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The world famous Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic was held last weekend with 343 junior anglers participating. On opening day of the tournament, Luke Duffie, John Duffie and Tyler Knight teamed up to release 5 white marlin and a sailfish to win 1st place in the Billfish Release Division. The anglers were fishing on the "Billfisher" with Jonathan Duffie, John Knight, Jeremy Duffie, Capt. Chris Hornung and mates Jake Emche and Noe Gonzalez when they released their billfish in 600 fathoms below the Norfolk Canyon. Their 6 releases gave them a 1 fish lead over the anglers aboard the "The Chaser", who released 5 white marlin, and the "Max Bet" who recorded 3 white marlin and 2 sailfish releases on the final day of the tournament. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



It was quite a large crew from Kutztown, PA fishing on the charter boat, "That's Right" last Thursday, and they had a day to remember, catching 20 yellowfins while chunking in Massey's Canyon. Fishing with Capt. John Oughton and mate Sean O'Donnell were Rebecca Martin, Edith Sauder, Leroy Sauder, Delton Sauder, Norman Sauder, Marcus Sauder, Mark Brubaker, Alta Nolt, Lawrence Sauder, Hannah Brubaker, Jacob Brubaker, Melinda Sauder, Pauline Sauder, Isaac Sauder, Dorothy Sauder, Barbara Martin, Lorraine Sauder and Faith Brubaker.

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Alex Clark from Annapolis, MD was drifting in the East Channel, just north of the Rt. 50 Bridge, when he hooked this 25-inch, 5 lb. 11 oz. flounder on a live spot. Alex is pictured with Duncan Douglas and Matt Maxa.



Last Thursday morning, anglers on the "Restless Lady" were fortunate enough to get in on the incredible chunking bite in Massey's Canyon, returning to the Talbot Street Pier with 18 yellowfins and 2 bluefins in the box. Fishing with Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Tito Benitez were Mike Hanson from Malt, MT, Grey Campbell from Annapolis, MD, Chris Klau from Millersville, MD, Mike Reynolds from Ocean City, MD, John Lavorini from Villa Park, IL and Ray Hollowell from Ocean Pines, MD.

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



The weekend fishing scene in Ocean City was dominated by the Marlin Club Kid's Classic. It was another successful tournament and it is hard to believe it celebrated it's 12 year this season. The action was fast and furious, with 343 anglers competing. I love the tournament and it is great to see all the smiling faces on the junior anglers, but if I don't see another 0.8 lb. stringer of spot, I won't mind at all. Seriously, hats off to the Marlin Club and the tournament volunteers for a wonderful event.

Flounder

The flounder bite in the bay seems to be scattered right now with fish coming in mainly from the East and Middle Channels. The key is to find the deeper holes, where water temperatures are cooler. I received reports last week of water temperatures hovering around 90-degrees on the flats at the end of low tide. Now that's warm! We also saw flatties being hooked in the West Channel and down at the Duck Blinds behind Assateague Island.

Although Capt. Bert Adams at Hook'em & Cook'em reported a tough inshore flounder bite for boats out of



It was a team effort by anglers on the charter boat, "Moore Bills" to muscle in this 250 lb. bigeye tuna after hooking it in 200 fathoms in the Washington Canyon last week. The fight lasted a 1/2 hour after the 77-inch bigeye ate their blue and white skirted ballyhoo in 75-degree water. In addition to the bigeye, the anglers boated 5 yellowfins during their trip. Fishing with Capt. Rob Skillman and mate Steve Moore were Glen Gaines from Fallston, MD, Matt Rooke from Bel Air, MD, Vincent LaPadula from Joppa, MD, Don Pfouts from Fallston, MD and George Miller from Edgewood, MD. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Indian River, we saw some nice catches come in over the weekend, highlighted by a great haul by junior anglers aboard the charter boat, "Reel Chaos" on Sunday. The anglers boated 13 keepers, weighing up to 3.2 lbs., while fishing at the Old Grounds with Gulp!,

squid and cut bait. When it comes to cut bait, strips of sea robin are especially deadly this time of year!

Although Gulp! continues to dominate when it comes to artificial flounder baits, anglers on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" have had good success using Z-Man baits this season. They don't have the built-in scent dispersion, but they are much more durable than Gulp! Swimming Mullets.

Bluefish

Various size bluefish can be found while trolling spoons

around Fenwick Shoal, but we also saw some larger fish, weighing close to 5 lbs., come in from around the Rt. 50 Bridge.

Striped Bass

A few short stripers are being caught around the South Jetty and the Rt. 50 Bridge. Nothing great, but there were a few pulls throughout the week.

Dolphin

Last weekend, we saw outstanding catches of dolphin come in on boats that were chasing tuna offshore in the Baltimore, Poor Man's, Washington and Norfolk Canyons in addition to some inshore lumps.

Tuna

Although the yellowfin and bluefin bite continued throughout the week for chunkers in Massey's Canyon, the big catch came in last Tuesday when anglers on the charter boat, "Moore Bills" ventured down to the Bigeye Hole and hooked a 250 lb. eyeball on a skirted ballyhoo. We definitely haven't seen as strong a bigeye bite as in recent years, making this catch more special, but maybe that will change in the coming weeks.

We also saw a 121.8 lb. bigeye caught during the Kid's Classic by the group on the "G-FORCE" on Saturday who were also fishing in the Washington Canyon.

As I mentioned earlier, the vast majority of boats headed to Massey's last week and Thursday morning saw an epic bite there with several boats getting in on the early morning chunking bite and returning with incredible numbers of yellowfins. "That's Right" had 20 yellowfins, "Restless Lady" and "C-Boys" each had 18 and

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"Rhonda's Osprey" boated 15 yellowfins in addition to a bluefin and a white marlin release. Several other boats had double-digit catches as well.

We also saw yellowfins come in from the Lumpy Bottom, the Poor Man's Canyon and out in the Baltimore Canyon as well.

Billfish

The best billfish trips of the week came in during the Kid's Classic when, on Saturday, the anglers on the "Billfisher" returned with releases of 5 white marlin and a sailfish from 600 fathoms below the Norfolk Canyon. Capt. Chris Hornung said that the water was moving to the south and would be over the 100-mile tournament limit by the next day, which it was. "The Chaser" also ventured south on Saturday to the Norfolk Canyon where they released 5 white marlin in 500 fathoms. On Sunday, junior anglers on the "Max Bet" were in 1,000 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon and released 3 white

marlin and a sailfish in 79-degree water.

Also on Sunday, Aryton Pryor on the charter boat, "Spring Mix II" released a blue marlin between the Norfolk and Washington Canyons.

Triggerfish

I have received reports of good numbers of triggerfish at Winter Quarter Shoal right now. This isn't uncommon at all, with the Shoal being a favorite spot for anglers quietly seeking this tasty fish.

In the Surf

It sounds like surfcasters are mainly finding kingfish in the surf with sharks and skates showing up at night. Large pods of baitfish have been spotted close to shore, but nothing has been spotted feeding underneath. Most are speculating that there are bluefish rounding up the bait, but none have been caught.

Upcoming Tournament

It's hard to believe, but there are NO tournaments this weekend. I'm not sure what I am going to do with myself!

See you at the scales!



Nine-year-old, Mara Tiboni from Reston, VA caught a pair of flounder, measuring 16 and 17-inches, during a trip aboard the headboat, "Capt. Bob II" with Roger Meekins. Mara hooked the flounder on cut bait at the Old Grounds and is pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



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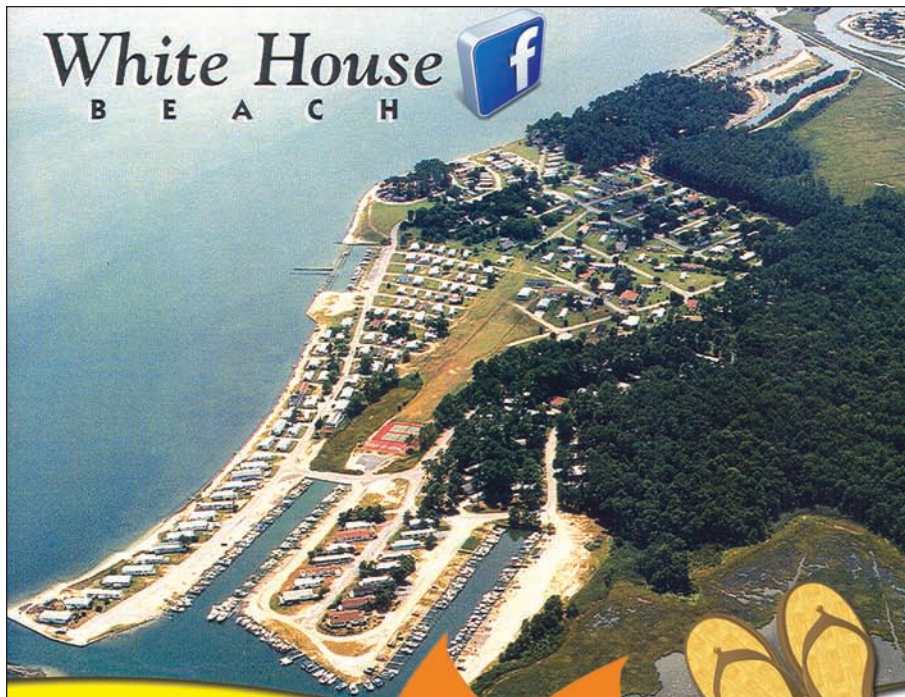
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Kevin Huey (right) caught his 3rd white marlin of the year while fishing on the "Bill Collector" with Capt. Eddie Kehl. The white marlin was hooked around 6:00 PM while trolling inshore of Massey's Canyon where it ate a skirted ballyhoo in 76-degree water.


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Lee Vincent nailed this 8 lb. 3 oz. flounder while jigging a bucktail tipped with squid at the Bass Grounds. Lee was fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

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Christian Gladfelter caught a 52-inch, 76.5 lb. bluefin tuna during a trip with Brett Gladfelter and Ryan Slagle on the "Just Got Reel". Christian hooked the bluefin while jigging a Shimano Flat Fall in Massey's Canyon. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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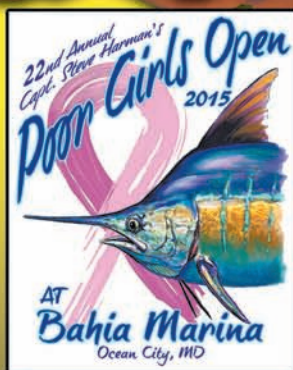
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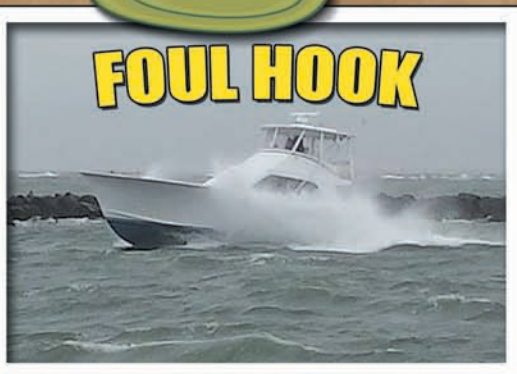
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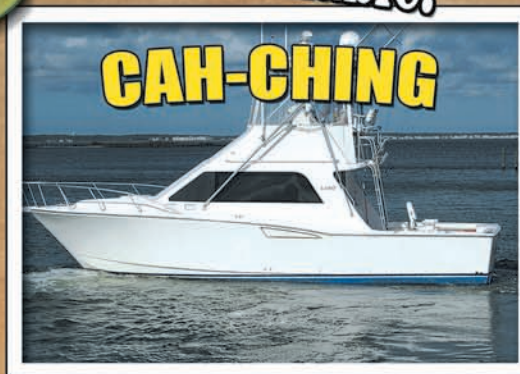
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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



Anyone with a VHF marine radio has undoubtedly heard at one time or another a distress call or some sort of safety notice on Channel 16. Such broadcasts could be as simple as a notice to mariners about a log floating in the inlet or as critical as a boat on fire miles from shore. No matter where they are or what they are doing, all reliable information about what's happening on the water is important to boaters because it can help to keep them safe, as well as allow them to provide assistance others who might be in grave danger. The three primary safety calls broadcast on the radio are Security, Pan-Pan, and Mayday. Each one denotes a different level of distress or urgency, but all are important for mariners to tune-in and listen to.

The "Security" call (properly pronounced "say-cure-it-tay") usually involves some sort of warning to mariners about a possible hazard to navigation. The Coast Guard will often broadcast Security calls on Channel 16 and inform listeners to tune to Channel 22

for more details. Such a broadcast might sound like: "Say-cure-it-tay, say-cure-it-tay, say-cure-it-tay, this is US Coast Guard Station Hampton Roads Virginia Group, for an unscheduled safety marine forecast concerning a log floating in the Ocean City Inlet switch and listen to Channel 22-Alpha." Hearing that, anyone boating through that area would do well to switch to Channel-22 and get the scoop about the log so they don't run over it. Security calls can be about bad weather, floating debris, buoys that have moved or have a light out, an area restricted to navigation (like when we had the air show) or anything deemed important for mariners to know. Last week, the Coast Guard did a Security call about a dead whale floating ten-miles offshore of Ocean City.

Security calls are not reserved for Coast Guard broadcasts only. Anyone who wishes to notify other boaters of some sort of hazard can make a security call. On foggy days, it's not uncommon for skippers to broadcast that they are traveling in or out of

the inlet, or other high traffic areas, so other boaters will know to watch out for them. "Say-cure-it-tay, say-cure-it-tay, say-cure-it-tay, this is fishing vessel Pork Chop outbound of Ocean City Inlet, standing by on Channel-16 for any concerned traffic." A quick broadcast like that not only alerts other boats of their presence and direction, but also lets them know how they can be contacted if needed. Simple precautions like that can prevent a disaster on the water. Security calls are often made by assistance towboats when they are towing an object or disabled vessel through the inlet or any other busy area if they need other vessels to steer clear and minimize their wake.

A Pan-Pan call (pronounced "pon-pon") is like a Coast Guard "Amber Alert" and is their way of letting all boaters know of someone who is in need of immediate assistance. A Pan-Pan broadcast would occur on Channel-16 and is a way of saying "hey everyone shut-up and listen for a moment because something is going on out there and people are in need of immediate assistance!" A Pan-Pan would not likely be broadcast for a boat that's just broken down and needs a tow back to port. Instead it would be used for

such emergencies as a vessel on fire, one that's taking on water, a medical emergency or a person in the water. Such a broadcast might sound like; "Pon-pon, pon-pon, pon-pon, this is US Coast Guard Station Hampton Roads Virginia Group relaying an urgent safety marine broadcast for the fishing vessel Pork Chop, a 32-foot fishing vessel with four passengers onboard that is taking on water at coordinates 37-degrees 59.4 North, and 074-degrees 44.9 West, or approximately 27-miles southeast of Ocean City Maryland. All vessels in the area are requested to keep a sharp lookout, assist if possible and report all sightings to the US Coast Guard."

Because of its high priority, a Pan-Pan broadcast would be delivered in its entirety on Channel-16 so everyone in the listening area will hear it without having to switch to another channel, as is done with security broadcasts. As soon as they hear "Pan-Pan", skippers should immediately grab something to write with and be ready to record the coordinates of the vessel in trouble so that they can then quickly determine if they are close enough to render aid. If so, they should advise the Coast Guard of their ability to assist.

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This 4 lb. 13 oz. flounder fell at the hands of John Barlow while fishing with shiners at the Old Grounds with Capt. Vince Keagy on the "Miss Kirstin". Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

Everyone knows what a "Mayday" call is all about. It's a distress call that signifies that a vessel and/or anyone aboard are in grave danger. You would certainly call a Mayday if your boat was sinking or on fire, or if someone was so severely sick or injured that professional first aid is needed. When you call "Mayday" on the radio it is a way of telling everyone else on the channel to "shut-

up and listen" because you need help right away. Such distress calls should always include the name of the vessel, location, how many people are aboard and nature of distress. As long as they can hear the transmission, the Coast Guard will always respond to Mayday calls, and it's usually best to give them a chance to do so first, before calling back to the stricken vessel yourself. However, if

the distress call is not being answered, then it would be right to call them back and do what you can – which could be as simple as relaying info to and from the Coast Guard, or as involved as running to the other boat and recovering passengers from the water. Either way, properly monitoring the radio, particularly Channel-16, and paying attention to Mayday (and Pan-Pan) calls could result in saving the lives of fellow boaters.

"Mayday - Mayday - Mayday, this is the fishing vessel Pork Chop. We have struck an object and are taking on water fast. We have four passengers onboard and are located at 37-degrees 59.4 North, and 074-degrees 44.9 West. We cannot keep up with the incoming water and need immediate assistance!" When someone puts out such a call, the next transmission they will likely be from the Coast Guard responding to the plea for help. They will coordinate

the rescue and provide as many resources (vessels, aircraft, pumps, medical assistance, etc.) as necessary and/or available at the time. Anyone else monitoring the call should listen-in and stand ready to assist if they are able.

In a perfect world everyone would always put to sea and return home safely, with nothing but fun tales to tell about their time on the water. But incidents occur and problems arise, and when they do, a working VHF radio can be a boater's best friend. To get the best use of that radio, every boater must understand and know how and when to use "Security, Pan-Pan, and Mayday" to stay safe, help others, and request assistance.

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

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Kirsten Tolan from West Ocean City, MD caught her very first fish, a 33-inch bluefish, while drifting a mullet during the incoming tide behind Assateague Island.



Alex Schreffler, Cameron Gaw and Colton Gaw were drifting minnows in the bay behind Assateague Island when they caught 4 keeper flounder, measuring up to 20-inches. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town.

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After an overnight trip to the Poor Man's Canyon, the crew on "Knock on Wood" returned with 9 yellowfins, 4 mahi and 2 white marlin releases. Their largest yellowfin weighed 53 lbs. Pictured are Chris Long, Carter Dudzinski, Dave Woods and Johnny Coffey.



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The hot spot last week was Massey's Canyon and that is exactly where this group on the charter boat, "Barbed Wire" headed with Capt. Dean Metcalfe and mate Jimmy Parrott. The anglers caught a 66 lb. bluefin tuna and 4 yellowfins, all on the chunk. Fishing on the "Barbed Wire" were Bryan Baldwin, Julie Baldwin and Zan Irwin from Huntsville, AL, Branely Crossland from Nashville, AL and Larry Smith from Annapolis, MD. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Fe Irvine from Shippensburg, PA was super excited about the 4 lb. 7 oz. flounder she caught while fishing from the bulkhead at 2nd Street in Ocean City. Fe used a live minnow to fool the first flounder she has ever caught. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

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 Tautog	May 9, 2016 Karl Maier "Fish Bound" 20 lbs. 2 oz.	March 1, 2016 Rich Seagraves Ocean Wreck 14 lbs.	 Thresher Shark	June 4, 2016 Jeff Green Fingers 455 lbs.	June 4, 2016 Rick Passwaters "A" Buoy 477 lbs.
 Striped Bass	May 9, 2016 Rick Findley Ocean City Surf 35 lbs.	April 24, 2016 Nick Rholetter Upper DE Bay 31 lbs. 15 oz.	 Bluefin Tuna	April 23, 2016 Josh Ensor Wilmington Canyon 133 lbs.	July 11, 2016 Brooks Vaughn Massey's Canyon 142 lbs.
 Weakfish	No Weights Reported	June 2, 2016 Rod Grodzicki Inner Wall 7 lbs. 8 oz.	 Yellowfin Tuna	July 3, 2016 Brian Stempowski Rockpile 125.8 lbs.	May 29, 2016 Nate Leo Norfolk Canyon 46 lbs.
 Cobia	June 30, 2016 Emma Zajdel Little Gull Shoal 94.6 lbs.	No Weights Reported	 Longfin Tuna	July 2, 2016 John Brittingham Fingers 48 lbs.	June 5, 2016 Jeff Drury Lindenkohl Canyon 54 lbs.
 Flounder	July 5, 2016 Jennifer Vojna Martha's Landing 9 lbs. 13 oz.	July 7, 2016 Mark Schwendeman Old Grounds 10 lbs.	 Bigeye Tuna	June 20, 2016 Bob Irwin "That's Right" 220 lbs.	June 15, 2016 Addison Baumgartner Washington Canyon 100 lbs.
 Bluefish	May 7, 2016 Ayrton Pryor Assawoman Bay 12 lbs. 10 oz.	May 1, 2016 Andrew Stuchlik Henlopen Pier 17 lbs. 11 oz.	 Dolphin	June 5, 2016 Mark Magee 461 Lump 35 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Sheepshead	June 30, 2016 Colton Morris South Jetty 5 lbs.	NEW July 18, 2016 Joseph Crowley Outer Wall 14 lbs. 6 oz.	 Wahoo	July 1, 2016 Charlie Long Washington Canyon 102 lbs.	June 29, 2016 Nick Turner Chicken Bone 63 lbs.
 Black Drum	May 15, 2016 Timothy Witig "Fish Bound" 65 lbs.	May 14, 2016 Rylie Tingle Coral Beds 66.7 lbs.	 White Marlin	NEW Most Releases in One Day July 16, 2016 "Billfisher" 5 releases	June 5, 2016 "Bill Collector" 2 releases

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Ed and Chuck Bartholme, Rob and Chris Hillman and Ronald Bridges ventured out to Massey's Canyon aboard the charter boat, "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mates Mike Mason and Sean O'Donnell. They returned with a bluefin tuna, 3 yellowfin tuna and a dolphin, all caught while chunking.

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Jackie Maffei from Essington, PA is all smiles after catching a pair of flounder, measuring 17 and 23-inches, in less than 15 minutes behind the Ocean City Airport.



Preston Walls, Bunkey Dulin, Wilder Evans and Matt Evans, all from Ridgely, MD returned to Bahia Marina with 4 keeper flounder after drifting minnows in the East Channel. Their largest flattie weighed 5 lbs. 12 oz. and was caught during the outgoing tide while fishing on the "One More Drift".

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Kevin, Sherrie, Konnor and Kolton Trimmer from Biglerville, PA captured 3 flounder and a weakfish while drifting Z-Man artificial baits and minnows in the bay behind Assateague Island. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford.



Logan, Taylor, Rachel, Paul and Paul Hastings, III., all from Huntingtown, MD, returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with 4 flounder in the box after fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. The flounder, measuring up to 20 1/2-inches, were fooled with white Gulp! Swimming Mullets in the East Channel.

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Avery Newberger from Baltimore, MD and Fred Riefner from Carney, MD were fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacagnelo and Wes Pollit when they caught sea bass on bucktails and clams at an artificial reef. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center

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Fran Saltsiak from Baltimore, MD caught this 23.5-inch, 4 lb. 3 oz. flounder to take high hook honors during a trip on the headboat, "Capt. Bob II". Fran caught the flattie while fishing with cut bait at the Old Grounds. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Curtis and Jessica Smith from Baltimore, MD, Robert and Laura Rauch from Hagerstown, MD and Paul Geiger from Ocean City, MD joined Capt. Steve Selander and mates Chris Watkowski and Ayrton Pryor for a fishing trip on the charter boat, "Spring Mix II" and ended their day with a gaffer dolphin and yellowfins weighing 38 and 42 lbs. The fish were caught on ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Zach Healey from Chesapeake, VA (left) caught and released his first white marlin during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Last Call" with Andrew Healey, who also released a white marlin, Brooke Duvall, Capt. Frank Pettolina and mates Franky Pettolina and Chris Evans. In addition to the white marlin releases, the anglers boated 4 dolphin, all while trolling naked ballyhoo in 77-degree water, south of the Rockpile. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



During this trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound", 30 flounder hit the deck after being caught by Phineas, Nicholas and Bill Poore, Garry Reynolds, Larry Adams and Edward Murray. The flatties were hooked on Gulp! and squid strips at the Old Grounds.

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Anglers on the "D'Angler" ventured out to Massey's Canyon where they caught a 52-inch bluefin and a yellowfin on the chunk and some mahi on the troll. Pictured are Steve Merther, Scott Merther and Derek Dengler.



Gary Hodges, Joe, Nick and Katie Lou Herrick, Tim Kane and Harry Neiderer jumped on the chunking bite at Massey's Canyon and caught 7 yellowfins and 3 dolphin during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos.

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Aidan, Mark and Quinlan Arnold joined Andrew and John Scheler for a trip aboard the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mates Mark Stephens and Raul Gonzalez and were rewarded with 3 yellowfin tuna caught on the chunk at Massey's Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Dave Konick from Fenwick Island, DE took his 1954 Chris Craft Sea Skiff to the inshore lumps near the Twin Wrecks and caught a couple of dolphin while trolling skirted ballyhoo and a Clark spoon.

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Junior angler, John Oughton, V from Islamorada, FL caught his very first yellowfin tuna while fishing on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Dan Cathell, Claude Littleton, Donald Bounds, Albert Gravenor, Jack Fisher, Capt. John Oughton and mates Sean O'Donnell and Brandon Baiocco. The group ended their day with 5 yellowfin tuna in the box after spending the day chunking at Massey's Canyon.

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Bob Rindfuss, Sean Kane, Philip DiFebo, Kevin Roberts and Brian Seglem had a great day tuna fishing in the Poor Man's Canyon, catching 17 yellowfins and some mahi while trolling skirted ballyhoo. The anglers made it all happen during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Daryl Young and Bruce, Josh and Bradley Buchalter teamed up to land a pair of bluefin tuna, weighing 46 and 67 lbs., during a chunking trip to Massey's Canyon on the "Reel Chaotic". Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Pete Weaver, Ron Isaac, Cody Isaac and Jerry Phares boated this 100 lb. mako shark while trolling in 60 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the "Reel Fin Addict" and weighed their catch at Atlantic Tackle.

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Katie Thompson and Dawson Cox boated flounder measuring 17 and 19-inches while drifting Z-Man baits in the East Channel. The duo was fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford.



During the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Kevin Stecklein boated a 76 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Littlerascal" with Chris Ruggieri, Tony Forzono, Todd Mitchell, Capt. Chris Josey and mate Eric Blanks. The bluefin was caught on the chunk in Massey's Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Anglers on the charter boat, "Katydid" had an incredible day of flounder fishing at the Old Grounds, returning to Lewes Harbour Marina with 31 keepers. Fishing with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann were Jerry Cuff, Rob Karpovich, Wayne Smoke, Dennis O'Neill, Mike Walker and Tom McLaughlin. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Here's a brief summary of how an EPIRB works:

- the device is deployed either automatically or manually, and then activated automatically when floating in the water or with the flip of a switch.

- once activated, the EPIRB transmits a digitally coded signal on a frequency of 406 MHz, which is received by orbiting satellites. Most current EPIRB's on the market include a GPS sensor, allowing the EPIRB to transmit a position along with the digital data.

- the EPIRB is routinely mounted to a vessel and registered to that vessel.

- the cost of an EPIRB begins around \$400.

A PLB or Personal Locator Beacon is very similar to an EPIRB, though with some significant differences. One common feature is that the PLB contacts the same rescue authorities, using the same satellite communication network. The PLB is much smaller, designed to be carried

or worn by a person and is registered to a person. Not all PLB's float by themselves. They are manually activated and most do not transmit at the same power level and duration as a traditional EPIRB. The cost of a PLB begins around \$260.

MOB (Man overboard), that age old saying when a crewmember /passenger (man or woman) falls into the water is something you never want to happen aboard a boat. When this occurs, it is an urgent scenario and the person needs to be rescued as fast as possible. In addition to the traditional rescue tools, modern electronics allow the tracking of the person with ease. Most modern chartplotters have an easy to find button labeled MOB, or SOS, for the purpose of saving a position and allowing the vessel to return and search that exact area.

Some autopilots will automatically steer to an activated MOB position, allowing the crew to focus on the search. While a PLB is great if worn, the necessary equipment to receive a PLB signal is found only on search and rescue vessels, making a local search difficult.

The newest, wearable electronic safety device is an AIS MOB. When activated the device transmits an AIS MOB message containing position and ID via the AIS (Automatic Identification System). The AIS

transmission will be detected by all AIS equipped vessels within range, about 2 miles on open water. This AIS MOB transmission is received by an AIS receiver and displayed on a chartplotter, quickly indicating the precise location for the overboard person. As you might already know, the AIS system is a worldwide standard, an automatic tracking system, using the maritime VHF radio frequency. The rapid adoption of AIS receivers on pleasure boats and mandatory adoption on many commercial vessels allows for good coverage in popular boating waters. The cost of an AIS-MOB begins around \$299.

If you are going to carry a personal AIS device(s) you must always test it against the boats electronics to learn exactly what will be displayed on your chartplotter and if an audible alarm will be sounded by your chartplotter upon AIS activation.

While not in the same category of the dedicated safety devices, there are two popular devices that can help you communicate while out of cell phone range. Both products are small handheld, waterproof devices that are easy to use. While neither of these devices are a substitute for an EPIRB/PLB with its dedicated link to worldwide public rescue authorities (with no annual fee), the SPOT Gen3 and InReachSE both can send a message to friends and family along with your location – something you can't do with an EPIRB/PLB.

The Globlstar SPOT Gen3, is a handheld communicator that can send (not receive) a pre-

programmed message to family and friends or it can also send a SOS to a private emergency center. The messages include your GPS position, allowing friends, family or rescue authorities know exactly where you are. The cost of the SPOT gen3 is \$149.

Another popular product is the Garmin Delorme InReachSE, a handheld satellite communicator. This device allows you to send and receive 160 character text messages to anyone, along with your GPS position. The device also has a SOS button that sends a message to a private rescue center. The cost of the InReachSE is \$299.

As mentioned above, having an AIS receiver (or transceiver) is a good idea in these modern times. Not just for locating other vessels for navigational purposes (or see where they are fishing), an AIS can be used to locate a vessel or persons in distress and there is even some use of AIS for navigation using a "virtual buoy" as a temporary aid to navigation. The cost of a basic AIS receiver begins at \$250.

With so many different safety devices on the market, finding the equipment that meets your boats needs and budget is an easy task. Additionally the small size and low cost makes it easy to provide personal safety devices to all crewmembers and guests.

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Robby Pinzhoffer (left) of West Ocean City, MD was drifting a white Gulp! artificial bait in the Middle Channel with his dad, Jeff Pinzhoffer when he hooked into this 4 lb. 2 oz. flounder.

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During a chunking trip to Massey's Canyon aboard the "Reel Hope", 4 yellowfin tuna fell at the hands of Norman Manley, Alex Mallari and David Travis.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It turned out to be a beautiful weekend on Delmarva, allowing anglers to spend the day chasing their favorite species in the bay, inshore lumps and out in the canyons.

At Lewes Harbour Marina, Matt reported that they are starting to see more croaker show up in the Lewes Canal, although most are too small to keep. Hardheads are really thick around the Cape Henlopen Pier.

Flounder fishing in the Lewes Canal continues to be steady, but not on fire by any means. Matt said a 7.6 pounder was caught on Saturday by an angler drifting minnows and squid. Flounder are also being caught on Delaware Bay structure, but you really need to be zeroed in on them because they are not spread out at all. Capt. Brent on the charter boat, "Katydid" put his anglers on the meat last week while fishing in the Bay and ended up with 15 keepers in the box. Site 8 has been a good spot for flatties.

A few stripers are being caught each day in the Lewes Canal by anglers fishing either in the early morning or right before dark. Eels, clams and bucktails tipped with curly tails are doing the trick.

The tautog season opened



Tom Parambo from Holtwood, PA was drifting a live minnow behind a white teaser at the Old Grounds when he hooked into this 22 1/2-inch, 4 lb. 12 oz. flounder. Weighed at Pier Point Marina.

back up in Delaware on Sunday and Matt said that they saw 1 keeper come into the shop. There was a 14.6 lb. sheepshead caught at the Outer Wall by Joseph Crowley while using sand fleas for bait.

Weakfish, just over the legal size limit, are being hooked around the Walls, Site 5 and at Brown Shoal.

Kingfish and croaker have been found at Brown Shoal and at Sites 5 and 8.

Boats venturing outside the inlet found a much better flounder bite on ocean structure. The Old Grounds continue to be a prime location for ocean flatties. Moving current has been the key for anglers fishing squid, Gulp!, cut bait, mahi belly and flounder belly.

Those looking for sea bass have really had to weed through small fish to get their keeper. Matt didn't see anything come in from Sites 10 or 11, but those fishing smaller, less used wrecks seem to be having better luck.

After that MD state record cobia was caught a couple of weeks ago, more boats are heading just off the coastline looking for the "man in the brown suit" cruising the surface. Anglers on the charter boat, "Grizzly" boated a pair last Friday.

The vast majority of offshore boats headed to Massey's Canyon over the weekend to get in on the great chunking bite. The bite definitely slowed over the weekend, but that isn't uncommon given the fact that there were in the neighborhood of 150 boats there each day. The tuna being caught at Massey's have bellies full of sand fleas, so anglers who are getting to the bottom with jigs are also having good results.

In the surf, from Cape Henlopen down to Fenwick Island are finding kingfish and small sharks, especially for those with kayaks who are able to get baits dropped

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outside the breakers. Matt said that he hasn't seen any croakers come in from the surf.

At the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina, Capt. Bert Adams said that they are starting to see some croakers show up in the back bay by Holt's Landing for anglers fishing with Fishbites clams and squid.

In the Indian River Inlet, a few flounder are being caught, mostly on Gulp! and minnows along with rocks on the north and south side, with most fish in the 16 to 18-inch range. When the current is running good, anglers are having to weed through a lot of short fish to get their keeper.

Stripers and bluefish are also being caught in the Inlet, mostly at night during the incoming tide by anglers tossing lures.

Inshore, headboats struggled to find keeper flounder and sea bass last week. Heavy winds created tough drift conditions. When the conditions were right, anglers got into some good catches at the Old Grounds.

Fenwick Shoal continues to produce bluefin and Spanish mackerel for boats trolling spoons and anglers also found triggerfish and weakfish, in the 15 to 16-inch range, on the wreck.



This 14.6 lb. sheephead was fooled with a sand flea being fished by Joseph Crowley at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay. Joseph is pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina with Paul Skreenkock and Drake Crowley.

From the beach, surfcasters got into kingfish during early morning and late evening trips while soaking Fishbite sand fleas. At night, anglers fishing with cut bait at night are mainly dealing with sharks and skates.

Offshore, boats continued to pound the area around Massey's Landing, chunking butterfish for both bluefin tuna and yellowfin tuna. Those that didn't want to deal with the 200 boats in Massey's headed to the Baltimore Canyon for yellowfins and dolphin.

Interestingly, Capt. Roger on the "Capt. Bob II" headboat reported seeing bluefins

busting the surface around the Washingtonian wreck on Sunday. Capt. Roger said that the bluefins looked to be 40 to 60 lb. class fish.

Deepdroppers headed to the Baltimore Canyon over the weekend to look for hook-ups of tilefish while dropping squid. Bert said that one group, during an overnight trip, caught a snowy grouper in the Baltimore.

The marlin bite was strong in the Norfolk Canyon, but Bert said that not many Indian River boats headed that far last weekend.

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The chunking bite at Massey's Canyon last Thursday morning was epic and the crew on the charter boat, "Rhonda's Osprey" was there to capitalize on it. The group ended their trip with 15 yellowfin tuna, a bluefin tuna and a white marlin release. David Berger and Brian Ewing, both from Pottstown, PA teamed up to release a white marlin while fishing with Chuck Gazzillo, Jimmy Lawrence, Charlie Vielhauer, Capt. Joe Drosey and mates Dave Caffrey and James Doerzbach. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Dick, Margaret, Jim and Maryann Oliver from South Bethany, DE joined Eddie Oliver from Baltimore, MD for an offshore trip aboard the charter boat, "White Lightning" with Capt. Terry Murray and mate Nick Psaroudakis and ended their day with 6 yellowfins and a 48-inch bluefin in the box. Four of the yellowfins and the bluefin were caught while chunking in Massey's Canyon and 2 yellowfin were hooked on the troll, inshore of the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



During a trip on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo, Audrey Crandall captured a 3 lb. sea bass while using squid for bait at an artificial reef. The "Angler" is docked at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.



It's "Thumbs Up" for Drew Rodenbaugh of Bethlehem, PA after muscling in his very first flounder. Drew was fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford when he hooked the flattie on a Z-Man artificial bait in the Fish Bowl. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town.

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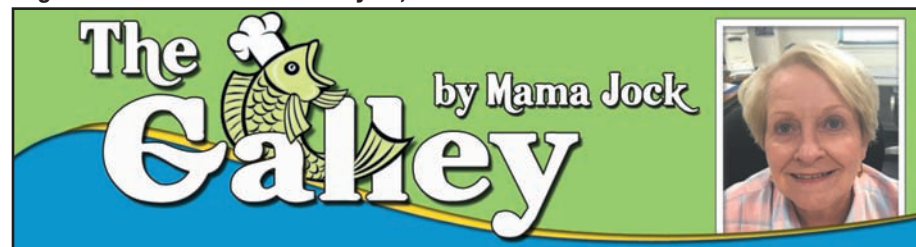
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Stuffing

- 1 TBSP. olive oil
- 2 TBSP. butter
- 1 small onion, chopped fine
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 stalks celery, chopped fine
- 1/2 red bell pepper, chopped fine
- 4 oz. shrimp, chopped fine about a 1/2 cup
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. Old Bay Seasoning, or 1/2 tsp. cayenne
- 6 oz. lump crabmeat
- 4 TBSP. Panko breadcrumbs

Fish

- 4 flounder fillets

- 4 TBSP. butter, melted
- 3 TBSP. lemon juice
- Kosher salt, to taste
- Black pepper, to taste
- 2 tsp. paprika
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges for garnish

Preheat the oven to 400-degrees.

In a sauté pan, heat the olive oil and butter.

Add the onions, garlic, celery, and peppers.

Sauté for 2 minutes, or until the vegetables are wilted.

Add the shrimp and season with salt and Old Bay.

Sauté for 2 minutes.

Remove from the heat and place mixture into a bowl.

Gently stir in the crabmeat, then the bread crumbs a little at a time, adding more as needed to gently bind.

Set aside to cool.

Place equal amounts of filling onto each fillet and roll up. (alternatively, you can place one fillet on the baking sheet, place filling atop the fillet, then place another on top, off to the side, to resemble a pocket of stuffing).

Place the fish on a baking dish, seam side down.

Drizzle the fish with the butter and sprinkle with lemon juice.

Sprinkle top of fish with salt, black pepper and paprika.

Place the pan in the oven and bake for 20-25 minutes until fish is cooked thru.

Remove the fish from the oven and serve with lemon wedges.

Flounder and Summer Vegetables in Foil

- 1 cup quartered cherry or grape tomatoes
- 1 cup diced summer squash
- 1 cup thinly sliced red onion
- 12 green beans, trimmed,

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cut into 1-inch pieces

1/4 cup pitted and coarsely chopped black olives

2 TBSP. lemon juice

1 TBSP. chopped fresh oregano

1 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil

1 tsp. capers, rinsed

1/2 tsp. salt, divided

1/2 tsp. pepper, divided

1 lb. flounder fillets, cut into 4 equal portions

Preheat grill to medium.

Combine tomatoes, squash, onion, green beans, olives, lemon juice, oregano, oil, capers, 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper in a large bowl.

To make a packet, lay two 20-inch sheets of foil on top of each other; generously coat the top piece with cooking spray.

Place one portion of flounder in the center of the foil.

Sprinkle with some of the remaining 1/4 tsp. salt and pepper, then top with about 3/4 cup of the vegetable mixture.

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Bring the short ends of the foil together, leaving enough room in the packet for steam to gather and cook the food.

Fold the foil over and pinch to seal.

Pinch seams together along the sides.

Make sure all the seams are tightly sealed to keep steam from escaping.

Repeat procedure with more foil, salt, pepper and remaining fish and veggies.

Grill the bundles until the fish is cooked through and the vegetables are just tender, about 15 minutes.

Serves 4.

Italian Seasoned Butter Shrimp

1 lb. shrimp
1 1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning
2 tsp. oil
Half of a lemon
Salt, pepper and garlic powder
1 stick butter

Pat shrimp dry.

Place shrimp in a bowl or Ziplock bag.

Coat shrimp with olive oil.

Season with the Italian seasoning, add a dash of garlic powder, salt and pepper.

Mix well.

Add shrimp to pan and add the butter, once butter melts, stir well.

Cook 5-6 minutes on medium-high heat, stirring a few times.

Once shrimp is removed from heat, add the juice from the lemon (to taste) and mix.

Serve with cocktail sauce.

Cocktail Sauce

1/2 cup chili sauce

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Salt and white pepper

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Serves 4-5.

Buttered Sea Bass in Skillet

1 1/2 lbs. sea bass
6 TBSP. unsalted butter, sliced
1/4 tsp. garlic powder
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
3/4 tsp. paprika
Few lemon slices
Parsley or cilantro

Stir together ingredients for seasoning in a small bowl. Cut fish into smaller pieces, if desired.

Season all sides of the bass with the seasoning.

Heat 2 TBSP. butter in a wide skillet over medium-high heat.

Once butter melts, add fish to skillet and cook for 2 minutes.

Turn heat down to medium.

Turn bass over, top with remaining butter and cook another 3-4 minutes.

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Butter will completely melt and fish will cook through.

Don't overcook.

Drizzle fish with the lemon juice.

Tequila-Lime Shrimp

2 limes (1 for juicing, 1 for garnish)
2 TBSP. tequila, or more to taste
1/4 cup olive oil
1/4 tsp. garlic salt
1/4 tsp. cumin
1/8 tsp. black pepper
1 lb. jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined
4 (12 in skewers) soaked in water for 30 minutes

Whisk together 2 TBSP. lime juice, tequila, oil, garlic salt, cumin and pepper in a bowl.

Pour into a large zip-lock plastic bag, add shrimp; turn to coat.

Seal bag, squeezing out excess air and chill at least 1 hour and up to 4 hours.

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high heat.

Thread shrimp onto skewers, piercing each once near tail and once near head.

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Lightly oil grate and grill shrimp, covered with lid, turning once, until pink and just cooked through, 5-6 minutes.

Cut remaining lime into wedges and serve with shrimp.

Serves 4.

Parmesan Crusted Baked Flounder

3/4 cup Panko breadcrumbs
3/4 cup Parmesan cheese finely grated
3 TBSP. unsalted butter room temperature
3 TBSP. mayonnaise
3 green onions, green tops only thinly sliced
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp. Tabasco
1 1/2 TBSP. lemon juice (1/2 lemon)
Salt and pepper to taste

4 flounder fillets
2 TBSP. flat leaf parsley finely chopped

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Lightly butter a baking dish or individual gratin dishes for the fillets.

In a medium bowl, mix together the cheese, breadcrumbs, butter, mayo, green onions, Worcestershire sauce, Tabasco and lemon juice; season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

Pat the fish completely dry with paper towels and season generously with salt and pepper.

Arrange the fish in a lightly buttered baking dish or gratin dishes.

Spread about 3 TBSP. of the cheese mixture over each fillet.

Place in preheated oven; bake until bubbly and almost cooked through, about 8 to 10 minutes.

Move fillets to broiler for 2-3 minutes to brown and crisp the tops.

Fish should flake easily

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John Yearwood from Crofton, MD muscled in this 52-inch, 81 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "She Said No" with Mike Adams and Leonard Herd from Pasadena, MD. John hooked the big bluefin, the first caught on the boat, while chunking at the south end of Massey's Canyon. Pictured at Atlantic Tackle.

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Capt. Randy Buttion took Daniel Buttion and Ted Cusimano out for a day of chunking at Massey's Canyon and returned to Sunset Provisions with a bluefin tuna, 3 yellowfin tuna and a dolphin. The anglers were fishing on the "Indecision".

with a fork.

Remove from oven, garnish with parsley and serve immediately.

Serves 4.

Grilled Wahoo

- 4 wahoo fillets
- 2 TBSP. canola oil
- Salt and black pepper
- 2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for finishing dish
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 4 anchovies in oil, patted dry and chopped
- 1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 TBSP. capers, drained
- 1/2 cup pitted kalamata olives
- 1 lemon, zested and juiced
- 2 tsp. finely chopped fresh oregano leaves
- 1/4 cup chopped flat-leaf parsley

Heat the grill to high.

Brush both sides of the fillets with canola oil and

season with salt and pepper, to taste.

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

While the fish is grilling, heat the olive oil in a large saute pan over medium heat.

Add the garlic, anchovies and tomatoes and cook until slightly soft, about 4 minutes.

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

Transfer the fish to the sauce and let cook for 1 minute.

Transfer to a serving platter and serve.

Mahi-Mahi with Lemon Caper Sauce

- 3 TBSP. water, divided
- 1 tsp. cornstarch
- 1/2 tsp. salt, divided
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- 4 mahi-mahi fillets
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- 2 lemons
- 2 tsp. capers

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1 tsp. butter

Combine 1 TBSP. water and cornstarch in a small bowl, stirring with a whisk. Set aside.

Sprinkle 1/4 tsp. salt and 1/4 tsp. pepper over both sides of fish.

Heat olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Add fish, and cook 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork.

Remove from pan, and keep warm.

Grate 1/4 tsp. rind from 1 lemon; squeeze 1/3 cup juice from lemons over a bowl.

Combine juice and rind with remaining 2 TBSP. water, remaining 1/4 tsp. salt, remaining 1/4 tsp. pepper and the capers.

Add lemon mixture to pan, cook 2 minutes.

Stir in cornstarch mixture; bring to a boil and cook 1 minute, or until thick.

Stir in the 1 tsp. butter to smooth the sauce.

Serve sauce over fish.

Serves 4.

Seared Tuna Nicoise

3 large eggs

1 1/2 cups quartered small red potatoes

1 cup string beans

Cooking spray

2 (6 oz.) tuna steaks

1/2 tsp. kosher salt, divided

1/4 tsp. black pepper

2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil

3 TBSP. red wine vinegar

1 tsp. Dijon mustard

2/3 cup grape tomatoes, halved

1/4 cup pitted and quartered nicoise olives

Place eggs in a large saucepan.

Cover with water to 1-inch above eggs.

Bring just to a boil.

Remove from heat; cover and let stand 15 minutes.

Drain; cool in ice water 5

minutes.

Peel eggs and cut each egg into 4 slices.

Place potatoes in pan; cover with water.

Bring to a boil; simmer 12 minutes.

Add beans; cook 3 minutes.

Drain; plunge beans into ice water for 1 minute. Drain well.

Heat a large cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat.

Coat with cooking spray.

Sprinkle tuna with 1/4 tsp. salt and pepper.

Add tuna to pan; cook 2 minutes on each side.

Cut thinly across the grain.

Combine remaining salt, oil, vinegar and mustard in a small bowl, stir with a whisk.

Add tomatoes and olives; toss.

Divide eggs, potatoes, beans and tuna among 4 plates; top with tomato mixture.

Serves 4.

Roasted Sea Bass

1 sea bass, scaled and gutted and preferably with heads on

2 TBSP. olive oil

2 TBSP. fresh lemon juice

1 bay leaf

1 tsp. dried thyme

1/2 cup minced fresh parsley

1 tsp. minced garlic

Salt and pepper to taste

Score each side of the fish 2 or 3 times, from top to bottom, right down to the bone.

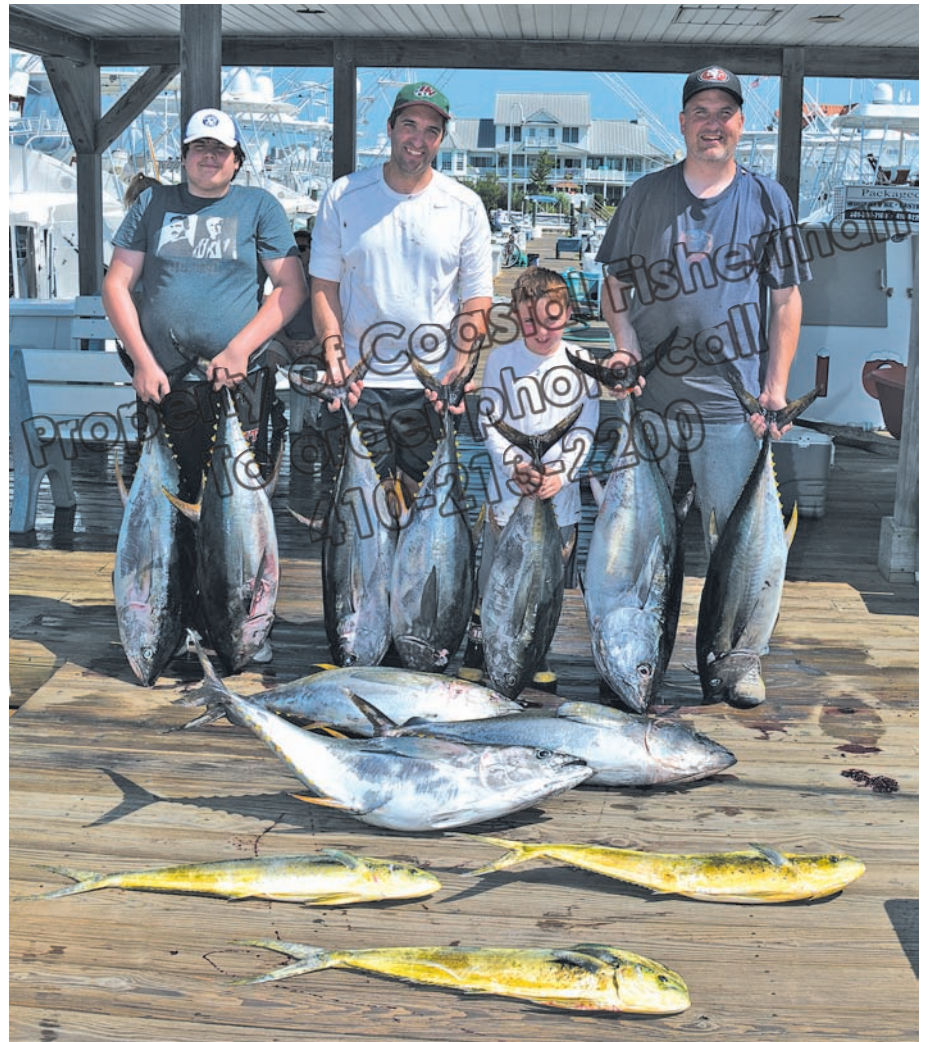
Mix together all the other ingredients and marinate the fish in it, refrigerated, for 30 to 60 minutes.

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Roast the fish, undisturbed, in a lightly greased baking dish until done, 20 to 30 minutes, depending on the size.

Serves 4.

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Last Friday, anglers on the charter boat, "My Cin" headed to Massey's Canyon where they caught 10 yellowfin, a bluefin and 3 dolphin on the chunk. Fishing with Capt. Dave Black and mate Mike Aikens were John and Ethan O'Malley from Washington Township, NJ and Tony and Giovanni Abbate from LaGrange, NY. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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The crew on the "Still Lucky" ventured down to the Washington Canyon and boated a 179 lb. bigeye tuna, 26 tilefish and a mako shark. Pictured are Steve, Bill and Devon Danner from Mechanicsburg, PA, Josh Simpson from Mechanicsburg, PA, Heath Berger from Reading, PA and Bob Kannenberg from Green Castle, PA. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Brad Taylor caught this 48-inch bluefin tuna while chunking with butterfly in Massey's Canyon.



Liz Hanwell captured her first yellowfin tuna while chunking at Massey's Canyon.

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Zach Quigly from Orange, VA, Ron Razzano from Riva, MD, Chris Stafford from Columbia, MD, Joshua Potts from Queenstown, MD, Pat McKenna from Baltimore, MD and Becca Strittmater from Evansburg, PA had a good catch of black sea bass, with a small mahi thrown in for good measure, during a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacagnelo and Wes Pollit. Joshua led the way with a knothead that tipped the scale at 4 lbs. 1 oz. The sea bass was caught on clams over a near shore coral bed. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Paul Crampton, Jr., Dustin Watson, Jonny Barr, B.J. Goetz and Paul Crampton, III teamed up to catch 18 yellowfin tuna, a 51-inch bluefin tuna and a mahi during a trip on the "C-Boys" with Capt. Luke Blume and mate Jon Henry. All of the fish were caught while chunking in Massey's Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Fish Stories

by Capt. Franky Pettolina



I first met Gus in the mid-1980s. He and a group of his buddies had chartered the "Last Call" for a day of canyon fishing. I was barely a teenager, just starting my career of fish harassment working as a mate, with my Dad as the captain. Gus and his crew were high rollers. As a kid I didn't understand how they had made their money (looking back, I think it was in the stock market or something like that), but they were a great example of the excitement and wealth of the 80s. The food and drink they brought for the trip was spectacular. Gourmet snacks and top shelf drinks. I can't remember if they lit their cigars with hundred dollar bills, but I am positive that they could have! As much as a 13-year-old and a grown man can hit it off, Gus and I did. If you ask him, Gus will say it was because I already had the start of a beard and the mouth of a sailor. He thought it was hysterical to have a kid shouting profanity at him while he was catching a tuna.

At the end of that first trip one of his buddies caught a white marlin. The fish was really energetic and put on quite a show for the party. It jumped all over the ocean and lit up like a neon sign. Gus got an excited look in his eye and

told me he had a son who was 6-years-old. He wanted to know how old I thought his boy needed to be able to catch one of those marlins. I told him 10-years-old. "His birthday is in July. Do you think you can catch him a marlin for his 10th birthday if I charter you that day?" Gus asked me. Being the smart mouthed, cocky kid that I was, I not only told him I thought I could, I guaranteed it!!! In the back of my mind I figured this promise would probably increase my tip for that day, and what are the odds of this guy showing back up in 4 years with his kid?

Well, you guessed it, Gus came back every year and he made sure to remind me of my promise too. When 1990 finally rolled around and his boy was about to turn 10, Gus booked the trip. It was time for me to step up and make good on my guaranteed marlin. I guess I should point out that marlin fishing has been pretty good over the past few years, but back in the late 80s and early 90s, this wasn't the case. If you caught 10 or more in a season back then, you were having a pretty good year. And there I was with my mouth writing checks that my baits might not be able to cash!

On the morning of the trip, Gus showed up with his boy,



As a gift for his 10th birthday, Angelo Mitsopoulos of Lake Forest, IL, shown here with his father, Gus, received a fishing trip on the charter boat "Last Call" with Capt. Frank Pettolina out of Bahia Marina. Well, he caught and released his first white marlin, along with several small dolphin, on ballyhoo at Poor Man's Canyon. A pretty nice present.

Angelo. Ang was a quiet kid, on the small side for a 10-year-old. I remember thinking that I might have bitten off more than I could chew, but Gus was armed with a video camera and an optimistic outlook. I knew I had to give it my best. Thankfully, it was a flat calm day. When we got to the canyon, Dad pulled back the throttles and laid out the outriggers. I put out 6 baits from the cockpit. Ballyhoos with assorted skirts on the outriggers, swimming mullets on the flat lines. I took little

Ang over to the bait cooler and I told him that he could pick out the bait for the bridge pole that I was going to pass up to my Dad. He picked out a ballyhoo with a black and purple Sailure made by the Island Lure Company (the company that makes the famous Hawaiian Eye). I ran it out through the middle of our spread and handed it up to Dad and he ran it up the center rigger.

As we were trolling along the wall of the canyon, I spotted a pallet floating a little

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ways away from us. I ran up to the fly bridge and pointed it out to Dad. Knowing that dolphin fish hang out around any sort of debris, Dad and I both got excited. A few small dolphin would be the perfect warm-up fish for Angelo, so we trolled over in that direction. As my left side baits trolled past the pallet, I anxiously awaited the first of the green, eating machines to attack. We got attacked alright, but not by dolphins. No sooner had we passed the pallet when a white marlin came charging out behind my left long rigger. It was a textbook white marlin bite. The fish came to the middle of the spread and turned on the skirted ballyhoo. It's pectoral fins lit up like a Christmas tree. After two slashes at the bait, it engulfed it. I was ready with the reel in free spool and I gave it my customary drop back. When I engaged the drag and cranked the slack out, I held my breath waiting for the line to come tight and

the fish to come up jumping.... NO DICE!!!! I MISSED HIM!!! My guaranteed marlin showed up and I MISSED HIM!!! Immediately, panic set in. I pulled the reel back to free spool and prayed that he would come back. What seemed like hours later, but in reality was probably only a minute or two, I heard some satisfied laughter coming from the fly bridge. I looked up and there was Dad smiling with a bowed over fishing rod in his hand. About a hundred yards behind the boat, the marlin came up jumping. Dad handed me the rod and told Gus to come over and help Ang in the chair. I handed the rod to Ang and Gus helped his son start the battle while I cleared the other lines. After the other baits were safely out of the way, Gus had me take over supervising Ang so the videography could begin. The fish behaved well and Angelo cranked like a grown man. Everything went perfect. We slowly backed up to the fish.

Ang kept the line tight and pumped the rod for all he was worth. Ten or fifteen minutes later I had a firm grasp of the fish's bill and Gus took the rod so Ang could come get a close look at his fish. We took some measurements for a release mount to be made.

The deal was closed. I somehow delivered a promised white marlin to a boy on his tenth birthday. The fish ate the bait that the boy chose from the bait cooler. It couldn't get any better. I am not sure whose smile was the biggest on the boat that day. Gus was one proud papa and Ang was one excited little boy. I was one relieved mate! The rest of the trip was not quite as exciting, but we did catch a few dolphin. When we got back to the slip at Bahia Marina, Dale Timmons was waiting to take a picture for the *Coastal Fisherman*. To this day I still have the clipping in my scrapbook.

There are many pictures of kids in this issue. The Marlin

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Club Kids Classic has become an exciting event each year. Some of these kids caught their very first fish, some are seasoned pros at it, having fished the event many times over. It is one of the high points of the summer and I congratulate all those who participated in the tournament. Great job everybody!!!

You may ask how that day ended back in 1990. Did Gus leave me an extra big tip? Did we all go out to dinner to celebrate? Did the video turn out any good? Some of that stuff might have happened, but I remember one thing very clearly. Gus looked at me and said, "My other son, Ari is 3. You have 7 years to get ready to do it again...." But that's a whole other fish story.

Capt. Franky Pettolina is Co-Captain of the charter boat, "Last Call" and President of the Ocean City Marlin Club.



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Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"	Tiger *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"	Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"	Tuna:		
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"	Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lbs. or 32"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 36"	False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"
Red Drum *	36"	45"	Bigeye ***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Sailfish *	Any Size	-	Bluefin ***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	Yellowfin ***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"	Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
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Striped Bass	40"	30 lbs. or 40"			

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Joey Collins, Jason Snader and Capt. David Weller broke the Ocean City Inlet at noon last Monday and returned at 6:00 PM after catching 5 yellowfin tuna and a 50-inch bluefin that tipped the scale at 75 lbs. They left them snapping since they didn't have any more room on the boat to store additional fish. The anglers hooked the 6 tuna while chunking in Massey's Canyon aboard the "Turn Me Loose".



Terry Koshi shows off a nice pair of flounder caught last Sunday while fishing with David Rayne. Terry hooked an 18 1/2-incher at Little Gull Shoal and a 21-incher on the outside of the South Jetty, both while using minnows for bait.



Last Sunday, Kelly Wenzel of West Ocean City, MD was drifting a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet dressed up with a chartreuse skirt by the Duck Blinds when she captured this 20 1/2-inch flounder. Kelly was fishing with Chuck Wenzel on the "Martini Time".

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"GRETHEN ANN"
1.0 lbs.

2nd Place
"PARTNERSHIP"
0.8 lbs.

3rd Place (Tie)
"PARTNERSHIP
& RUMTASTIC"
0.6 lbs.

CROAKER

1st Place
"PARTNERSHIP"
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"PARTNERSHIP"
0.8 lbs.

3rd Place
"FISHFULL THINKING"
0.6 lbs.

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Bluefin 82.6 lbs.

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"SLAUGHTERHOUSE"
Bluefin 74.8 lbs.

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1st Place (Tie)
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In the 2016 Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Finn Strine and Brady Wilson on the "Griffin" took 1st place in the Dolphin Division with a fish weighing 22.0 lbs. The winning dolphin, along with ones weighing 11 and 15.2 lbs., were caught while trolling ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Gavin Kirsch and Zach Martin teamed up to land a 121.8 lb. blgeye tuna on the first day of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic and took 1st place in the Tuna Division. The eyeball was hooked on a naked ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon while fishing on the "G-FORCE" with Gavin and Grady O'Betz and Landon Moyer. The anglers also caught sea bass, tilefish and a pair of mahi during their trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



First place in the Bluefish Division of the 12th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic was won by Annabelle Schiavino on the "Little Critter" with a 4.4 pounder caught on a live spot near the Rt. 50 Bridge. Annabelle also boated a 2.6 pounder to win 3rd place in the Bluefish Division. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



With a stringer of spot weighing 1.0 lbs., the junior anglers aboard "Gretchen Ann" took 1st place in the Spot Division of the 2016 Marlin Club Kid's Classic. The fish were caught on Fishbite Bloodworms near the St. Martin River Bridge. Fishing on the "Gretchen Ann" were Sadie Peters, Elliott Windrow and Claire Windrow. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



In the 2016 Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Cooper Fowle, Emma Zajdel, Makayla Zajdel and Jacob Wainglass captured a pair of Spanish mackerel, weighing up to .8 lbs., to win 1st place in the Mackerel Division. They also caught 3 bluefish while trolling spoons at Fenwick Shoal on the "Victorious". Pictured at the Sunset Marina tournament scale.



On the final day of the 2016 Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Brinley Hess caught a 3.8 lb. flounder to win 1st place in the Flounder Division. Brinley's flounder, along with Kiley Hess' 2.4 pounder, were caught on squid while fishing on the "Slaughterhouse" near "A" Buoy. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



While fishing with squid near the Rockpile, junior anglers on the "Talkin' Trash" boated a nice catch of bluefin tilefish to sweep the Tilefish Division in the Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Their 3 heaviest tilefish weighed 6.6, 6.8 and 7.2 lbs. Pictured are C.J. Little, Cody Isaac, Caleb Owens, Lacey Little, Zach Little and Maddie LeCompte. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On Sunday, Mason Staehle caught an 82.6 lb. bluefin tuna to take 2nd place in the Tuna Division of the 2016 Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Mason's bluefin, along with Sophia Staehle's 48 pounder were caught while chunking in Massey's Canyon on the "Sassy Girl". Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On Saturday, Alec Burbage and Chase Burbage each released 2 white marlin and Jack Burbage released a single white marlin to earn the "The Chaser" team 500 points and a tie for 2nd place in the Billfish Release Division of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic. The white marlin were hooked while trolling ballyhoo in 500 fathoms outside the Norfolk Canyon. The junior anglers are pictured at Sunset Marina with Todd Burbage, John Burbage, Capt. Dale Gurgo and mate Brian Riley.



Morgan Weber and Mitchell Cullen on the "Max Bet" teamed up to release 3 white marlin and 2 sailfish on the final day of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic and tied the "The Chaser" for 2nd place in the Billfish Release Division. The anglers hooked the billfish while trolling ballyhoo in 1,000 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Second place in the Dolphin Division of the 12th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic went to the anglers aboard the "Griffin" for the 17.8 pounder caught while trolling in the Poor Man's Canyon. The guys caught 3 dolphin during their trip with the other two tipping the scale at 12.8 and 13.0 lbs. Pictured at the Sunset Marina scale are Joey Zimmerman, Jack Willard and Mason Melnick.



On opening day of the 2016 Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Brinley and Kiley Hess weighed a 74.8 lb. bluefin to win 3rd place in the Tuna Division. They also caught 3 yellowfins, weighing up to 43.6 lbs., while fishing on the "Slaughterhouse" with Pam, Jenn, Jason and Capt. Mark Hess. All of the fish were caught while chunking at Massey's Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Ava Helwig on the "Reel Fantasy" muscled in a 17.6 lb. dolphin to take 3rd place in the Dolphin Division of the 2016 Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Ava was fishing with Courtney Grady, Ashton Cherivtch and Emma Helwig, who released her first white marlin on opening day of the tournament. The 3rd place place dolphin was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo in 800 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at the Sunset Marina tournament scale.



The junior anglers aboard the "Reel Chaos" had a great day of flounder and sea bass fishing at the Old Grounds, returning with 13 flatties and 5 knotheads in the box after hooking them on Gulp!, squid and cut bait. Their largest flounder weighed 3.2 lbs., good enough to win them 2nd place in the Flounder Division of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Fishing on the "Reel Chaos" were Walker and Harper Hastings, Lilyana DiFebo, Leah Davolos and Joseph Davolos. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Mason Staehle caught a 2.8 lb. flounder on the first day of the 2016 Marlin Club Kid's Classic and held on to win 3rd place in the Flounder Division. Mason was fishing on the "Sassy Girl" with Sophia and Summer Staehle and caught the flattie on a minnow and squid combination at the Old Grounds. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On opening day of the 12th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic, the junior anglers on the "Buckshot" had a great day, catching dolphin up to 16.4 lbs., sea bass, tilefish and cod. Their heaviest sea bass weighed 2.6 lbs. and was good enough to tie the "Poore Sport" for 1st place in the Sea Bass Division. Fishing on the "Buckshot" were Cutter Stanton, Naomi Geiwitz, Cash Stanton, Jaycey Miller and Atley Miller. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On the first day of the 2016 Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, the Wish-A-Fish Foundation took 57 anglers, along with their parents/guardians, fishing on the "Calico Jack", "Tortuga" and "Judith M". The anglers captured 28 flounder, 16 bluefish, 1 pufferfish, 9 sea robins, 1 weakfish and 10 black sea bass. After their day of fishing, the group was treated to a banquet at the Ocean City Marlin Club where the Wish-A-Fish Foundation received a check for \$3,755 raised from area organizations, in addition to private and corporate donations. Pictured at the Ocean City Marlin Club.

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Nine-year-old, Emma Zajdel of West Ocean City, MD set a new Maryland State record for cobia when she muscled in this 94.6 pounder while fishing on the "Victorious" with her dad, Bobie Zajdel and Robert Clarke and his son, Ashton. Around 7:00 PM, the anglers were heading back to Sunset Marina after fishing at the Jackspot when they spotted some birds working around Little Gull Shoal, a few miles off the coast of Assateague Island. Shortly after getting their lines in the water, the "man in the brown suit" attacked their pink and white skirted ballyhoo and put up a 20 minute fight before it went totally ballistic in the boat. Emma's catch blew away the current Maryland State Record of 79 lbs. set back in 2014.

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Anglers on the "Poore Sport" caught 3 sea bass weighing 2.6 lbs. on the first day of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic and held on to tie the "Buckshot" for 1st place in the Sea Bass Division. The sea bass, along with a 6.4 lb. dolphin and some tilefish were caught near the Rockpile. Pictured at the Sunset Marina tournament scale are Trey Willey, Reed Linzey, Parker Linzey, Caroline Kennington, Brian Wink and mate Wil Kennington.



In the 12th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Charlotte Day and Olivia, Allison and Meghan Keeney caught a pair of bluefish, weighing 2.0 and 2.8 lbs., to win 2nd place in the Bluefish Division. The junior anglers caught the choppers while fishing on the "Seaduction" at the Jackspot. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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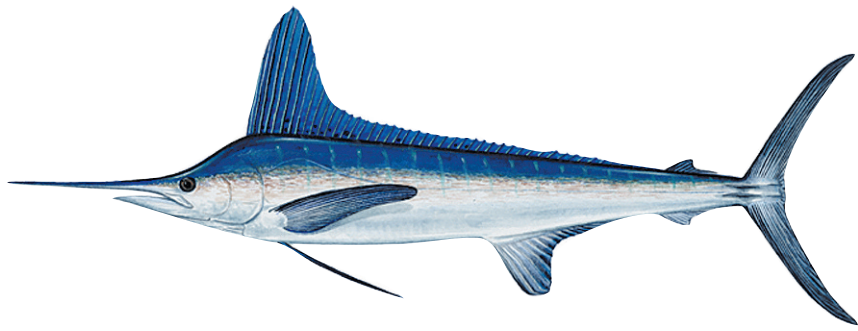
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White Marlin vs BlueMarlin



Size

Commonly 5.5 feet up to 7.5 feet. Weight ranges from 55 lbs. up to over 90 lbs.

Distinguishing Characteristics

- First anal, first dorsal and pectoral fins blunt or rounded at tips (first anal fin shape most consistent characteristic); most of first dorsal fin low.
- Pelvic fins short, extending no longer than length of pectoral fin.
- Lateral line single (not chainlike), arched over pectoral fins, then almost straight to caudal fin.
- First dorsal fin blue-black with small dark spots; other fins brown to black.

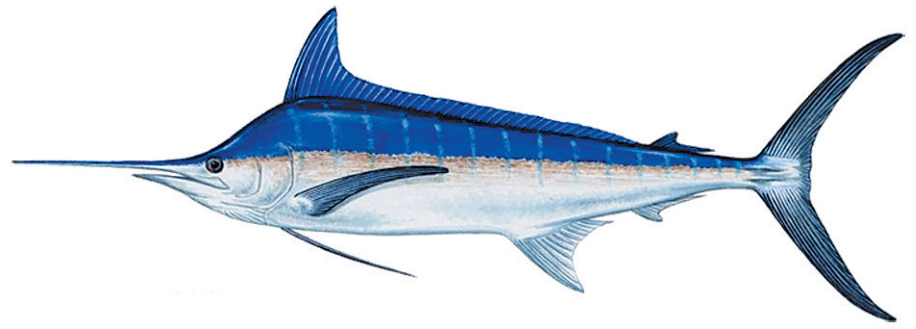
Habitat

Offshore, usually upper 65-100 feet, depending on water temperature; associated with water temperature greater than 68-degrees

Similar Species

Blue marlin - has first dorsal, pectoral and first anal fins with pointed tips; chainlike lateral line along body; lacks fin spots on first dorsal.

Longbill spearfish - has anus well in front of anal fins.



Size

Commonly 8-9 feet up to 14.5 feet. Blue marlins over 350 lbs. are most likely female.

Distinguishing Characteristics

- First anal, first dorsal and pectoral fins generally pointed at tips; most of first dorsal fin low
- Pelvic fins short, extending no longer than length of pectoral fins.
- First dorsal fin blue-black, lacking fin spots; other fins brown to black.
- Lateral line chainlike over entire body surface (rather than single line) in juveniles, unclear in adult.

Habitat

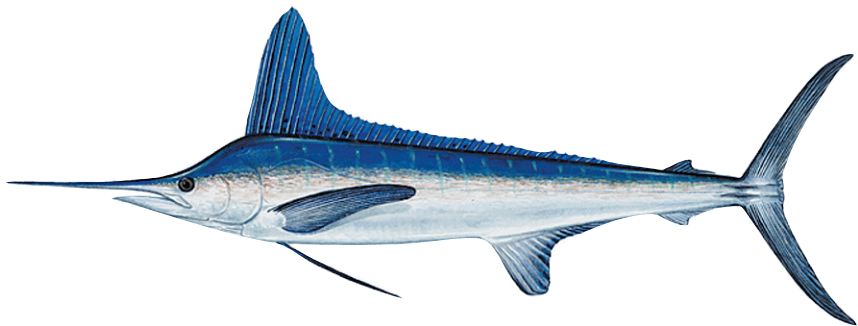
Offshore; usually in surface water between 71 and 88-degrees.

Similar Species

White marlin - has first dorsal, pectoral and first anal fins with rounded tips; spotted first dorsal membranes. **Longbill**

spearfish - has anus well in front of anal fins.

White Marlin vs Longbill Spearfish



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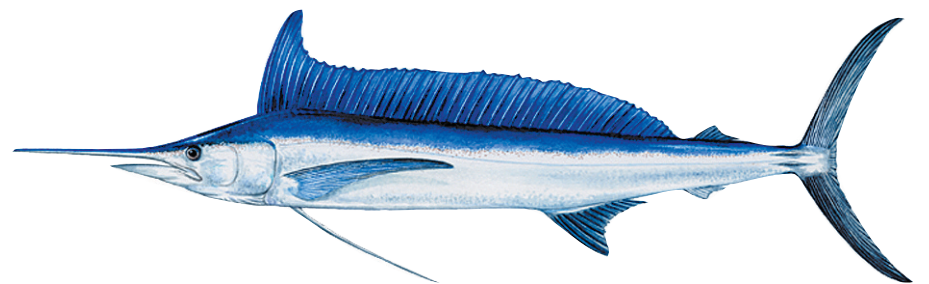
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Longbill spearfish - has anus well in front of anal fins.



Size

Commonly 5-feet up to 6.5-feet total length and 90 lbs.

Distinguishing Characteristics

- Anus well in front of anal fins (unlike any other billfish)
- 1st dorsal fin slightly pointed and truncated at tip, moderately high over entire body length; no fin spots.
- Pelvic fins slightly longer than pectoral fins
- Pectoral fins generally wide and long.
- Upper jaw (bill) shorter than other billfish bills
- Body longer and thinner than other billfish
- Single lateral line

Habitat

Offshore, usually in waters above thermocline. Rarest of all billfish.

Similar Species

Blue marlin and **white marlin** - have anus close to anal fins and relatively longer upper bills.

Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball I.C.F.A Representative



Thunderstorms and blazing heat can make fishing efforts difficult, but in general the weather is good. So what's on everyone's mind right now? Mostly cobia and flounder.

Cobia action is still noteworthy, with anglers reporting a dozen or more hook-ups on outings. Plenty of rats ranging up to around 30-pounds are responding well to offerings from sightcasters in lower Bay waters, and along the oceanfront lately. Some bigger fish are also available, with cobia pushing to over 50-pounds boated last week. Chummers battling the heat continue to hold their own with some good action, but plenty of trash fish are also competing for their bait right now.

The hot summer flounder scene continues to draw attention, with nice doormats

hitting the scales lately. Anglers working structure with jigs adorned with artificial baits such as Gulp! Jerk Shads and live bait are scoring along the Bay Bridge Tunnel pilings and tubes. The 1st and 4th Island areas of the CBBT and Back River Reef were the best flattie hot spots last week. Several boats are also finding good hauls of nice fish on inshore and nearshore wrecks. A few keepers are also responding in Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets, while the Eastern Shore seaside inlets continue to hold their own lately, with reports of limits of keepers last week.

Along the span of the Bay Bridge Tunnel, sheepshead anglers are faring well with some big fish using fiddler crabs or clams as bait. Aggressive triggerfish will also take your offerings in the same areas. Spadefish are having a

good year, with a nicer class of fish pushing to around 8-pounds available around the islands and pilings of the CBBT, at the Chesapeake Light Tower, the Tower Reef and several inshore wrecks. The inshore wrecks are also harboring some nice sea bass, triggerfish and flounder.

Spanish mackerel continue to dominate the trolling scene along the oceanfront, with some citation-sized fish boated lately. These bigger fish are coming from shallower water on small Drone or Clark spoons trolled at a quick clip.

King mackerel have been sighted skying along the Virginia Beach shorelines this week, with rumors of a few catches.

Red drum are still providing topwater action as they school around the mouth of the Bay and along the

Virginia Beach coastline. Boats targeting sharks are having good luck with a variety of toothy species ranging to around 4-feet or more, especially off the oceanfront area.

Croaker are always a favorite this time of year, with good catches reported from most everywhere from the HRBT to Cape Henry. The hardhead bite out of Oyster is not strong yet, but plenty of folks are there trying their luck. Decent fish ranging to around a pound are biting near Buoy 42, and off of Kiptopeke State Park. Some nice fish are also coming from Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets along with some spot. Puppy drum and speckled trout are also still possibilities in the shallows and inlets.

Virginia tarpon are drawing hard core tarpon hunters to the back waters of Oyster, with reports of sightings and hook-ups of silver kings trickling in. If you go, be prepared to also tangle with exhausting huge Southern rays and big mean bull sharks in the hot sun,

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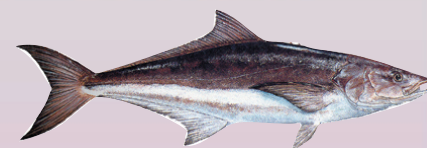
BLUEFISH

No minimum size
10 per person/day



BLACK DRUM

16" minimum
1 per person/day



COBIA

40" minimum
1 per person/day
2 per vessel (only 1 > 50")
1/1 - 8/30



CROAKER

No limit



RED DRUM

18" - 26" 3 per person/day



SHEEPSHEAD

No minimum size 4 per person/day



SPECKLED TROUT

14" minimum
5 per person
Only 1 fish may be greater than 24-inches



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28" minimum
1 per person



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4 per person/day



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1 per person/day

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while also battling Eastern Shore flies.

Deep dropping is still a good choice, with quality blueline tilefish, golden tilefish, blackbellied rosefish and nice grouper on the menu. Jumbo black sea bass are also available, mixed in with the tilefish. Amberjack are available near offshore wrecks and at the Southern Towers, but most boats are more interested in the good offshore action instead.

The offshore bite is still good, with the billfish scene improving daily. Boats are raising a decent number of white marlin in spreads recently, but those using live-baiting techniques are outperforming other methods. A smattering of blue marlin are also adding some excitement for bluewater trollers. Yellowfin tuna in the 50-pound range are still hitting in the Canyon, with school-sized Bluefin tuna ranging to around 100-pounds and some nice bigeye tuna rounding out catches. Mahi are a guarantee right now, with some big gaffer-sized fish thrilling anglers, with some fish tilting the scale to around 50-pounds boated last week. Wahoo are also becoming more common.

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Frank Brinton from Lewistown, PA used the deadly Gulp! and minnow combination in the Indian River Bay to fool this 25-inch, 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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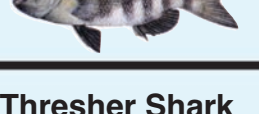

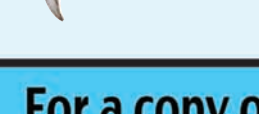

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Species	2016	2015	Species	2016	2015
 Sea Bass	May 15, 2016 Steve Billingsley "Morning Star" Sue's Reef	May 15, 2015 Chester Sadowski "Jezebel" Great Eastern Reef	 Mako Shark	May 14, 2016 Brian Leader "Keep Er Wet" Poor Man's Canyon	March 25, 2015 Andy Smelter "Nontypical" Baltimore Canyon
 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
 Sheepshead	May 7, 2016 George Easter Russell's Reef	May 25, 2015 Hugh Cropper, IV South Jetty	 Dolphin	May 20, 2016 Randy Tracey "Talkin Trash" Washington Canyon	May 9, 2015 Drew Holladay Wilmington Canyon
 Thresher Shark	May 20, 2016 Chris Stafford "Reel Nauti" Jackspot	May 15, 2015 Matt Rivenburg Sausages	 Wahoo	June 2, 2016 Ryan Morris "Jade II" Washington Canyon	June 12, 2015 Dan Piscioneri "Second Chance" Baltimore Canyon

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Wed. July 20	Low 02:46 am Low 02:33 pm	High 08:48 am High 09:24 pm
Thurs. July 21	Low 03:25 am Low 03:19 pm	High 09:35 am High 10:06 pm
Fri. July 22	Low 04:06 am Low 04:08 pm	High 10:22 am High 10:48 pm
Sat. July 23	Low 04:50 am Low 05:00 pm	High 11:09 am High 11:32 pm
Sun. July 24	Low 05:38 am Low 05:57 pm	High 11:59 am High -----
Mon. July 25	Low 06:28 am Low 06:58 pm	High 12:19 am High 06:54 pm
Tues. July 26 Last Qtr. Moon	Low 07:21 am Low 08:02 pm	High 01:11 am High 01:55 pm
Wed. July 27	Low 08:15 am Low 09:07 pm	High 02:07 am High 03:03 pm
Thurs. July 28	Low 09:12 am Low 10:13 pm	High 03:09 am High 04:14 pm
Fri. July 29	Low 10:12 am Low 11:19 pm	High 04:14 am High 05:22 pm
Sat. July 30	Low 11:13 am Low -----	High 05:16 am High 06:22 pm
Sun. July 31	Low 12:19 am Low 12:12 pm	High 06:15 am High 07:17 pm
Mon. August 1	Low 01:14 am Low 01:06 pm	High 07:11 am High 08:09 pm
Tues. August 2 New Moon	Low 02:04 am Low 01:57 pm	High 08:05 am High 08:56 pm

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 Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide
 Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide
 - subtract 45 minutes to low tide
 Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide
 - 21 minutes for low tide
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