Pier Washington Canyon **Hot Dog** 15 lbs. 4 oz. 17 lbs. 11 oz. 54 lbs. 28.8 lbs. **September 10, 2016** July 20, 2016 July 18, 2016 July 1, 2016 **Sheepshead** Wahoo **Bill Bollhorst Joseph Crowley** John Mancuso **Charlie Long Ocean City Surf** Poor Man's **Outer Wall** Washington Canyon 10 lbs. 3oz. 14 lbs. 6 oz. 74 lbs. 102 lbs. **Most Releases in One Day (trolling only) Black Drum** May 15, 2016 May 14, 2016 White Marlin **Timothy Witig Rylie Tingle** August 5, 2016 August 7, 2016 "Fish Bound" **Coral Beds** "Billfisher" "Boy's Toy"

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66.7 lbs.

65 lbs.



It was a memorable day for angler Grady Obetz, age 7, from Manheim,PA. Grady released his first white marlin and a spearfish while trolling ballyhoo at the 800/800 aboard the "G-FORCE".. Sharing the excitement were his father, Seth Obetz, his grandfather, Howard Cramer, his uncle, John Hallahan, Capt. Tony Diesel and mate Marston Jones.



John Landis (pictured) and Jerry Furr took a trip to the Old Grounds where the duo caught 5 flounder, including this 24-incher, along with an 18-inch sea bass.



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APRIL

27th Annual Capt. Zed's Spring Flounder Tournament April 28 - May 7 • Wachapreague, VA • 757-789-3222

MAY

4th Annual MSSA Spring Rockfish TournamentMay 5 - 7 • M.S.S.A • 410-255-5535

Lewes Canal Flounder TournamentMay 19 • Lewes Harbour Marina • 302-645-6227

8th Annual Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament May 27 - 28 • Ocean City Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

IUNE

21st Annual Mako Mania June 2 - 4 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7438

37th Annual South Jersey Shark Tournament June 7 - 10 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400

59th Annual Big Rock Blue Marlin TournamentLadies Tournament - June 10 • Tournament - June 11-17
Morehead City, NC • 252-247-3575

28th Annual MSSA Tuna-Ment June 16 - 18 • Sunset Marina • 410-255-5535

38th Annual Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament June 17 - 18 • Ocean City Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

Canyon Club Overnight Tuna Tournament June 23 - 25 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400

9th Annual Pier Point Marina Flounder Tournament June 23 - July 29 • Dewey Beach, DE • 302-227-2808

3rd Annual Indian River Kids Catch-All Tournament

June 24 - 25 • Indian River Marina • 302-227-3071

35th Annual Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off June 30 - July 2 • Ocean City Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

JULY

Canyon Club Junior Angler Offshore Challenge July 5 - 8 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400

30th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament July 14 - 16 • O.C. Fishing Center • 410-213-1121

13th Annual Marlin Club Kid's ClassicJuly 22 - 23 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

4th Annual Big Fish ClassicJuly 28 - 30 • Talbot Street Pier • 410-213-0325

AUGUST

9th Annual Marlin Club Ladies Tournament August 4 - 5 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

AUGUST (continued)

9th Annual Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament

August 5 • Pines Point Marina • 410-641-5306

43rd Annual White Marlin Open

August 7 - 11 • Harbour Island Marina • 410-289-9229

24th Annual Capt. Steve Harman Poor Girl's Open August 17 - 19 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7438

Paradise Grill Flounder Pounder August 18 - 20 • Millsboro, DE • 302-945-4500

26th Annual The MidAtlantic August 20 - 25 • Cape May, NJ & Ocean City, MD

SEPTEMBER

59th Annual Labor Day White Marlin TournamentSeptember 1 - 3 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

12th Annual Flounder Pounder September 10 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7438

17th Annual Ocean City Fishing Center Spot TournamentSeptember 11 • O.C. Fishing Center • 410-213-1121

39th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Challenge Cup September 14 - 16 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

7th Annual MSSA Mid-Atlantic Flounder Tournament September 16 - 17 • 410-255-5535

15th Annual A.M.S.A Red Drum Tournament September 21 - 24 • 410-944-3036

OCTOBER

Lewes Harbour Marina Tautog Tournament October 1 - 31 • Lewes, DE • 302-645-6227

38th Annual Mid-Atlantic Surf Fishing Tournament October 5 - 7 • Ocean City, MD • 410-251-2203

12th Annual A.M.S.A. Ronald Bounds Fishing TournamentOctober 19 - 21 • 443-944-3036

18th Annual Rocktoberfest Tournament October 21 - 22 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7438

NOVEMBER

Lewes Harbour Marina Striper Tournament November 1 - 30 • Lewes, DE • 302-645-6227

25th Annual MSSA Chesapeake Bay Fall Classic November 16 - 17 • MSSA • 410-255-5535

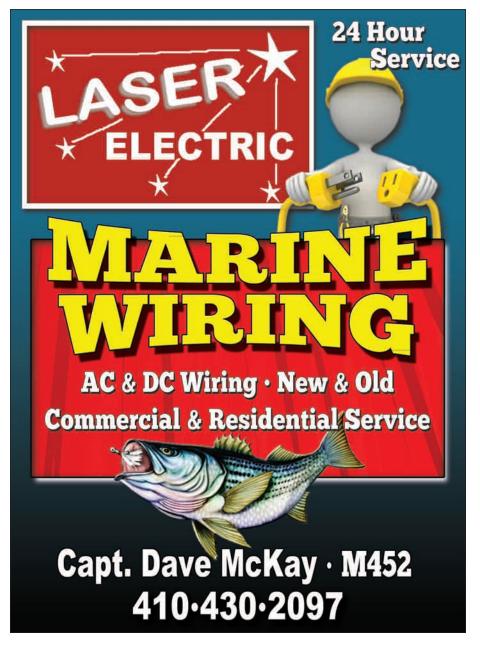
DECEMBER

5th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Rockfish TournamentDecember 9 - 17 • 410-213-1613

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On opening day of the Ocean City Marlin Club Rockfish Tournament, Donna Gutridge, Lee Slota, Patrick Mulreany and Tony Caiazzo brought 3 rockfish to the scale measuring between 35 and 37.5-inches and weighing up to 20 lbs. The anglers were fishing on the "Wrecker" with Capt. Jeremy Blunt and mate Bobby Layton when they hooked the 3 linesiders while trolling mojos outside the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Atlantic Tackle.





Doug Curtiss of Bluewater Yacht Sales peers over the roosterfish he caught while fishing just outside the mouth of the Ameca River in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The roosterfish was caught on an artificial bait in early December.



On December 11th, Bill Low muscled in this 155.2 lb. swordfish after hooking it on a whole squid in the Poor Man's Canyon. Bill was fishing on the "Sea Tiger" with Chip Graves, Jeff Drury and Matt Baker. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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Jeff Griffin from Lancaster, PA and Stanley Smith from Coatesville, PA took an overnight trip to the Poor Man's Canyon and returned with a pair of wahoo weighing up to 44.5 lbs., 9 mahi weighing up to 22 lbs. and a 100 lb. mako shark. The wahoo were hooked on skirted ballyhoo, the mako was fooled with a Spanish mackerel and the dolphin were caught on the trolling and while casting. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Ed and Brayden Taylor of New Market, MD put some nice fish in the cooler during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford. The anglers hooked 25 tautog, keeping 3, in addition to a pair of black drum. All were caught on green crabs during the incoming tide in the Ocean City Inlet. Their largest tautog weighed 6 lbs. Pictured at Frontier Town.





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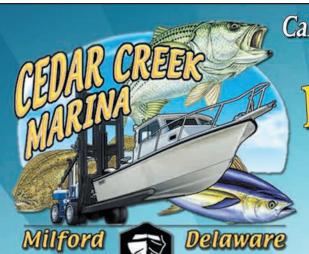


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