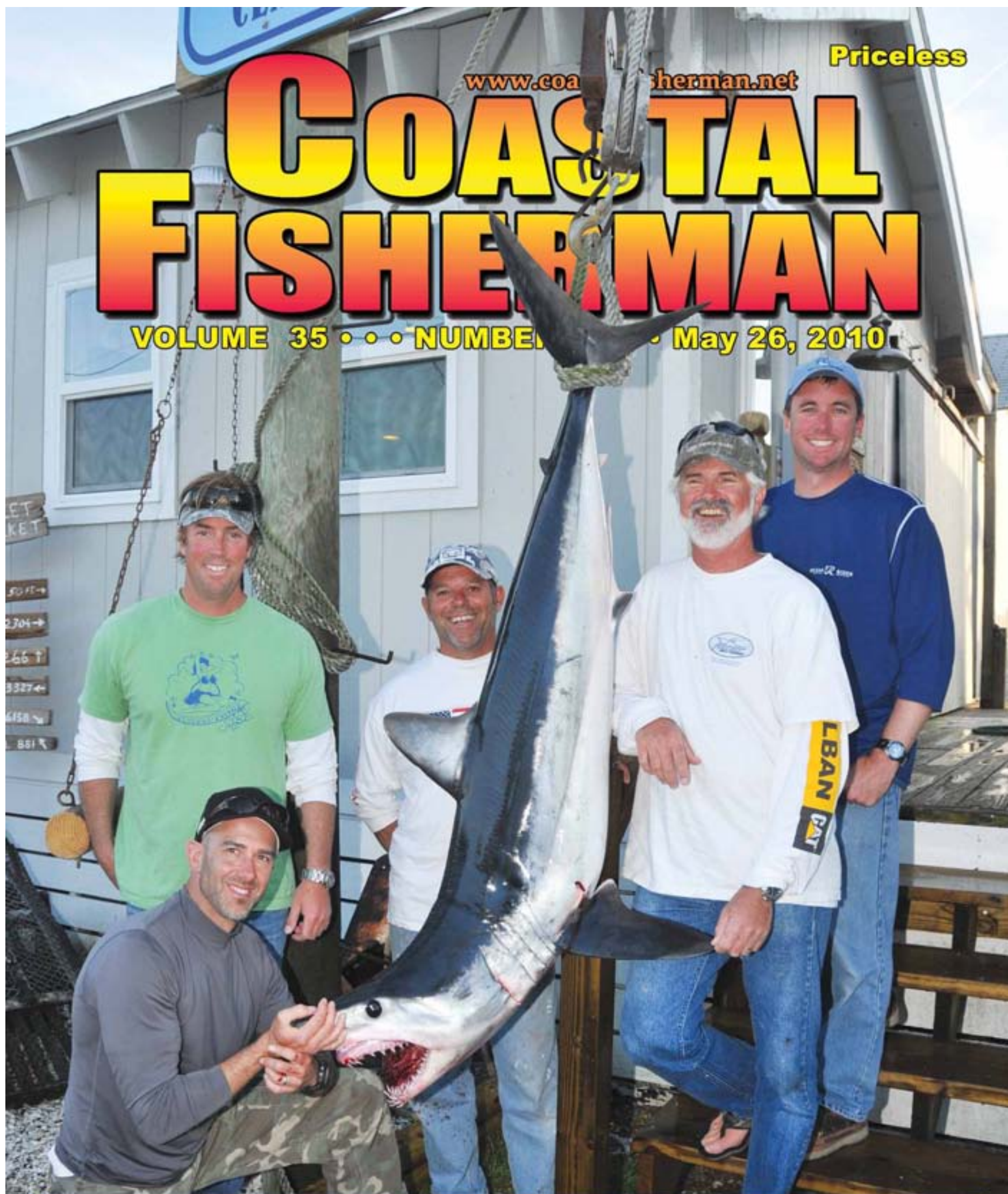


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On May 20th, Josh Dolan of Ocean City, MD (bottom left) captured the first mako shark of the year, landing the 131 pounder while fishing on the "Nontypical" with Rick Carney from Willards, MD, Jim Hughes from Ocean City, MD, Kevin McCabe of Berlin, MD and Capt. Terry Layton. The 65-inch mako, caught 2 days earlier than the one landed in 2009, was lured to the boat using Capt. Mac's Monster Mash Chum and hooked on a bluefish fillet in 23 fathoms inshore of the Washington Canyon on the 750 line. The crew also released 4 blue sharks during the trip. Weighed at Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle in Fenwick Island, DE.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



It's one of those time honored discussions that fishermen often have but never resolve—do you use white or black lures when you fish at night? Some anglers use only white, say a white bucktail with a white twister, and they catch fish, while others opt for black and say they do equally well. Using a black lure at night sounds counterproductive, but the theory is that a dark lure actually provides a better silhouette at night, especially when viewed from below by a fish looking for bait on the surface. This is especially true at a location such as the Rt. 50 bridge, where there are lights above the surface. Black bucktail jigs with both a black head and black hair have long

been a favorite with some bridge and inlet jetty anglers. Mirr-O-Lure makes an all-black version of its 52M and 72M models that is called the "Night Stalker". They were popular many years ago when we had a lot of gray trout (weakfish) around the Rt. 50 bridge at night. I even saw quite a few big flounder caught on black Mirr-O-Lures fished from the bridge, though to be fair I probably saw just as many caught on a red head with white body model, the number 11 color. The Night Stalker color also works well in the surf at night for stripers or speckled trout, along with another dark color, the "Purple Demon", which, as the name suggests, is a dark purple color. Other lure

manufacturers such as Yo-Zuri and Rapala often keep black in their color lineup, especially for surface plugs. Black or another dark color is not only effective at night, however. One of my favorite Mirr-O-lures for speckled trout, thanks to Sue Foster, who had an old one lying around her store for a long time and decided to try it, is the TT54, which is black on both the bottom and top with silver sides and black spots. The TT(Tiny Trout) model of this color has been discontinued, but the company still makes the 52M 54, which is the same model without the spots. It works especially well when the water is a little dirty or early in the morning or late in the evening. Some anglers, especially those who fish Indian River, also favor black for flounder. They use either black bucktail jigs or black plastic twisters on their regular hooks, along with a bait such as a live minnow or

frozen shiner. I make versions of my Delmarva Double flounder rigs with both black and dark purple twisters, and some days they work very well. Last winter there was an excellent late run of puppy drum in the surf on the Outer Banks. Most anglers were using either a gold Hopkins lure or a jig head and twister to catch these fish, but a friend of mine who was there told me one angler he got to know had taken Hopkins lures and epoxied them with a dark purplish black color, and he was catching more than his share, sometimes when the lighter colors weren't working especially well. Anglers from Buxton to Ocracoke, NC often use straight running lead lures similar to the Sting Silver in a variety of colors to cast to bluefish or Spanish mackerel. On my last trip down that way I noticed that a lot of these lures were now being offered in black or dark

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Matt King of Baltimore, MD threw these two tautog in the cooler after hooking them on green crabs at an artificial reef. The fish measured 25.5 and 22.25-inches and were caught while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Mike Kinder. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Before heading off to the Marines this fall, Garrett Cook of Berlin, MD caught these two black-bellied rosefish while fishing on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mate Dean Lo. The fish were hooked on mackerel fillets in 150 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon.

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Double Lines continued:
purple, usually with a strip of reflective tape down the sides to make them look like a strange colored silverside. Like I said at the beginning, black or white is one of those fishing discussions that will never be resolved, but if you are one of those "I use any color as long as it's white" fishermen, there are times when you definitely may be missing the bite...



An article in the May 19 issue of the Virginian-Pilot says a development in Corolla, NC on the Outer Banks has just been approved. It includes a 100-room hotel, 32 condominiums and 22,000 square feet of retail space. Ironically, the article stated, "Currently owned by the Audubon Society, the property was part of a Natural Heritage Area that includes 2,600 acres of undeveloped land on the Currituck Sound." The Audubon folks agreed to sell

13 acres of oceanfront, "saying it has limited conservation value." Probably has quite a bit of value to the birds and animals living there. I understand the property was originally part of a large hunting club. It was probably given or sold to the Audubon Society with the idea that it would never be developed, but like I have said before, with most of these big "conservation" organizations, it's all about money. Old folks leave a piece of land to the Audubon Society or the Nature Conservancy thinking that it will be preserved, and the next thing you know they sell or swap it, and it suddenly becomes a gas station or housing development. All this while they are instrumental in closing a place such as Cape Point, arguably the most famous surf fishing location in the world, because a pair of oyster catchers are nesting less than a thousand feet away...is it just me, or is

something wrong with this picture...?



Folks keep asking me if the oil from the Gulf of Mexico will end up on our Delmarva beaches, as if I had some direct line to whomever is in charge...the only answer I can give is that the Gulf Stream generally makes a hard right turn down off the mouth of Chesapeake Bay, so I think it is unlikely...course I've been wrong a time or two. The "tar balls" on the news stories from the Gulf, however, kind of remind me of when I was a kid. Ships offshore used to pump their bilges in those days, and it wasn't unusual, especially if we had an onshore wind, for tar balls (which were actually oil) to wash up on Ocean City beaches. My mother kept a gallon jug of turpentine next to the back door, with strict instructions for us to clean the tar off our feet when we came back from the beach. She complained that the

customers in the Tarry-A-While guest house where I grew up would get it all over the sheets, effectively ruining them...this situation in the Gulf, however, is much more than a few tar balls—it is nothing short of a catastrophe. I spent most of a week fishing out of Venice, LA a few years ago, and the area is mostly miles and miles of marshes and waterways, full of shrimp, oysters and fish, in addition to the birds and fur bearing mammals. This fragile ecosystem could be irrevocably damaged if much of that oil comes ashore, not to mention what the effects might be on the deeper waters of the Gulf and the nearby coast of Florida, including the Keys...



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Deep dropping for tilefish has really grown in popularity over the last couple of years, and you need some good lat/lon numbers to find them. The headboat “Angler” had some good numbers, as shown by this catch made on May 16th. Pictured are Chris Flores from Silver Spring, MD, John Lentz of Ocean City, MD, Eddie Ritz from Catonsville, MD, Steve Whitlock from Ocean City, MD, Steve Ritz of Eldersburg, MD, J.D. Eddy from Ellicott City, MD, Joe Kearns of Columbia, MD, Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mate Dean Lo. Not pictured is Garrett Cook from Berlin, MD. The group ended their day with 20 golden tilefish (10 pictured), 50 black-bellied rosefish and 6 hake (2 pictured). The fish were all caught on mackerel filets in 150 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. The “Angler” is docked at the Angler Dock in downtown Ocean City.

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It actually felt like a fishing season this week. A good number of fish were landed and the public boat ramp in West Ocean City looked like July 4th weekend. Was it because the sea bass season opened on Saturday? Was it because sharks are beginning to show up in or waters or was it due to a decent flounder bite this week? Probably all of the above, so let's get at it.

Sharks

As Yogi Berra once said, "it was deja vu' all over again." On Thursday, the crew on the "Nontypical" brought back the first mako shark of the season. Yes... that "Nontypical"! The same crew that caught the first mako shark in 2009. This year, they did it two days earlier, hooking the 131 lb. mako on a bluefish fillet in 23 fathoms near the 750 line. Two weeks ago, the "Nontypical" crew actually broke off a mako a little further north, about 5 miles south of the Parking Lot.

On Saturday, three other mako sharks were caught. Angler John Morton on the "Widgeon" caught a 113 pounder in 60-degree water between the Marine Electric and the Parking Lot. On the same day, Ed Richardson emailed me to report catching a mako shark and a blue shark at the tip of the Norfolk Canyon. Ed estimated the mako at 100 lbs. Finally, the "Keep Er Wet" boated a 130 lb. mako and released 12 blue



Over the last two weeks, the striped bass bite off the beach in North Ocean City has been excellent, as shown by the 47-incher caught by avid surfcaster, Rich Bell of Ocean City, MD. Rich caught the 35 lb. lunker on a bunker head around 130th Street. Rich's personal best catch was almost lost when his rod took off for the water as Rich was casting out another one of his rods. Rich ended up chasing the rod down and diving on it, preventing both rod and fish from being lost forever. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.

sharks near the Parking Lot.

Blue sharks were thick last season and it looks like it will be the same this year as well. Anglers sharking around the Parking Lot and the Jackspot have reported good numbers of blue sharks.

We didn't see any threshers come in this week, although one was caught by an angler out of

Lewes, DE around the Delaware Light.

Bluefish

Surprisingly, chopper bluefish have been scarce so far this year. On Friday, we did see the largest of the year come in off the "Reel Attitude". Clark Kline landed a 12 ½ pounder while trolling east of the Jackspot.

On Saturday, the crew on the "Ramsi" returned with 9 big

bluefish that were caught while trolling between the Jackspot and the 20-fathom Fingers.

In the bay behind Ocean City, anglers continue to have a blast fighting snapper blues in the East Channel and in the Inlet. Spec rigs or anything shiny is doing the trick.

Sheepshead

On Saturday, Dave Pasun caught the first sheepshead of the season, a 7 ½ pounder, while fishing at an inshore wreck. Dave actually released an undersized sheepshead the previous weekend while fishing around the South Jetty. The keeper was hooked on a sand flea.

Striped Bass

For the last couple of weeks, the striper bite off the beach in North Ocean City has been very good. One of the prettiest fish we have seen so far this year was the 47-incher caught by Rich Bell on Saturday. Rich was fishing around 130th Street, using bunker head for bait. The fish was almost lost when Rich was casting out another line and saw one of his rods making a beeline towards the water. Rich was in waist deep water and ended up diving on the rod before it was lost forever. Rich was rewarded with the 35 pounder that is shown on page 8.

Surfcaster off Assateague also had a good day on Saturday with several fish over 35-inches caught, and some even reaching the mid-40's. They are still battling through the sharks and the rays.

The striper bite off the Rt. 50 Bridge slowed a bit over the last week and a half. In the middle of the week, Matt Carmen swung by the office to have his picture taken with the 34-inch and 36-

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inch stripers he caught while tossing a Storm lure off the bridge.

Flounder

I wouldn't say the flounder bite is red hot, but we did see some really nice fish hit the scales this week, with several 26-inchers and a 27-incher being weighed. The throwback-to-keeper ratio is still running high, with a lot of 18-inch fish being released.

On Thursday, Gary James caught a 27-inch flattie at the South Jetty, an underrated spot for catching flounder. We don't see many fishermen out there targeting flounder, but those that do can have some good days. Also on Thursday, Bob Leach caught a 26-incher that tipped the scales at 5 lbs. 12 oz. Bob hooked the fish on a live minnow in the East Channel, just north of the Rt. 50 Bridge.

Al Maskeroni also boated a 26-incher on Thursday that weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. Al was drifting a minnow in the East Channel.

The "Bay Bee" had some good days last week, returning with fish measuring up to 25-

inches. Capt. Bob reported the catches coming in on shiners and squid while fishing in the East Channel and at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor.

Sea Bass

As mentioned previously, the sea bass season opened on Saturday to mixed reviews. Some anglers I spoke to said it was terrible. Others reported good catches. Sounds like fishin' to me.

Two boats that I know had a good day was the "Jezebel" and the "Morning Star". On Saturday, Capt. Chester Sadowski on the "Jezebel" returned with 50 sea bass, all caught on clams at the Bow Mariner.

Also on Saturday, Capt. Monty Hawkins on the "Morning Star" took a trip out to an artificial reef and returned with a good catch of sea bass weighing up to 4 ½ lbs. Capt. Monty reported that the opening day bite was "ferocious" until the tide slacked, then they had to fight for every additional sea bass. Good thing Capt. Monty had his good luck charm, "Sharkbait"

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Tautog

The opening of the sea bass season has shifted the focus of tautog anglers, but some blackfish are still hitting the scales. In addition to the inshore reefs and wrecks, which produce the vast majority of the tautog catches, we also have seen fish come in from the 4th Street Bulkhead.

Tilefish & Black-bellied Rosefish

Deep dropping for Golden Tilefish has gotten more popular each year and Capt. Chris Mizurak on the "Angler" has really got it zeroed in. The crew returned from fishing in 150 fathoms (900 feet) in the Baltimore Canyon with a bunch of tilefish, weighing up to 40 lbs., and some hake and black-bellied rosefish. All of the fish were caught on mackerel fillets.

The toughest part of catching these fish is locating them, since they are pretty stationary, lying on the ocean floor. According to the South Atlantic Regional Management Council, "tilefish inhabit the outer continental

May 26, 2010 Coastal Fisherman Page 9 shelf and upper continental slope along the entire east coast of the United States and the Gulf of Mexico south to Venezuela. They are found in waters from 250-1,500 feet deep, where bottom temperatures range from 49 to 58-degrees. The fish live in cone-shaped burrows, and concentrate in small groups or pods. Spawning occurs from March to September, and females lay from 2-8 million pelagic eggs. Tilefish feed during the day on the bottom on crustaceans, clams, snails, worms, anemones and sea cucumbers. They can reach lengths of 38 inches, although growth is slow."

Tournaments

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Patrick Ward of Bel Air, MD took advantage of a good striper bite off the beach in North Ocean City (140th St.) on Friday, muscling in this 41-incher while using bunker for bait. The fish weighed 20 lbs. 8 oz. on the scale at Oyster Bay Tackle.



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Daniel Slautterback from Mifflentown, PA and James Dove of Lincoln, DE caught these two striped bass while fishing under the Indian River Bridge. The stripers, measuring 40.5-inches and 35.5-inches, were caught on bucktails tipped with white worms. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



Rich Watts of Fenwick Island, DE was casting off the bank at the Ditch in Fenwick, DE when he caught these two flounder on bucktails tipped with Gulp! Shrimp. The flatties measured 22-inches and 24-inches, with the larger fish tipping the scales at an even 6 lbs. at Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle.



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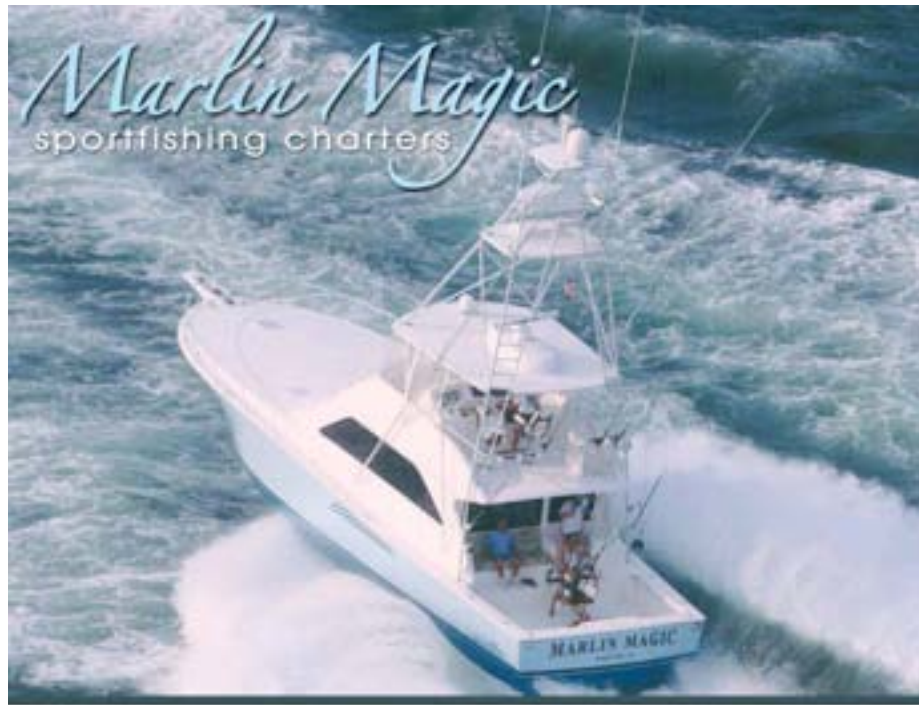
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by Sue Foster



"I just bought a new boat and I'm clueless. Tell me how to catch a flounder!"



Flounder lie on the bottom floor with their eyes looking up, waiting for a meal. It is very important to use enough sinker weight to keep your bait on the bottom where the fish are feeding. Flounder are "site feeders" so the presentation of the bait is of utmost importance. So is finding clean, clear water. Although the bay is a large place with lots of water, 80 percent of the flounder are caught in 20 percent of the bay. Learn where these flounder "hot spots" are, fish the tides, pay attention to the depth finder and you'll catch some fish. If the water is really dirty in one location, go towards the inlet and look for cleaner water. The clearer the water, the better the fishing tends to be.

THE BAIT

The two most "tried and true" baits for flounder are live minnows or frozen shiners. Always buy one or the other or both. Hook the

live minnow under the chin and up through both lips. Hook the frozen shiner through the eyes. One bait isn't necessarily better than the other. Some days the flounder prefer the minnows and another day the flounder may prefer the shiners. If you're not a gambler and you are going fishing all day, take both!

Once you have the minnow or shiner on the hook, you can dress the bait up by adding an additional bait to the hook to make a "sandwich" bait. A strip of squid is one of the most popular "add on" baits you can buy. Cut the squid in a tapered strip, 1/2 to 1 1/2 inches long and hook it only once so it trails beside the shiner or minnow. Never ball up your bait on the hook. Watch it in the water when you drop it overboard and it should wiggle in the water and look "good enough to eat!"

There's a lot of talk out there about Berkley Gulp being good flounder bait, and it is! But using it alone, without the minnow or shiner bait is not as good, especially if you are a novice. Without the minnow or shiner bait, you have to be really good at working the Gulp baits to get the flounder to bite. To increase your odds, slide the

Gulp 3 or 4-inch Swimming Mullet or Minnow Grub up on your hook. Then add your minnow or shiner bait. This makes a really nice bait.

THE RIGS



There are hundreds of pre-made flounder rigs out there in bait and tackle stores. Buy a couple of each with different colors of bucktail skirts and colored beads. The best colors are always white, chartreuse, and in the spring, pink is a good color. Sometimes a plain rig will work well without the colored bucktails and spinner blades. Buy bank or bass cast sinkers in 1, 1 1/2, 2 and 3 oz. weights for starters. Always fish with enough weight to stay on the bottom, but don't use so much weight that you can't feel the fish biting. In other words, use just enough weight for the bait to bounce along attractively on the bottom and stay on the bottom. A good angler changes his sinker weights periodically during the day. If more than one angler is fishing, try a different colored rig on each line. If one starts working well, change up the others!

THE TECHNIQUE

Fish with a rod that has some sensitivity in the tip. A rod rated in the 8-16 pound test range is good. Most fresh water bass rods work really well. It's not necessary to have a big heavy rod just because you are fishing in saltwater. Let the line down to the bottom then let a little more line out so you are not fishing straight down. You want your rig to dangle on an angle, which is especially important if you are fishing a high/low (crappie style) rig. Fish don't have hands, so if you are

drifting along at a pretty good clip and get a bite but no fish, drop back some line, and wait for the bite again. Keep tension on your line and lift up slowly if you think the fish is there. If you feel a heaviness that might be the fish. Set the hook! If the fish is there, start reeling right away without letting slack in your line. Letting slack in your line after you hook the fish is the worst thing you can do and something that novices do the most. Bye, bye, fishy.

BEST TIDES

3 hours before high tide and 2 hours after high tide. One hour or two before or after low tide.

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

They say that about a successful business, and it's also true for a successful flounder trip. You have to go where the fish are and the fish are often where the concentration of boats go! If you are a total novice, keep your eyes open, and watch other boats. Don't just stop and go fishing the first or second time out. Take some boat rides. Look for anglers in the process of netting a fish. Look for the bay party boats and what locations they are fishing. Going out on a party boat is an excellent way to learn. Follow the channels and watch your depth finder. Your depth finder will become your best friend if you become a successful flounder fisherman.

You will find that flounder bite at changes of depth, so you will learn to drift across channels, along deep edges of sand bars and over holes and inclines. If you are a freshwater bass angler you know about this already. You will find that butting up close to a marsh or sand bar and then drifting away from it as you drop off into deeper water is the "key" to getting bites. Find changes of water depth and you will find flounder.

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POPULAR FLOUNDER SPOTS

Buy yourself an ADC Recreational Map of Ocean City and study these areas:

- Both the north and south sides of the main channel close to the Route 90 Bridge.

- Thorofare, on the West side of the bay.

- Convention Hall Channel (Buoys and channels close to 33rd Street on the east side of the bay).

- Harbor Island Channel (Buoys and channels close to 14th Street on the east side of the bay)

- East Channel from 9th Street to the draw of the Route 50 Bridge on the incoming tide, and from the draw of the Bridge to the Oceanic Pier on the outgoing tide. This location is best on slacking tides since the water runs too hard in the middle of a tide.

- The bay behind Assateague has two popular areas: behind the Ocean City Airport and behind Frontier Town from buoys #8 through #13. (It's back there a ways!)

Flounder fishing... I love it! Good fishing....

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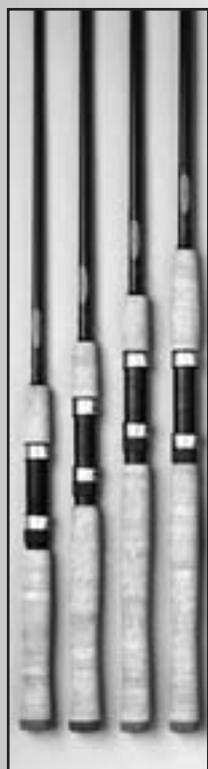
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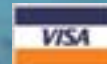
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Fred Lynch of New Castle, DE hooked this 14 lb. 6 oz. striped bass while drifting in the Indian River Inlet on the "Judy V." with Capt. Ed Wheedleton. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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1/4 cup fresh tarragon or
1 1/2 TBSP. dried
Pepper to taste

Heat 1 TBSP. butter in a large high sided sauce pan over medium heat.

Add leeks and cook for 3 to 4 minutes until soft.

Stir in clams and wine, cover and simmer for 4 minutes or until clams have opened.

Stir in remaining butter, sprinkle with tarragon, season with pepper and serve immediately.

Serves 4.

Panko and Macadamia Crusted Cod

1/2 cup orange juice
1/4 cup white wine
2 small shallots, minced
10 TBSP. butter, divided
Salt and pepper
1 cup roasted and
chopped macadamia
nuts
3/4 cup panko bread
crumbs
2 eggs, beaten
4 cod fillets
1/4 cup canola oil

Bring the orange juice, wine and shallot to a boil.

Cook until reduced, 12 minutes.

Lower the heat and whisk 6 TBSP. of butter, 1 at a time; season with salt and pepper.

In a food processor, pulse together the nuts and 1/4 cup of panko until coarsely chopped.

Place in a shallow dish and add the remaining 1/2 cup of panko.

Put the eggs in another shallow dish.

Pat the fish with paper towels; season with salt and pepper.

Dip in the egg, then coat with the panko mixture.

In a large non-stick skillet heat 2 TBSP. of butter and 2 TBSP. of oil until butter is melted.

Add 2 fillets and cook, turning once, until golden brown, about 8 to 9 minutes.

Repeat with remaining fillets.

Plate and drizzle with the orange sauce, if desired.

Serves 4.

Crab Soup

1 strip bacon, diced
3 potatoes, chopped
3 leeks, chopped (white only)
1 can chicken stock
1 cup heavy cream
1 lb. lump crab meat
Salt and pepper to taste

Garlic to taste
Parsley, chopped for garnish

Render bacon in large sauce pan.

Add potatoes, leeks, chicken stock and water to cover the vegetables; cook until tender.

Turn heat to low and add spices; cook another 5 minutes and add the crab and heavy cream.

Garnish each serving with the parsley.

Serve hot or cold.

Serves 4.

Oyster Fritters

1 cup flour
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking powder
1 egg
1/2 cup oyster liquor
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
1 pint oysters, save liquid
2 cups peanut oil
2 1/4 cups Parmesan cheese

Sift together the flour, salt and baking powder.

Beat together the egg, oyster liquor, milk and the 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese.

Heat oil in skillet.

Drop 2 oysters in batter at a time, then into hot oil with a large spoon.

Fry until golden brown, about 3 minutes.

Drain on paper towels.

Dust with cheese and serve immediately.

Serves 4.

Garlic Shrimp with Basil

1 1/2 pounds extra-large shrimp, peeled and deveined
Salt and pepper
2 TBSP. olive oil
11 garlic cloves, minced
3/4 cup white wine
1 (14.5 oz.) can diced tomatoes
1/2 cup finely chopped basil
4 TBSP. butter, cut into pieces
2 TBSP. capers, drained and minced
1 tsp. lemon juice

Pat shrimp dry with paper towels; season with salt and pepper.

Heat 1 TBSP. of oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat; add shrimp and cook about 1 minute on each side.

Remove to plate.

Add remaining oil, garlic and 1/2 tsp. pepper to empty skillet and cook about 30 seconds.

Stir in wine and tomatoes and simmer until slightly thickened.

Off heat, whisk in basil, butter, capers and lemon juice.

Add shrimp and all juices to skillet.

Cover and let sit until shrimp are heated through.

Season with salt and pepper.

Serves 4.

Shark Margarita

8 shark steaks
1/3 cup lime juice
1 tsp. lime zest
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 tsp. ground ginger
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 tsp. pepper
1 TBSP. honey or maple syrup

Rinse shark in cold water and pat dry.

In a large bowl, combine lime juice and zest, garlic, ginger, vegetable oil, pepper and honey.

Add shark, stirring to coat well.

Cover with plastic wrap and marinate at room temperature for 30 minutes or refrigerate for up to 1 hour, turning shark occasionally.

Drain shark, reserving marinade.

Grill shark steaks 4 inches from medium-hot coals on grill, or broil in oven brushing with reserved marinade for 5 to 6 minutes per side.

Serves 8.

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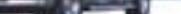


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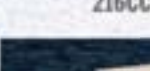
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Sea Bass 	April 18, 2010 George Henning "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	January 26, 2009 Dean Lo "Arno" Wilmington Canyon	Mako Shark 	NEW May 20, 2010 Josh Dolan "Nontypical" Washington Canyon	May 22, 2009 Jim Hughes "Nontypical" Baltimore Canyon
Tautog 	January 7, 2010 John Smith "Morning Star" Offshore Wreck	January 4, 2009 Billy Collins "Ocean Princess" Offshore Wreck	White Marlin 	NONE REPORTED	June 10, 2009 Terry Layton "Nontypical" Poor Man's Canyon
Striped Bass 	January 1, 2010 Max Thumma "Hard Times" Little Gull	January 3, 2009 Baron Daiker "Baron Sea" Little Gull	Blue Marlin 	NONE REPORTED	June 10, 2009 Jake Burger "Marlin Magic" Poor Man's Canyon
Weakfish 	April 16, 2010 Tim Thorpe Assateague Surf	May 13, 2009 Rich Bell Sinepuxent Bay	Bluefin Tuna 	May 16, 2010 Tom Dorwart "Margin" Norfolk Canyon	May 23, 2009 Butch Bradshaw "DILLIGAF" Baltimore Canyon
Flounder 	April 5, 2010 Paul Turner Thorofare	April 18, 2009 Bo Smeltzer "Gotta Jones" Verrazano Bridge	Yellowfin Tuna 	NONE REPORTED	June 8, 2009 Kelly Horning "Fish Whistle" Poor Man's Canyon
Bluefish 	April 17, 2010 Dana Zapcic "Get Sum" Sinepuxent Bay	May 13, 2009 Henry Busby Bethany Surf	Longfin Tuna 	NONE REPORTED	August 4, 2009 Don Klein "Gun Dawg" Wilmington Canyon
Black Drum 	May 2, 2010 Lucas May "Jam-Man" Coral Beds	April 25, 2009 Chris Tenbusch Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna 	NONE REPORTED	June 19, 2009 Michael Branson "Reel Compromise" Washington Canyon
Sheepshead 	NEW May 23, 2010 Dave Pasun Inshore Wreck	May 23, 2009 Tassos Argyros Ocean Wreck	Dolphin 	NONE REPORTED	May 21, 2009 Chuck Dammann "Restless Lady" Poor Man's Canyon
Thresher Shark 	May 16, 2010 Tenille Schrier "Hookin' Wubbas" Jackspot	May 25, 2009 Ron Sckenk "On Delivery" Lightship	Wahoo 	NONE REPORTED	July 18, 2009 Keith Wolf "Gerri Lynn" Hambone

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Kwan Chon caught this 6.2 lb. flounder and at press time sits in 4th place in the Bill's Sport Shop Flounder Tournament. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE.

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by Larry Jock



On Thursday night, the crew on the "NonTypical" arrived with the first mako shark of the season... AGAIN! I know that Capt. Terry Layton has a really sweet boat, and likes to keep it that way, so I asked him how he keeps thrashing makos from destroying his cockpit.



Terry told me that Jim Hughes, Tim Maguire and himself came up with an idea to keep sharks from not only tearing up his cockpit, but also prevent one from biting

an angler.

The crew came up with a cool, easy-to-make bucket that they slide over the sharks head before they hoist it into the cockpit. The 8 gallon bucket shown in the picture is one of three sizes that they use depending on the size of the mako. You want the bucket to be short enough so there is room between the rim of the bucket and the fish's pectoral fins.

Their invention is nothing more than a bucket with cleats bolted onto each side. Capt. Terry likes to use plastic cleats so they won't damage the boat.

After they have subdued the shark boatside, and have tail and head ropes securely fastened, they slide the bucket over the sharks head making

sure you don't get the rim of the bucket into the shark's mouth. Each rope gets looped around the fish's pectoral fins. Makos have a little notch in their fin, making it easier to keep the rope around the fin. They then take the bitter end of each rope and attach it to the cleats. Terry said you want the shark's nose to be right against the bottom of the bucket.

With the bucket securely over the fish's head, it can thrash around all it wants, but won't be able to tear up the cockpit or bite an angler.

This is a great idea one that is very easy to make. Nice work, guys!



Jim Cox celebrated his 60th birthday by heading out the day after and catching this 22-inch flounder while fishing with Tim Romberger in the East Channel.

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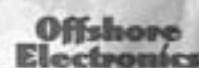
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John Morton of Dagsboro, DE (right) landed this 113 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Widgeon" with Nick Pfeiffer and Capt. Brian Hudson. The fish ate a whole mackerel in 60-degree water between the Marine Electric and the Parking Lot. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Bluefish have been relatively scarce so far this year, yet Clark Kline was able to catch the largest one we have seen so far, a 12 lbs. 8 oz. chopper while fishing east of the Jackpot aboard the "Reel Attitude" with Capt. Mark Deimier. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Mike Graham from Lancaster, PA and Glen Hallacher from York, PA ended their day with 2 stripers in the box after catching them using Storm lures in the Indian River Inlet. The fish weighed 13 lbs., 17.5 lbs. and 23 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Capt. Brent Wiest teamed up with his dad, Bill Wiest of Dauphin, PA to bring the first thresher shark to the dock at Lewes Harbour Marina. The 161 pounder was hooked on a mackerel bait, east of the Delaware Light. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks! Fishing in the Indian River and Rehoboth Bays continues to be fairly productive. Some real nice flounder are being caught along with some stripers and bluefish. Flounder are still chasing minnows and squid, along with cut herring, bunker, or mullet. Berkley GULP! artificial baits continue to produce its fair share of really nice size flatties. Bluefish are taking just about anything you throw at them and as always, anything with a shine will work. Stripers in the back bays are falling for various artificials or cut bunker or herring. Bill Nace of New Oxford, PA landed an 8 lb. 7 oz. flattie while fishing off of Pot Nets Bayside.

Bruce Hudson of Bayside

fooled an 8 lb. 1 oz. flounder while fishing in the Indian River aboard the "Leslie Kay" with John McBride at the helm. Donald Simon of Temple, PA tricked an 8 lb. 7 oz. flattie while fishing in the Indian River.

Elsewhere, Bill at Henlopen Bait & Tackle reported good flounder action at the Henlopen State Park Pier.

At Rattle & Reel Sports Center on Long Neck Rd., Ron said that the flounder action in the VFW Slough is still good and bluefish and shad are in the Indian River Inlet. Stripers are being caught as well at night in the Inlet on live eels.

In the Bill's Sport Shop Flounder Tournament, the current standings are:

1st-William Rawlings 9.4 lbs.

2nd-Don Ruth 9.12 lbs.

3rd-Kwan Chon 6.20 lbs.

4th- Eddie Kim 2.74 lbs.

Bill also reported that the striped bite has been red hot from the beach as well as the inlet. Mickey Bremer beached a 38", 19.55 lb. striped while fishing the North Pocket on a bunker head. Black drum have shown up in the DE. Bay. The bite should only get better over the next few weeks.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said the Canal Flounder Tournament was a total success. Weather was perfect for the 300 anglers that fished Friday's event. That was the largest turnout so far. Many flatties were caught, but most fell short of the 18½ inch minimum. However, some impressive specimens hit the scales, and the winning lineup looked good (see picture on page 37). Matt Sanderson was the big winner with a 7.15 lb. doormat. D.J. Churchill captured second with his 5.39 pounder. Alan Herr had a 4.69 lb. fluke, good enough for third place. A 4.52 pounder caught by Jeff Purdy put him in fourth place. Mike Newcomb nailed a 4.19-pound flounder for fifth place and Rich Owen's 3.95-pound flatfish held on to take sixth place. Lance Wheatley took seventh place with his 3.77 pounder. The Dewey Beach Lions Club sponsored the tournament, and 20% of entry monies were donated to the Camp Awareness youth fishing programs. Joe and Amanda extend thanks to all who participated.

The Lewes Canal also yielded nice flounder other days during the week. Aaron

Strausbaugh stuck a 6.83 pounder on Thursday. Six-year-old Rylee Caras showed up her dad by catching a 2.72 lb. flattie in the Canal.

Joe said Saturday was a bad day to be a sea bass. The long awaited season opening lived up to expectations. Fishermen found big numbers of hungry bass at Reef Site 11. Other artificial and natural structure between 60 and 90 feet depths also gave up sea bass. Crews reported fish feeding eagerly, spitting out gobs of sand eels and crabs when they came aboard. Boats that drifted Site 11 seemed to have even better catches than those that anchored. Surface temps were in the upper 50's, but water temperatures on the bottom remain cool, and several cod were caught by the bass fleet.

Decent numbers of keeper flounder were also landed in the ocean, offering encouragement for a good fluke season.

Guys on the "Grizzly" had a big opening day with sea bass. Harry and Michael Weaver, John Brandt, John Cope, Matt Klohr and Corey Gassert had their limit of 150 nice knothead, plus 6 codfish. The crew of "Skipjack" hosted the "Fishin' Bitches" from Lewes, and the ladies returned with 130 sea bass and a cod.

Thresher sharks have made an appearance, along with the sea bass. Captain Brent Wiest and his dad Bill Wiest brought back the first thresher of the season at Lewes Harbour Marina. The big longtail ate a mackerel, east of Delaware Light, and weighed 166 pounds.

Black drum fishing was in full swing on the Coral Beds off Fowler Beach, and should be really hot around the full moon on May 27th. The best bites occurred during the late afternoon ebb tides and evening flood. Surf clams and peeler crab were favored offerings. Joe reminded



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drummers to reserve clams early in the week to insure bait for the holiday weekend. The "Indian" had some big boomers Friday night with the largest weighing 82 pounds. Andy Grudza got a 76 pounder while fishing aboard the "Indian" on Saturday. Also on Saturday night, Larry Gardner caught 3 drum weighing up to 76 lbs. while fishing on the "Grizzly". Anglers fishing on the "Jam-Man" scored 8 drum on Saturday evening, including an 84.6 pounder for Jedidiah Fices and a 65.6 pounder for Raymond Eichelberger. Kathy Rodgers reeled in a drum that tipped the scales to 69.3 pounds. Larry Wilson wound in a 76.5 pounder and Dave Horan had a 66.3 lb. black drum.

Boaters drifting along the rocks of the Outer Wall and Ice Breakers landed stripers while casting artificials at sunset. Bomber and Stretch 12 plugs, along with bucktails and Storm Shads, were



The 2010 Canal Flounder Tournament hosted by Lewes Harbour Marina and sponsored by the Dewey Beach Lions Club was held on Friday and drew 300 anglers, the most in tournament history. First place was won by Matt Sanderson with a 7.15 lb. flounder followed by D.J. Churchill's 5.39 lb. flattie. Third place was won by Alan Herr with a 4.69 lb. flounder. Twenty percent of the tournament entry fees were donated to the Camp Awareness youth fishing programs. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Libby, Tony and Kim Mazzio caught these flounder using Gulp! and shiner combination baits off the Capt Henlopen Pier. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Jim Thompson of Wilmington, DE was fishing from the surf off Fenwick Island when he hooked this 33-inch, 12 lb. striper while using clams for bait. Weighed at Fenwick Tackle.



Mike Kinder, mate on the “Morning Star”, tagged and released his personal best tautog, measuring 22.5-inches, after hooking it on a green crab at an artificial reef.

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Tautog 	February 2, 2010 Frank Graziano "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 10 oz.	April 27, 2010 Brian Osborne "Karen Sue" 10 lbs. 2 oz.	Thresher Shark 	May 16, 2010 Tenille Schrier Jackspot 165 lbs.	May 16, 2010 Bill Doherty, Jr. Twin Wrecks 216 lbs.
Striped Bass 	April 23, 2010 Tom Walker Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 4 oz.	May 7, 2010 Bill Winkler Indian River Inlet 42 lbs. 15 oz.	Cobia 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Weakfish 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Bluefin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	May 16, 2010 Tom Dorwart Norfolk Canyon 66.4 lbs.
Speckled Trout 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder 	April 24, 2010 David Trout Sinepuxent Bay 7 lbs. 1 oz.	April 15, 2010 Brian Wirts VFW Slough 11 lbs. 5 oz.	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefish  NEW	May 21, 2010 Clark Kline "Reel Attitude" 12 lbs. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	Bigeye Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Sheepshead  NEW	May 23, 2010 Dave Pasun Inshore Wreck 7 lbs. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	Dolphin 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Black Drum 	No Weights Reported	May 2, 2010 Lucas May Coral Beds 85 lbs. 8 oz.	Wahoo 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

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Bill Kelly from Ocean City, MD was drifting a bucktail in the East Channel and hooked this 21.5-inch flounder at the start of the incoming tide. Bill was fishing on the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



In 1978, a good eight years before I went full-time in the charter fishing business, I got involved with tagging sharks by signing up with NOAA's Cooperative Shark Tagging Program. I still recall the satisfaction of planting the first tag and knowing that the act could provide biologists with data that could somehow help sharks. Tagging added a new dimension to fishing that I had never known before. Every

catch now had more significance than just another struggle on the line followed by the clip of the leader because when they swam away with our tag, they would, in a way, still be our fish, and if someone caught them ten days or ten years later and chose to report the tag, we'd get credit for catching it first and we'd hear from NOAA the details about who recaptured it, where it was taken, and how big it had grown.

I don't know what happened to that first shark because we never did hear that it was recaptured, but we sure have heard about others! Since we started tagging we've had recaptures off the coast of every state along the East and Gulf Coast, Mexico, Cuba, the North Atlantic, Spain, and the Azores. As our involvement with shark fishing and tagging increased so did our relationships with various biologists and fishery managers doing shark research who have occasionally solicited help with various projects or studies. Over the years we've had requests for catch data, tissue samples, stomach samples, teeth, entire sharks, assistance with hook studies, and the making of documentary and educational films.

These projects have provided some interesting and unique educational experiences for myself and my charter clients, and our willingness to assist seems to have had a bit of a snowball effect in that the requests for help seems to be on the rise. I just sent a letter out to our 2010 shark fishing clients giving them a heads-up as to what we'll be doing on the boat this year and it wasn't until I put it all down on paper that I realized just how busy we were going to be. The following is our project list:

#1 Send a couple of makos to Florida.

Biologists at a shark research facility in Florida are conducting a dermal denticle (shark skin) project to examine the possible role that shark skin denticles play in improving the hydro-dynamics of the shark's ability to swim. To do this they need one or two complete (dead) mako sharks to study. We've been asked to assist them by acquiring these sharks and shipping them to Florida.

#2 Tag mako and blue sharks with satellite tags.

A biologist will occasionally ride along with us to plant electronic tags in mako and blue sharks. These tags will communicate with satellites and allow researchers to track the sharks after release and provide information on movements and post-release survival.

#3 Take fin clips for DNA analysis.

Many of the sharks we catch this year will have a very small bit of their dorsal fin clipped off and put in a vial that will be sent to labs for DNA analysis. The data from this analysis will assist ongoing projects designed to help researchers better understand the distribution and movements of sharks by examining if (or how) similar species of sharks found in different locations are related.

#4 The "Blocker" study.



Even though we use circle hooks we've come to realize that occasionally we still end up hooking sharks in the stomach. A couple years ago we started developing and experimenting with a new type of rig that would prevent sharks from swallowing the baits and being hooked anywhere but in the corners of

their mouths. We've had very good success with our "blocker-rig", which has now peaked the interest of some biologists and marine managers. A Biology graduate student has taken our blocker-rig on as a project and this year will be working with us and conducting more formal trials with the rig to determine its ability to eliminate gut-hooking without sacrificing hook-up success.

#5 Tagging and injecting.

Besides being tagged, most of the sharks we release are also injected with oxytetracycline (OTC) which is an antibiotic used in veterinary medicine. We inject the sharks with OTC not for the antibiotic qualities but for the side effect that it stains the shark's vertebrae. If an injected shark is ever recaptured and biologists are able to examine the vertebrae, they can measure how much it grew from the time we originally stained it. This will provide them with information that might someday allow them to accurately determine the age of a shark simply by measuring the vertebrae.

As a fisherman and charter captain trying to run a business, being involved with this "extracurricular activity" can be a bit of a pain sometimes since it doesn't pay a thing and it usually requires a lot of record keeping. In addition, following set procedures can sometimes be challenging when you're also trying to catch fish and keep six (paying) clients happy with their day on the water. But overall, I've found that the hassles have been well worth the benefits of the increased knowledge I've gained along the way and the satisfaction of knowing that somehow our efforts might play a part in providing a better understanding of sharks and better management of our marine resources.

Other fishermen who would like to get involved with shark research should consider being a part of the Cooperative Shark Tagging

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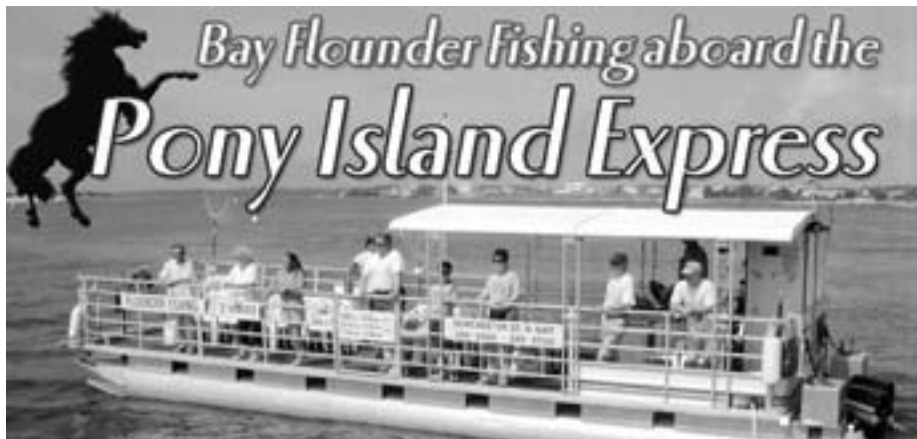
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Mickey Bremer caught a 38-inch striper while casting from the beach, just north of the Indian River Jetty. The bass hit a bunker head and weighed 19 lbs. 9 oz. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.



Mike Mancini took the trip down from Scotch Plains, NJ to fish on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder, and was rewarded with this 23-inch female tautog. The fish was hooked on a green crab at an artificial reef.



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Program run by NOAA. A visit to the NOAA Apex Predator Investigation website (<http://na.nefsc.noaa.gov/sharks/>) will provide all the information needed to acquire shark tags and tagging instructions. Also, if anyone is interested in trying out or hearing more about the "blocker-rig" we've developed to prevent sharks from being hooked in the gut, they should contact me at ModernSharking@gmail.com or call me in the evening at 410-213-2442.

Finally, with shark season underway we need to get those two makos as soon as possible for the research being done in

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 Florida. If anyone catches a keeper-size mako (of modest size - NOT a monster) that they would like to donate, please contact me. I've already made arrangements to freeze the shark and we'll take care of shipping it. All we need is a couple of fresh specimens that haven't been torn up in the landing process. Anglers should contact me before they boat such a shark to ensure that we haven't already met the need.

Captain 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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Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



Broadband Radar The Next Wave?

Within the marine electronic industry, many new products are introduced each year but very few really new technologies emerge. Most often, there are just improvements on older technology. The latest development has been the introduction of "broadband radar".

The standard radar unit that has been on the market for a while now has been a "pulse" radar that uses a magnetron to generate a pulsed microwave signal. The radar unit's magnetron sends a burst signal of microwave pulsed energy that travels through the air

until it strikes an object of greater density than the air in which it is traveling. This denser object reflects the signal back to the radar antenna which, in turn, shows it on any one of a number of different types of display screens, depending upon the manufacturer and model.

Broadband radar sends out a continuous signal of differing frequencies or tones and waits for a return signal that has been changed. It uses two antennas, one to send the signal and one to listen. They are housed under one external cover so you only see what looks to be a single antenna. Manufacturers of broadband radar claim several advantages of this

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- Extremely low emissions

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- Quick installation

The manufacturer claims there is no need to tune or adjust the zero mile due to its advanced auto-tune.

At this point in time, the one manufacturer of the broadband radar is Navico who markets its unit under the brand names of Northstar, Simrad and Lowrance. It is a top unit radome only measuring 19.5" in diameter and 11" high, weighing about 16 lbs. It has a maximum range of 24 miles. This unit is compatible

with certain display units from each of the above mentioned brands. Outside of the decal on the radome and the interface box that comes with it, they are virtually identical. The unit is made in New Zealand and Navico credits the design and manufacture of this unit with the help of their government.

It remains to be seen if this Broadband radar will catch on with other manufacturers. I can see the value to some of the features, especially the better detail of close-in targets and the lower power allowing for a larger number of acceptable installation sites. This power comes with an obvious setback, however. The range is limited to 24 miles and, under heavy rain or fog, that effective range may be cut down. The unit is only available as a dome and that limits your choices also.

Right now, it appears to me that broadband radar is something that will more likely be the choice for small boats and/or for a backup to a larger radar unit. We will need to get some feedback from actual users before a definitive evaluation can be made. If the reviews are good, you can bet that other brands will follow.

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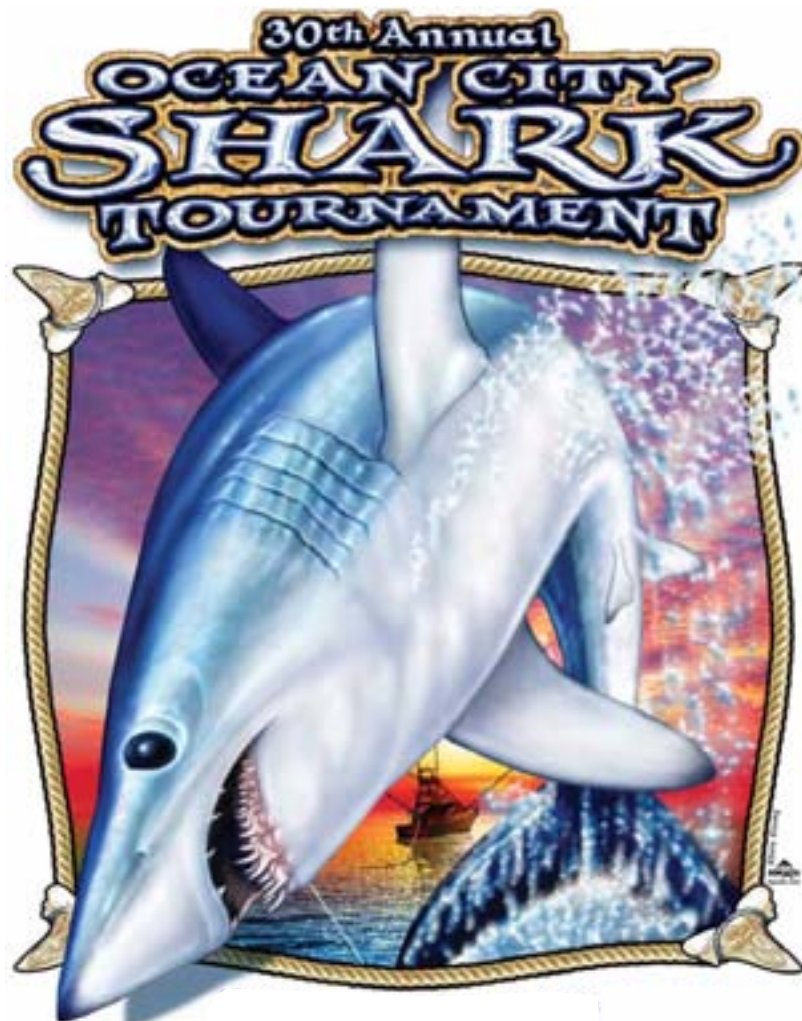
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Chincoteague

Donna, at Captain Bob's, reports bad weather this week. Despite the rain and wind, Queen's Sound has just started to turn on again for flounder. The Four Mouths, Buoys 5 and 7, and Buoys 20 and 17 near Captain Bob's are also producing flounder. Throughout the area, snapper bluefish are mixed in as well, and skate and dogfish have moved in to aggravate everyone. The surf is sizzling with black drum and striped bass. At the end of last week's flounder tournament, over 300 fish had been brought in—great job everyone!

Wachapreague

According to staff at Captain Zed's, flounder are plentiful in Wachapreague. The keeper to throwback ratio is about 1 to 10, and Drawing and Green Channels and the Bull's Head area continue to be active hot spots. Black drum are also biting off of the surf throughout the area.

Cape Charles

According to Chris, at Chris' Bait and Tackle, they filled out a pile of red drum release citations last Saturday and Sunday. Most were caught near Buoy 13. On the seaside, flounder was hot out of Oyster until the wind picked up. Several black drum were weighed in as well last weekend, and one was over 80 pounds.

Captain Ray Cardone, of Cherrystone, reported that a few small croaker have shown up in

the bay this week. He has also seen the beginning of the grey trout bite and landed a few kingfish.

Lower Bay/Bridge Tunnel

A few flounder were reported (up to 20 inches) from Salt Ponds Marina this week. Staff says that the weather has kept fishing to a minimum.

Dr. Julie Ball, IGFA International Representative for Virginia Beach, contributed the following:

The black drum action is slowly rising each week, with more and larger fish beginning to make a showing. Big black drums are still active in the more northern seaside inlets along the Eastern Shore, such as Great Machipongo Inlet off of Hog Island. Chowder clams on bottom rigs is the method of choice in this area.

In the bay, most catches are coming from near Buoy 13 off Cape Charles, where sea clams and peelers are the ticket. Most of the local black drums are averaging around 40 pounds. A few anglers are also reporting hooking black drum around the islands at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel while casting lures. Mark at Chris' Bait and Tackle anticipates a good weekend, just in time for their First Annual Kiptopeke Black Drum Tournament.

The red drum bite is also picking up, rebounding from a lengthy decline after an early spring run. Boats are reporting as many as 2 to 6 fish per outing

lately. The best success is coming from anglers presenting peeler crabs and bunker inside the inlet off Fisherman's Island. Anglers are also finding great results casting Power Baits and Storm Lures into the breakers off Smith Island lately.

Bay flounder continue to elude anglers, but those targeting flatfish within the local inlets are finding good results. The seaside backwaters of Oyster are productive, with limits of keeper-sized fish pushing over 4 pounds hitting bare hooks donned with either white grubs or minnow and squid combos. According to the folks at Ocean's East 2, anglers working the Lynnhaven River and the basin area are also scoring with some nice keepers on jigged Berkley Gulps. Folks are also finding scattered keeper flounder near the mouth of Rudee Inlet.

Striped bass are still a sure thing, with the islands and the pilings of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel giving up school-sized fish on Storm lures. Top water action is also good, with a few fish topping 40-inches available. Small sea mullet and scattered smallish croaker are available around the 3rd island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Deep dropping is still a good bet, with a few trips scoring on bottom dwellers last week. Nice grouper, barrel fish, wreckfish, and rosefish were reported. On a recent trip to the Canyon, anglers caught blackbellied rosefish, wreckfish, golden tilefish, and grouper weighing almost 70 pounds. Although the dogfish are exiting the area, reports of blueline tilefish are on the slow side.

A few Virginia boats tested out the warmer water near the Triple Os with yellowfin tuna, school-sized bluefin tuna, and dolphin to show.

Virginia Beach

Staff at the Virginia Beach Fishing Center reports that anglers in the inlet are doing really well with keeper-sized flounder (well over 20 inches),

puppy drum (juvenile red drum), taylor bluefish, and a few speckled trout and croaker. Inshore, anglers are finding striped bass and flounder.

Offshore, the deep droppers are still doing well with grouper, tilefish, wreckfish, barrellfish, and blackbellied rosefish. 2 weekends ago, one of the headboats caught a 68-pound snowy grouper (tied with the world record).

Outer Banks, NC

Offshore fishing out of Oregon Inlet has seen the full range of tunas over the last week; bluefin, yellowfin, blackfin, bigeyes, and skipjack tuna have all been biting. In addition, trolling has produced dolphin, wahoo, king mackerel, and a few billfish.

Cobia continue their northward migration, with a few being caught offshore of Duck, mostly in the one- to three-mile range.

Bottom fishermen had beeliners (vermillion snappers), blueline tilefish, black sea bass, snowy grouper, and triggerfish.

Pier and surf fishing has seen cobia at night, sea mullet, bluefish, croaker, puffers, spot, red drum and striped bass.

Fishing in the sounds has produced the hit-or-miss speckled trout fishing that is typical during the summer months.

Flounder fishing has improved as more fish have moved into the sounds, and other summer denizens, such as bluefish and Spanish mackerel, have started to show up as well.

South of Oregon Inlet, the surf fishing hasn't been bad or great. A few large bluefish and red drum have been seen around Ramp 55. Sea mullet were caught around Ramp 43. Hatteras Inlet had small bluefish in abundance, along with some small flounder.

Offshore fishing out of Hatteras has seen good numbers of gaffer-sized dolphin along with a few billfish, blue marlin, white marlin, and sailfish. Tilefish and grouper were being caught in deeper water. Cobia, Spanish mackerel, grey trout, flounder, and bluefish were being caught in the inlet and sound.



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Jimmy and Johnny Coffiey from Wilmington, DE caught these 3 stripers while fishing at night in the Indian River Inlet. The fish were caught on Storm lures and live bunker. The three linesiders totaled 37 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Jesse Coulbourn from Dagsboro, DE was fishing off the beach of a Virginia barrier island when he caught this 46.5-inch, 31 lb. striped bass on a peeler crab.



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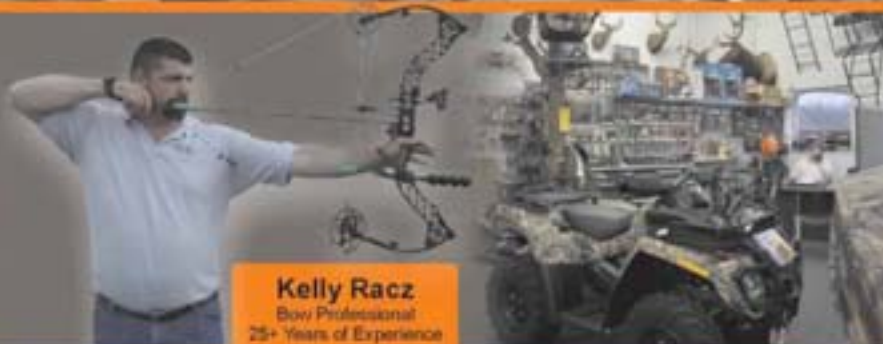
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The Atlantic Coast Chapter of the M.S.S.A. along with the Ocean Pines Angler's Club held their annual Flounder Frenzy tournament on Wednesday and Thursday. Joe Costello (right) won 1st place with a 23-incher, just beating out Larry Eberly's 22.5-inch flounder. Budd Heim (left) took third place with a 20.5-inch flattie.

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Anglers fishing on the "Bay Bee" Saturday afternoon caught some nice flounder while drifting shiners, squid and cut bluefish in the East Channel and at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor. Pictured are Ben Thomas of Harrisburg, PA (20"), Ashley Miller of Harrisburg, PA (23"), Beverly Mulligan of Ocean Pines, MD (20.25" & 20.5") and Tammy Philbrick of Annapolis, MD (19.5"). On the trip, Capt. Bob Gower was at the helm and Mate Spencer Cropper handled cockpit duties. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Keith Lidstone of Lansdowne, PA took advantage of a good striper bite in the Indian River Inlet, catching this pair of linesiders on a bucktail tipped with a white worm. The largest fish measured 38-inches and weighed 24 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



The striper bite off the Rt. 50 Bridge has mellowed a bit over the last week, but some nice fish are still being caught. Matt Carmen of Washington Boro, PA was tossing a Storm lure off the bridge at night and hooked into these two stripers measuring 34-inches and 36-inches.



Back in early May, this group of local anglers had a great day trolling for striped bass in the Chesapeake Bay. Pictured are Butch Brooks, Jr. and Butch Brooks, III of Newark, DE, Mickey Gitaitis from Middletown, DE, Presten Carden from New Castle, DE, Donnie Bailey of Bear, DE, Chris Diebold of North East, MD, Butch Lloyd from Newark, DE and Ed Kaufman from Fenwick Island, DE. The group fished on the "Sawyer" with Capt. Dave Sawyer at the helm, and ended their day with 8 keepers in the box.

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Gary James from Berlin, MD landed this 27-inch flounder on a bucktail tipped with a minnow while fishing at the South Jetty.

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Fri. May 28	Low 02:48 am Low 02:31 pm	High 08:49 am High 09:32 pm
Sat. May 29	Low 03:32 am Low 03:15 pm	High 09:352 am High 10:15 pm
Sun. May 30	Low 04:18 am Low 03:59 pm	High 10:18 am High 10:56 pm
Mon. May 31	Low 05:04 am Low 04:44 pm	High 11:00 am High 11:36 pm
Tues. June 1	Low 05:50 am Low 05:32 pm	High 11:42 am High -----
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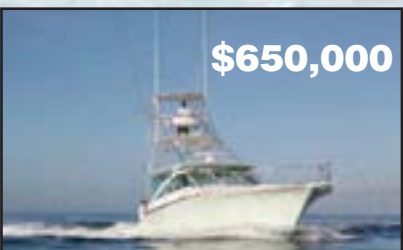
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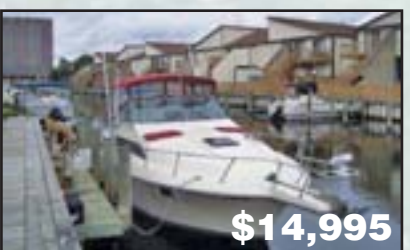
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