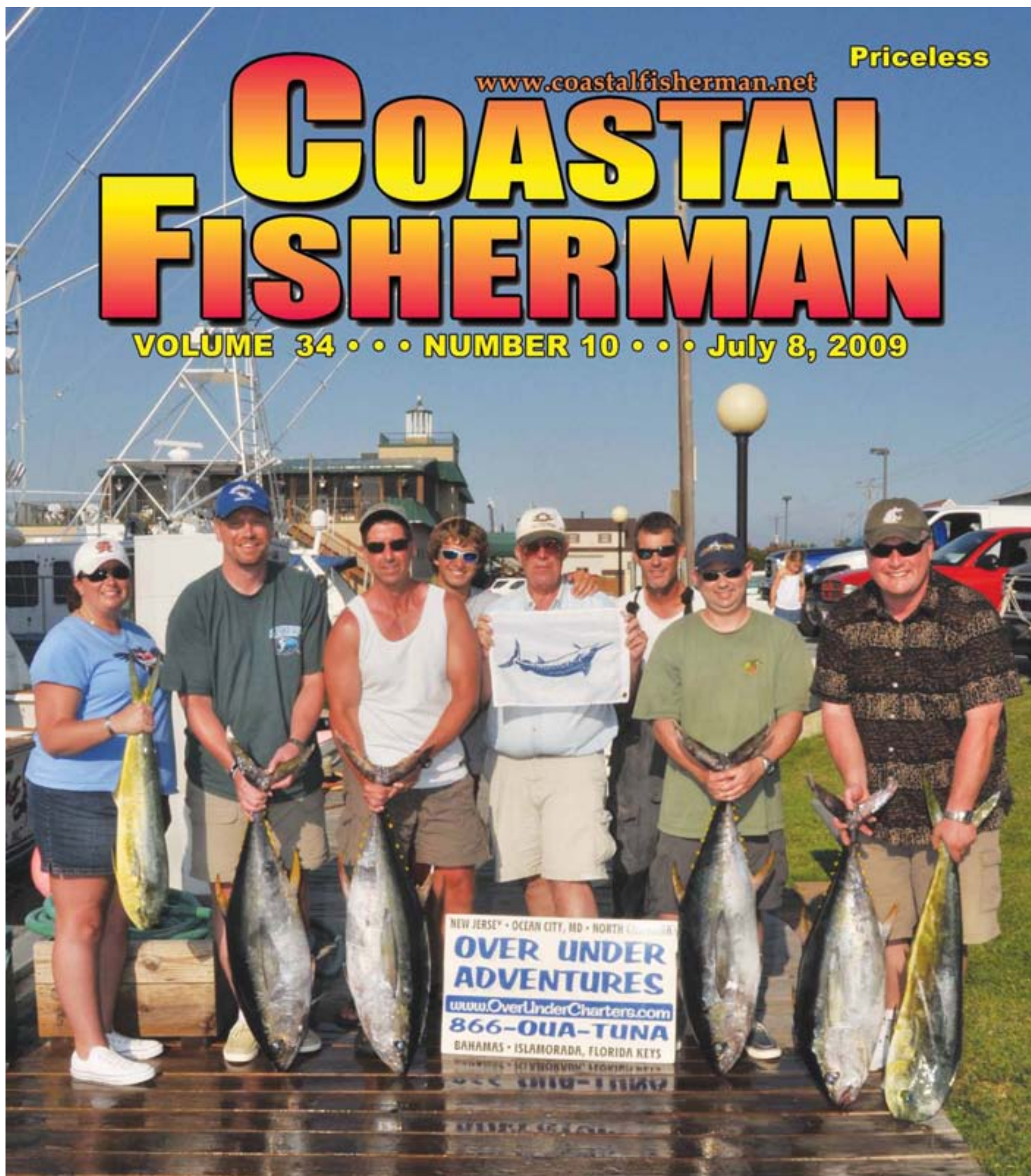


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On the first day of July, this group of anglers had a fantastic day of fishing on the "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and Mate John Griffith. Charlie Rice of Eldersburg, MD released a blue marlin, estimated at 500 lbs., while the rest of the crew caught 4 yellowfin and 2 dolphin in 200 fathoms at the Poor Man's Canyon. The yellowfin, ranging between 40 and 45 lbs., were caught on spreader bars while the blue marlin and the dolphin were caught on trolled ballyhoo. Fishing with Charlie was his daughter, Charlene Rice of Herndon, VA, Peter Omel of Tri-Cities, WA, Adam Ramsey and Curt Dunstan of Reston, VA, and Bryan Roberts of Sterling, VA. To see a video of the blue marlin catch, log on to www.coastalfisherman.net. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina in West Ocean City.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



Joe O'Hara has probably been involved with discussions on the summer flounder fishery and the MRFSS (Marine Recreational Fishery Statistical Survey) and its shortcomings as long as anyone in this area, and I daresay he probably knows as much about all of the numbers as even the fisheries officials who administer the program and ultimately decide our fate when it comes to flounder fishing. After I wrote about Senator Schumer's bill a couple of weeks ago, he sent me an e-mail, along with a copy of his e-mail to the MRFSS management officials. I think it makes a lot of sense, and it shows you just what anglers are up against, so I would like to quote Joe in full. First, his note to me:

"I'm not a big fan of Senator Schumer either. He does support recreational fishing. When they were reauthorizing Magnuson-Stevens in 2006, he successfully

lobbied for a 3-year extension of the summer flounder recovery period. We need additional legislation. I doubt if recovery by 2013 is doable.

The reduction in quotas is a problem. The way NMFS counts our landings (MRFSS) is a bigger problem. My email to MRFSS management will bring you up to date. The Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) will replace MRFSS. This system will be more efficient. Random digit dialing will be replaced by phone calls to anglers on the National registry. The rest of the system will have the same flaws as MRFSS. They will continue to make inaccurate estimates of our summer flounder landings, unless they address the issues in my email."

Joe's e-mail to MRFSS management: "Maryland's summer flounder recreational anglers continue to have

problems with MRFSS landings estimates. MRFSS gets more bad press in Worcester County than anywhere else in the United States. I realize that MRFSS was designed to show large-scale trends in recreational harvest and that it was not designed to establish or monitor quotas. Unfortunately, it is being used to monitor quotas and we are suffering the economic impact.

Our problems with MRFSS summer flounder landings started in 1995. Very few fish were caught in the coastal bays that year. MRFSS said we landed 139,697. In 1996, the Maryland Saltwater Fishermen's Association started maintaining logs of their summer flounder fishing trips. In 1997, we realized that we had an estimate of angler success, but we needed an estimate of fishing effort. We counted boats, anglers and inclement days in 1997 and 1998. The headboats gave us their totals. We had approximately 100,000 trips for all modes and areas. Our landing estimate for 1998 was 95,000. MRFSS said we landed 206,057. The irony here is that the MRFSS landings for 1998 became the base year for each

state's quota.

In February of 2002, MRFSS management briefed us on MRFSS procedures. Unfortunately, we didn't know what questions to ask.

In 2003, I reviewed all of the summer flounder intercepts for 2002. I discovered that all but two fish were landed in the coastal bays and the southern counties in the Chesapeake Bay. I shared my analysis with MRFSS and Maryland's Department of Natural Resources. I requested that they investigate counting landings at the county level.

I recently reviewed the last seven years of summer flounder intercepts. Two fish got lost at Sandy Point state park and one wandered into Deale. All the rest were caught in the southern part of Calvert County (mouth of the Patuxent river), and St. Marys, Somerset, and Worcester counties. In 2008, 96.2 percent of the summer flounder intercepts were recorded in Worcester County. Ninety seven percent of the anglers in the phone survey do not target summer flounder. Last year, there were 3,391,181 angler trips in Maryland. Only 3

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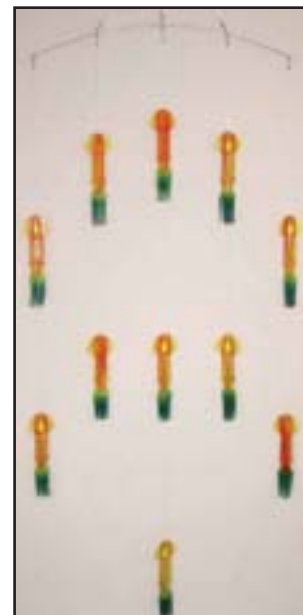
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The East Channel continued to be the hot spot for flounder fisherman and Melinda Hanson of Frederick, MD was there to capture this 7 pounder. The 24.75-inch flounder was caught on a 4-inch Gulp! swimming mullet during the outgoing tide.

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Double Lines continued: percent targeted summer flounder. Other states may have a problem when the species being surveyed is not evenly distributed in the survey area. In our case, summer flounder do not like the habitat in one of the most heavily fished areas in the nation. Our landing estimates are way off when the 97 percent of trips targeting other species are multiplied by a disproportionate number of summer flounder intercepts.

One way to improve the accuracy of the estimates is to filter the 3,391,181 trips thru county angler profiles. The angler profiles would be based on historic intercept data: species, wave and mode. This way trips in Anne Arundel County would be counted as striped bass, spot and bluefish. Worcester County's private/rental inland trips during wave 4 would count as Atlantic croaker or summer flounder. Survey calls would be based on the percent of population in each county.

At our briefing in 2002, MRFSS used an example showing how they arrived at the estimated landings of 2001

private/rental, wave 4 summer flounder landings. Their estimate was 55,827. I used the same intercept data, but just counted counties that had summer flounder landings (Somerset - 2, Worcester - 36). My estimate was 19,353, which is a 65 percent reduction.

During the period 2002-2008, there were 22 interviewer assignments to shore sites. On 17 of these assignments (77 percent), only one fish was landed. Three fish were caught surf fishing on Assateague Island and one fish off the ocean pier for a total of four fish caught in the ocean from shore. Three intercepts were coded incorrectly (ocean instead of bay). Only one fish was caught from shore in the Chesapeake Bay (jetty at Point Lookout State Park). This gives you an idea of how productive fishing from shore for summer flounder is in Maryland. MRFSS said we landed 112,201 summer flounder from shore.

The most productive shore site is the Route 50 bridge. During the 7-year period, 27 keepers were caught or 69 percent of the shore total. A maximum of 60 anglers fish the

bridge June-August. There are 30 or less the rest of the year. MRFSS estimated that we caught 14,962 keepers in September, 2008. There were 3 intercepts (3 fish) on the Route 50 bridge on September 30. If 3 out of 30 anglers caught one fish each, the estimate for September would be 90 fish. One other fish was caught at the jetty on September 28. If we allow another 90 fish for the other shore sites, the total would be 180 for September. You have the data. Use the Worcester county phone survey and the 4 intercepts. There were 1,800 contributors, counting the anglers that got skunked.

At the constituent data review meeting, I asked why you didn't show the number of anglers that got skunked on the summer flounder catch frequencies. The response was that it will be shown in the future. I understand that when the quantity of fish is less than the number of anglers (contributors), the difference would be skunked trips. I am primarily interested in "no catch" reports. Bob Gowar, Captain of the Bay Bee, had 4100 anglers in 2008. They landed 244 keepers or .06 fish per angler trip.

At least 94 percent of the angler trips were unsuccessful. You monitored the Bay Bee 6 times in 2008. On four trips, there was 1 keeper. Bob probably averages 20 anglers per trip. My question is, was there a "no catch" report for the 19 that got skunked? You had 1 fish for 20 contributors or a catch per unit of effort of .05.

Summer flounder fishing in the coastal bays is concentrated in 5 areas: Route 90 bridge, flounder alley (32nd street), Thorofare, inlet and Sinepuxent Bay. In 1997 and 1998 the daily boat counts ranged from 19 to 508. The average was 145. There were 2.6 anglers per boat. Almost all of the boats drift fish. MRFSS estimated our private/rental inland landings for 2008 at 72,430 fish. In order to catch that number of keepers, we would need 1,207,167 angler trips or 464,295 boat trips. Approximately 2,170 boats would have to be fishing each day from April thru October. Intercept activity at private/rental sites is also slow. During the 7-year period, on 66 percent of the assignment days, the interviewer had to weigh fish from a single boat. On a really



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busy day, 2 boats were interviewed (21 percent).

Up until 2001, MRFSS estimates only cost us some fish dinners. In 2001, we had a 13-day closure in the middle of the summer. This was followed by a 17-day closure in 2002. Ocean City is a family resort. Vacations occur in the 10-12 week window when the kids are out of school. When we have to close the summer flounder fishery, there is no reliable alternative fishery. The tourists change their vacation plans when they find out they cannot catch dinner. Each day of closure takes away \$170,000 from the Worcester County economy. Losses occur on rental properties, restaurants, marinas, headboats and bait and tackle shops. The rental losses are family owned condominiums with a boat slip. The rental income helps pay the mortgage. The estimate is based on losing 1/2 of 1 percent of weekly rentals. The total estimated cost for 2001 is \$2,210,000. The estimate for 2002 is \$2,890,000. This year we are forced to close the fall season. This has been a very profitable time for ocean for-hire boats. Accurate estimates of

Maryland's summer flounder landings would have prevented these closures.

I think MRIP should be web-based trip reports. You can get rid of the intercepts and phone calls. This would fill the holes in the current system: anglers that dock at private locations, night fishing, unsuccessful trips, and timely monitoring of quotas. I guess the argument against this approach is that you cannot trust the recreational angler. These are the same people you call to determine fishing effort.

I would appreciate a response. You can tell me that I am full of it, but I prefer to hear that you understand these issues and will attempt to correct them."

Amen...

I want to wish "good luck" to all the anglers and crews fishing in this weekend's Ocean City Tuna Tournament. I'll be helping weighmaster Capt. Jack Kaeufer at the scales again this year. Hope to see you there...

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It won't go down as one of the best weeks of fishing in Ocean City, but some nice fish hit the scales.

BILLFISH

On Wednesday, the "That's Right" was trolling in 200 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon when a blue marlin, estimated at 500 lbs., hit a trolled ballyhoo and was released after putting on quite a show. If you want to watch a video of the action, you can see it in high definition at www.coastalfisherman.net.

During the Canyon Kick-off, there were 3 white marlin released. The "Playmate" released a white marlin while trolling in 1,000 fathoms in the Washington Canyon on Friday. The "Par Five" also released a white marlin in the Washington Canyon where they also had a blue marlin jump off on the previous day. On the final day of the tournament, the "Lisa" released a white marlin to take 3rd place in the tournament.

YELLOWFIN TUNA

We didn't see anywhere near the number of yellowfins caught that we had seen in



A couple of big mako sharks hit the docks in Ocean City on Saturday, and the largest one was caught by William Marvel of Chestertown, MD. After a 1 hour fight, William boated the 321 pounder while fishing on the "Keep Er Wet" with Nate Leader of Stevensville, MD, Lauren Stinchcomb of Annapolis, MD, Brendan Stokes of Grasonville, MD, Capt. Dave Sumpter and Mate Brian Leader. The mako was caught in 1,000 fathoms between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons where the crew also caught 6 dolphin, released another mako and some blue sharks and pulled the hook on a white marlin. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

previous weeks, but a few boats did return with nice catches.

While most boats headed into the deep to find

yellowfins, on Saturday the "Bluefin" went to 70 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon (950 line) and ended up going 10 for 12 on yellowfins. In addition, they boated a couple of dolphin.

Most of the boats we saw this week with yellowfins were fishing deep in the Washington or Poor Man's Canyon, and returned with between 2 and 4 fish, still a

nice catch with plenty of meat for everyone.

DOLPHIN

Warming water temperatures are resulting in more dolphin hitting the scales, mainly by anglers in search of yellowfin tuna. We saw a good number of dolphin caught over this past weekend.

In the Canyon Kick-Off, the "Brenda Lou" took top honors in the Dolphin Division with a 20.8 pounder caught on Saturday.

Elsewhere, we saw dolphin being caught on trolled ballyhoo, spreader bars and even cedar plugs from the Fingers down to the Washington Canyon. Most of the action centered around the Poor Man's Canyon.

BLUEFIN TUNA

After a couple of weeks with anglers wondering what happened to the bluefin tuna, we saw a few nice fish arrive at the docks over the weekend. Not good numbers, but a nice class of fish.

On Friday in the Canyon Kick-off, the "Tighten Up" brought back a 124 pounder from the Washington Canyon and the "Hammer Down" weighed in an 89.8 pounder, caught at the Hambone.

On Sunday, the "Hammer Down" and the "Tighten Up" dueled it out with the "Hammer Down" venturing down to the Lumpy Bottom where they trolled up a 143.2 lb. bluefin on a skirted ballyhoo. The "Tighten Up", also went to the Lumpy Bottom and ended up with a 92.4 pounder caught on a

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SHARKS

In addition to some dusky and blue sharks being released, we saw two big makos hit the scales on Saturday.

The first one in was a 232 pounder caught by Dave Guinto on the "Wizzy". The guys were just ready to call it a day when the mako hit a mackerel at the Fingers.

Shortly thereafter, the "Keep Er Wet" arrived at the Sunset Marina scale with a 321 lb. mako, caught in 1,000 fathoms between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons. This mako ate a whole bluefish and took angler William Marvel one hour to get to the boat. The crew also released a couple of blue sharks and another mako during the trip, in addition to keeping 6 dolphin and pulling the hook on a white marlin.

Earlier in the week, the "Reel Naughty" returned from the Twin Wrecks with a 190 lb. mako shark.

WAHOO

Only a couple of days later than the first wahoo caught in 2008, William Wildbergh boated the first wahoo of 2009 on Friday while fishing on the "Tunavision". The 27.6 lb. wahoo hit a Black Bart artificial lure in 75 fathoms on the southern end of the Poor Man's Canyon.

FLOUNDER

With flounder regulations set at an 18-inch minimum, anglers have been frustrated with the high throwback to keeper ratio, and it was not any better this week. That doesn't mean that some nice flatties aren't being caught. All you have to do is look through this issue and last week's Coastal Fisherman to see many flounder being caught that weighed over 5 lbs. The fish are there, you just need a little patience.

This past week, we continued to see most of the keepers, and almost all of the larger flounder being caught in

the East Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. We also started to see more bigger fish coming from the flats, north of the Thorofare. A few folks asked me where the "flats" were. Head north through the Rt. 50 Bridge, and hang a left through the channel markers. When you get to the houses on your left, you will see a small island on your right hand side. There used to be two islands here, called Dog and Bitch. Just past the island is a channel that runs north. Head up into this channel, watching your depth. It can get pretty shallow. Up in that area is a great place to either drift or troll for flounder. Work the edges of the channel, casting into shallow water and letting your bait bounce over the edge into deeper water.

Some anglers have also had good luck picking flounder off the barge that is sunk just off the South Jetty. This spot is a popular tautog fishing location, but right now is producing some good

We also continue to see nice size flounder coming in off the ocean headboats. The "Morning Star" and the "Angler" both returned with some nice flatties last week.

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Ron Dawson of Robeson, PA landed this 39-inch, 21 lb. 2 oz. striped bass while fishing with a white Zoom at the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.

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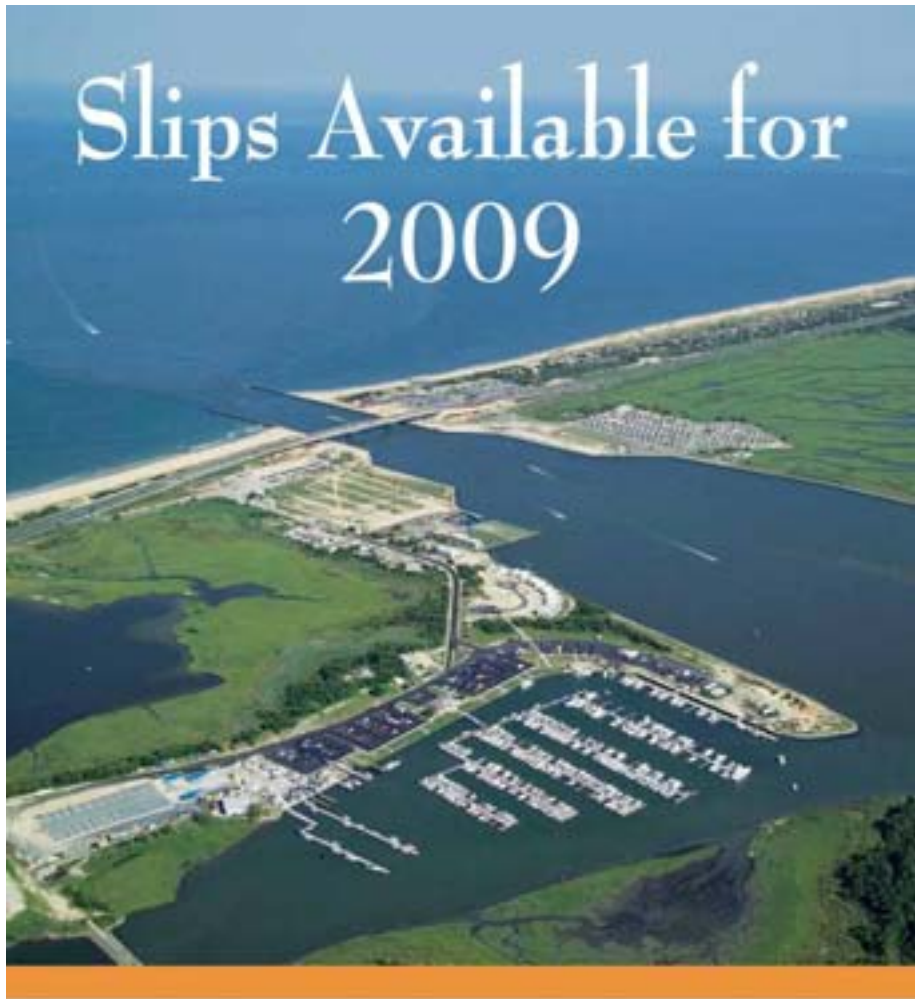
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Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



Ever been out fishing on your boat and on the "spur of the moment" decide to hop out on a sand bar at low tide, just to walk around and explore? When you are out there walking around, you see people raking up clams and wish you had your clamming gear with you. All is not lost! Have you ever "signed for clams?"

"Signing for clams" is an art worth learning if you spend a lot of time on the bay. I've put 3 or 4 dozen clams in my bucket armed with nothing but my index finger and a sharp pair of eyes!

"How the heck do you sign for clams?"

Clams dig into the sand an inch or so below the surface. When they feed, two siphons stick up above the surface. They strain the water through one siphon and they eject unused particles periodically through the second siphon. This is what you are looking for. You can see this "sign" in clear shallow water, or in fresh wet sand or mud. This "sign" can look like a "keyhole" in a door. It is sort of like an elongated hole larger on each end and "skinny" in the middle. Yes, like a keyhole!

Clam signs have lots of personality! What I mean is,

they don't look the same all the time. On an incoming tide, these keyholes can look very pronounced. When you step near one in shallow water, you can often see the sand "blowing" out of the hole as the clam ejects the particles. But on an outgoing tide, you may not see much of anything. OR, sometimes if the dirt below the sand is dark, you may see simple patches of dark sand on top of the lighter sand. This is where the clam ejected the particles earlier, but the keyhole is no longer visible. On an outgoing tide, I always just check out those "dark spots." Dig down an inch or so with your finger or blunt knife (If you forgot your clam rake) and see if there's a clam. Note: Where there is one, there are more!

Sometimes the clam "signs" have started to cover over, and all you will see is a dent in the sand. Check these "signs" out! It is interesting that when you find one clam "sign" you will discover more looking just the same. Sometimes in wet sand, the small clams will sign by a single small hole. Don't get distracted by big holes that seem to go real deep. They are razor clams and you will rarely catch them. They are deep and fast.

And personally, I don't like to eat them. They are gritty.

"I just can't find any signs..."

Sometimes on the outgoing tide, you just can't find the "signs". But don't give up. Wait for the tide to start to come in, and the clams can suddenly start signing when the clams start to feed. I've clammed hard on the outgoing tide to only catch a couple dozen clams. Then, when the tide starts coming in, I see clams everywhere and catch a bucket full in no time!

The only problem with catching clams when they are signing really well is that they are feeding and filtering and they may have sand inside them. I always purge my clams. If you wash them off, and keep them in a bucket of clean salt water while you are clamming/fishing they will continue to filter themselves and get rid of the excess sand or mud. (You can see it in the bottom of the bucket!) If you take them home, and want to purge them more, you can put them in salted water with some cornmeal in it. If you do that, you want to eat them the same day as it can weaken them if left in a refrigerator for several days.

"Think like a clam!"

What?!!!!

Clams are like fish. They are found at changes in depths. The tide comes in over the sand bar. The clams hit a little hill or ridge, and drop there. Often times you find clams right on the edges of a sand bar, or on a little hill just as it comes up on the sand bar. I always check out these little ledges. And remember, again, where there's one, there's more!

"I like the little clams!"

I find that the smaller clams tend to be closer to the exposed sand bars, and the larger clams tend to be out in the deeper water. I really search the wet sand, and water in only a few inches for the smaller clams. They seem to drop together in little overhangs of the exposed sand bar at low tide. Where you find one or two small clams, there are usually more around. Their "signs" are smaller and a little harder to find, so don't give up. Once you get this art down, you'll never lose it!

"I want to go out in the water and dig with the clam rake!"

Some days this is the best method. More work, but productive if you get on the clams. I drag the clamming rake behind me, and wait until I hear a "clink." Then I dig down. Like I said, where you find one, there are more, so once you find a couple, dig in that area. If you are way out in the water, you can put the clams in your pocket, throw them in the boat, carry a mesh bag with you such as a nylon beach bag, or buy a floating live well with a Styrofoam ring that holds up a mesh bag.

"Where are the best places to clam?"

In Ocean City, the big bar just north of the Route 50 Bridge has plenty of clams on the north and northwest side of it. There are hardly any clams at all on the south and southeast side of it, so don't waste too much time looking around there. Lots of people call this island "Bird Island" because it is also a bird sanctuary. There are signs around the perimeter of the island that warn you to stay away from the nesting birds, so you need to anchor your boat away from the island and wade in the water for the clams.

The best way to get to the island is to travel north in the East Channel, turn left at the northern most end of the island and u-turn around the inside of the island. It's deep right next to the land there. It's like a small channel. Then carefully ease towards the sandy beach until you decide you are in shallow enough to jump out and anchor the boat. Watch your tide!

There's a pretty good clam bed just offshore of Bahia Marina at 22nd Street. That's also a good place to rent a boat to go clamming. There are some clams just offshore of Hooper's Crab House on the western shore just northwest of the Route 50 Bridge.

Behind Assateague, on the southwest side of the Verrazano Bridge is good for digging. (The water clarity here is not much for signing!) There are clams on most of the bars from Buoy #10 to beyond the Verrazano Bridge. All of the dry sand bars behind

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"Where can we go without a boat?"

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The National Park on Assateague Island has two clamming areas inside the Park. Travel down Route 611 to Assateague, make a right and go into the National Park. You have to pay to get inside the park. You will see the signs for the parking areas that have little clams drawn on them.

The State Park on Assateague Island also has clamming but it involves a walk. You have to park in the parking lot on the west side of the Bridge going into Assateague and walk over the Bridge and clam on the east side (Sorry, there's no parking on the east side and clamming is not allowed on the west side.) On a west wind, take bug spray!!!

Holt's Landing in the Delaware Seashore State Park is an excellent place to go clamming. It is a little out of the way, but it is a really nice place to go. To get there, go to Bethany and make a left at the "big wooden Indian." This is Route 26. Go West on Route 26 and go through Ocean View and Millville. The next town is Clarksville. Follow the signs for Holt's Landing. Holt's Landing is on the Indian River Bay, so you need to abide by Delaware rules. You need a fishing license to clam in Delaware.

Clamming is a lot of fun, but be careful. Know where you are walking if you can't swim. Wear footwear, and spray your legs with bug spray if you are in hot, shallow water. And wash off in a shower when you come in. There are certain "mites" that can break some people out.

Good clamming...

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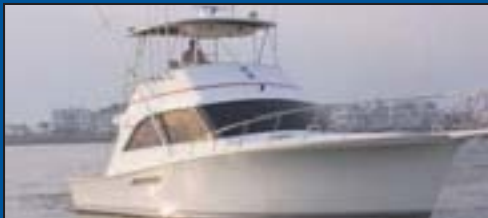
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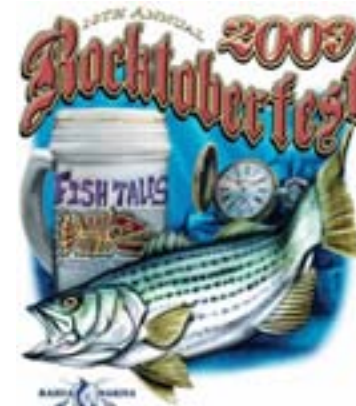
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3 lemons, sliced
6 tuna fillets
Garnish: lemon slices

Process 3 garlic cloves, 1/2 cup of the parsley, 1/4 cup of the mint leaves and the 1/2 tsp. salt in a food processor until smooth, stopping to scrape down sides as needed.

Smash remaining 6 garlic cloves, using the flat side of a knife.

Pour water to a depth of 2 1/2 inches into a large skillet

over medium-high heat.

Add the smashed garlic, 1/2 bunch fresh parsley and the lemon slices; bring to a boil.

Add the tuna fillets; return liquid to a boil, reduce heat to low and simmer 7 to 10 minutes or until fish flakes with a fork. Remove from skillet; discard liquid in skillet.

Serve with garlic-parsley mixture. Garnish with lemon slices.

Serves 6.

Mahi Mahi with Pineapple-Green Onion Salsa

4 mahi mahi fillets
2 TBSP. olive oil
1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. black pepper

Cooking spray
4 slices pineapple
1/2 cup thinly sliced green onion
4 tsp. grated fresh lime rind
2 tsp. fresh lime juice
1/2 tsp. chili garlic sauce

Preheat grill.

Brush fish with oil; sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Place fish on grill rack coated with cooking spray; grill 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily when tested with fork.

While fish grills, grill pineapple 4 to 6 minutes on each side.

Chop pineapple and place in a medium bowl.

Add green onions and next three ingredients, stirring well.

Serve fish with salsa.

Serves 4.

Seared Tuna Tacos

1 1/2 cups shredded cabbage
1/2 cup salsa, divided
3 TBSP. chopped fresh cilantro, divided
3 TBSP. mayonnaise
1 cup chopped seeded yellow tomato
1 cup chopped seeded green tomato
1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion
4 hard taco shells
Cooking spray
1 tuna steak
1/4 tsp. black pepper
1/8 tsp. salt

Combine cabbage, 1 TBSP. salsa, 1 TBSP. cilantro and mayonnaise in a bowl, tossing to coat.

Combine tomato, onion, and remaining 2 TBSP. of the cilantro in a small bowl; set aside.

Heat taco shells according to package directions.

Heat a small nonstick skillet over medium-high heat; coat pan with cooking spray.

Sprinkle fish evenly with salt and pepper.

Cook fish 2 to 3 minutes on each side or until desired doneness.

Let stand 5 minutes.

Cut crosswise into thin slices.

Fill taco shells with coleslaw mixture, fish and tomato mixture.

Serve with remaining salsa.

Serves 2.

Flounder with Caper Sauce

2 TBSP. olive oil
4 flounder fillets
1/8 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. black pepper
1 cup white wine
1/4 cup minced shallots
2 TBSP. capers, drained
1 TBSP. chilled butter, cut in small pieces
1 TBSP. chopped fresh parsley

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

Sprinkle fish evenly with salt and pepper.

Add fish to the pan; cook 3 to 4 minutes on each side or until fish flakes with a fork.

Remove fish from pan and keep warm.

Add wine and shallots to pan and cook for 10 minutes or until reduced by half.

Stir in capers and butter.

Place 1 fillet on each plate; drizzle evenly with sauce and sprinkle with parsley.

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20TH ANNUAL MSSA TUNA-MENT JUNE 26 - 28, 2009

Heaviest Tuna Division

1st Place
Walt Donaldson
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2nd Place
Dale Dirks
59.7 lbs.
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3rd Place
Frank Large
55.7 lbs.
\$3,550

King Mackerel Division
None Weighed

Bluefish Division
Combined weight,
3 Heaviest fish

1st Place
Joseph Jones
27.6 lbs.
\$630

Dolphin Division
Combined weight -
3 Heaviest fish

1st Place
Tom Weisman
45.1 lbs.
\$855

Wahoo Division
None Weighed

**20 Boats Entered
Total Award Money - \$16,433**



During the 20th Annual MSSA Tuna-Ment, angler Greg Walczak of Mt. Laurel, NJ landed this 132.5 lb. bigeye tuna to win 1st place in the Heaviest Tuna Division. Greg was fishing on the "Clear Shot" with Bob and Doug Walczak of Mt. Laurel, NJ, Rich Willets of Flanders, NJ, Steve Auld of Furlong, PA and Capt. Bill Kneesi. The bigeye, along with 3 yellowfin tuna and a dolphin, were caught in 150 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. The MSSA recognized Walt Donaldson as the winner of the division since he paid 100% of the entry fee for the boat even though he did not fish. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



Glenn Orr of Severna Park, MD released a white marlin while fishing on the "Marli" with Craig Flowers of Sparks, MD, Bob Weaver of Baldwin, MD, Jake and Mike Dahl of Joppatowne, MD, Misty Morgan of Frederick, MD, Kenny Harlow of Leesburg, VA, Capt. Brian Porter, Capt. Josh Ruskey and Mate Rich Tshudy. The group also caught 3 yellowfin tuna and 3 dolphin during the trip, with all fish caught on trolled ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.




Butch Brooks, Jr., Bill Betts and Butch Lloyd of Newark, DE, Lou Perna from Ocean View, DE, Chris and Sammy Diebold of Northeast, MD and Paul Perna from Odessa, DE ended their day with 2 yellowfin tuna, 7 dolphin and a white marlin release after fishing on the "Jade II" with Capt. Butch Brooks, III and Mate Heath Berger. The fish were all caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in 500 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon. Note to Capt. Butch - time for a new white marlin flag!



On Saturday morning, Karen McAlister of Carlisle, PA was drifting over the flats north of the Thorofare when she hooked into this 25-inch, 6 lb. 3 oz. flounder. Karen was fishing on the "Endless Line" with her husband, Jef McAlister and used minnows for bait.

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Jackson Tacka of Catonsville, MD was drifting a minnow and squid combination at the Hole in the Wall when he hooked into this 18.5-inch flounder. Photo courtesy of Bahia Marina.



Jake Lefenfield, John McNerney, Jay Mandle, John Hornick, Kevin Twilley and Jason Cantwell caught 6 yellowfin tuna while fishing south of the Poor Man's Canyon aboard the "Let-Er-Eat" with Capt. Josh Twilley and Mate Bryan Hazard. The yellowfin were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars and tipped the scales at up to 35 lbs. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

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David Ruta, Jr. of Landenburg, PA caught 3 tautog, weighing up to 5 lbs. 13 oz. while fishing with green crabs at Reef Site #8. Weighed at Rattle & Reel Sporting Center.



Members of the "Down Lo Spearfishing Team" had a great day out at Fenwick Shoal, returning with triggerfish, spadefish and tautog. Pictured on the dock at the Talbot Street Pier are Chris Toth, Steve Doctor, Dean Lo, Matt Temple and Chris Mizurak.






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24 More Subway Cars Sunk at Redbird Reef

The DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife's Artificial Reef Program today oversaw the sinking of another 24 New York City subway cars at Delaware's largest and most popular artificial reef, Redbird Reef.

The subway cars are being sunk to expand the capacity of the reef, enhance fisheries habitat, and increase fishing and diving opportunities for thousands of recreational anglers and divers who visit the site each year.

This is the third subway car sinking in recent months, with 44 cars sunk in March and again in April, and 39 cars sunk earlier this month. According to Jeffrey Tinsman, reef program manager with DNREC's Fisheries Section, the lower number of 24 cars sunk today "keeps all cars on one level in order to test

whether this affects durability of the cars."

With the total surface area of the cars at more than 2.5 million square feet, Redbird Reef supports a marine life community up to 400 times richer than the natural bottom. Subway cars make ideal reef material, because voids and cavities in the cars' structure provide the perfect sanctuary for reef fish.

In the Mid-Atlantic region, the ocean bottom is usually featureless sand or mud. Within a few weeks, blue mussels, sponges, barnacles and soft corals attach to the structure, and in about a year, the reef will be fully productive, resembling natural habitat.

Today's operation was carried out by the marine transportation division of Weeks Marine, Inc., a worldwide towing and barge operator contracted by MTA New York City Transit, which also completed the car cleanup to remove all greases and

buoyant materials that might be harmful to the marine environment. The operation was funded by MTA New York City Transit. DNREC's role was to oversee the placement of the subway cars at the reef.

The addition of 24 subway cars brings the total number of sunken subway cars on Redbird Reef to 997. Since the reef was first created in 1997, a variety of materials have been deployed at the site including the subway cars, decommissioned barges, commercial vessels and tugboats, military vehicles and 6,000 tons of ballasted truck tire units.

Redbird Reef is now more than 1.3 square nautical miles of ocean bottom located 16 nautical miles off the coast of the Indian River Inlet. The reef supports more than 13,000 angler visits per year, up from fewer than 300 in 1997.

For more information, visit <http://www.fw.delaware.gov/Fisheries/Pages/ArtificialRe>

efProgram.aspx or contact Jeff Tinsman, Delaware Reef Program administrator, at 302-739-4782.

NMFS Determines Shortfin Mako Approaching Overfished Status

The National Marine Fisheries Service has determined that overfishing is occurring on shortfin mako and that the stock is approaching an overfished condition.

The respective council or Secretary, within 1 year, must prepare a Fisheries Management Plan, amend an existing Fisheries Management Plan or propose regulations to end overfishing and rebuild the stock.

For more information on the determination, you can go to the NOAA website www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/breaking_news.htm.



Jay Schopher, Casey Gardzielik, Ron Cornell and Glen Pandor, all from Aston, PA had a good day fishing on the "Reel Naughty" with Capt. David Walker and Mate George Lamplugh. The anglers caught 8 yellowfin tuna and a dolphin in 100-150 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. All of the fish, in addition to the 34 yellowfins released, were caught on Walker rigs and spreader bars. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On Friday, the crew on the "I-Cart-Er" ventured out to 600 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon and returned with 2 yellowfin tuna and 4 dolphin, all caught on trolled ballyhoo. Fishing with Capt. Allen Carter and Mate Brian Riley were George Robertson, Eddie Campbell, Pat Connolly and Kevin Hastings, all from Salisbury, MD, Rob Brown from Eden, MD and Brian Taylor of Hebron, MD. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina in West Ocean City.

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With water temperatures on the rise, triggerfish are starting to show on ocean structure, as shown by the 3 lb. 8 oz. triggerfish caught by Linda Bennett on the "Lil' Angler" with Capt. Chet Harer and Mate Brent Wiest. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks. I hope everyone had a great Fourth of July weekend.

Fishing was very productive in the back bays and inshore sites. The results from the Rick's Bait and Tackle Flounder Tournament are:

1st place - Wes Grove 5 lbs. 4 oz.

2nd place - Kevin Ludwick 3 lb. 8 oz.

3rd place - Tom Wise 3 lb. 4 oz.

We hope everyone had a great time.

For the July 4th weekend we held an Inshore Tournament together with SeaSide Gas and Grill. Scott Fluharty took 1st in the Flounder Division with a 6 lb. 9 oz. flattie. In the Bluefish Division, Ken Smith won the bragging rights and the money with a 9 lb. 2 oz. fish. The Sea Bass award went to Jackie



Larry Burkins of Georgetown, DE took advantage of a good flounder bite on ocean reefs, boating this 6.42 pounder on a squid and shiner combination. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

Robinson with a 1 lb. 13 oz. fish. Mike Haas took the Tog Division with 3 lb. 14 oz. wreck dweller. Once again we hope all involved had a great time. For all you offshore guys, be sure to get in on the Offshore Tournament that runs July 23, 24 and 25. The categories are marlin, tuna, dolphin and wahoo. This contest again will be a combined effort of Rick's Bait and Tackle and Sea Side Gas and Grill.

Other catches this past week include Joe Vascuglia of White House Beach, who caught a 39-inch, 21.75-pound striper. Ridge Larak landed a 5 lb. 14 oz. weakfish while fishing in the Indian River Inlet on the "KAJA". Tom Breen and daughter Kelly Blizzard of York, PA caught 5 flounder weighing up to 5 lbs. while fishing the "Old Grounds" using minnow and squid for bait.

In the Pot-Nets Flounder Tournament, Ron Soltes and Chuck Cook are tied for the

lead with flounder weighing 6 lbs. 2 oz.

Offshore fishing has been on the slow side. Dominick Davis of Wilmington, DE captured a 15 lb. dolphin while fishing Massey's Canyon on the "Pro-Dog" with Dave Pruitt at the helm.

For those of you in need of some squid or nightcrawlers after most shops are closed you can stop at the Giant Grocery Stores in Long Neck, in Rehoboth on Route 1, or the Millville store. Rick's Bait and Tackle is supplying these stores with bait, rigs, crabbing supplies, and some combos.

Some of our reporting stations gave us the following fishing reports:

Bill at Bill's Sport Shop said that Roger Gross was on the "Reel Hard" south of the Poorman's Canyon, and caught 25 yellowfin tuna with one keeper. Ron Dawson caught a citation striper at 21.1 lbs., 39" long on a white Zoom at the Indian River Inlet.

Bobby from the Pier called and said they are catching a lot of spot. A few croakers are showing up including a couple keepers.

After hearing rumors of puppy drum being caught at Massey's Landing, Bill Jr. fished with clams and came away with a nice sized triggerfish. Sean Kane of Rehoboth brought a 32.5-inch, 17.67 lb. striper to the scales after fishing in the Indian River Inlet using eels for bait.

At Rattle & Reel Sporting Center on Long Neck Road, Ron told us that there are a lot of flounder and sea bass being taken around the "DB" Buoy area on squid and minnows. The flounder action in the Rehoboth Bay and Indian River has been really good with more keepers being caught. Minnows, squid, GULP! and triggerbait have been working well. The guys have been fishing the triggerbait on bucktails or spec rigs.

Bert Adams at Hook'em & Cook'em Bait and Tackle at the Indian River Marina reports plenty of flounder in the Indian River Inlet. A few nice stripers are also being caught on live spot. The headboat "Judy V." is finding lots of sea bass and some flounder fishing in the ocean. The sea bass are thick at the Old Grounds and along the Buoy Line, but it is tough finding the keepers.

Offshore action consists of dolphin up to 22 pounds and small yellowfin tuna from the Baltimore to Poor Man's Canyons. The "Undertaker" caught yellowfin tuna of 45 and 55 pounds while fishing the Norfolk Canyon.

At Henlopen Bait and Tackle on Savannah Road in Lewes, Dan reports good action on the slot stripers in the Broadkill River and Lewes Canal until excessive boat traffic shut them down. Flounder action in the same areas was also good until the boat traffic had the same effect. The Delaware Reefsites are starting to produce more flounder activity. Action on the beaches has been slow according to Dan.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said artificial reef structures yielded good

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numbers of flounder during the week. In the Delaware Bay, sites 6, 7 and 8 proved productive. Plenty of flounder came from sites 10 and 11 in the ocean as well. Drift conditions had a lot to do with success rates. With wind and tide together, boats traveled too fast to effectively work the bottom. In that scenario, some crews found that anchoring was the ticket. Casting bucktail jigs tipped with shiners, cut bait or Gulp! up current and walking it over the rubble worked well from a stationary vessel, when you couldn't catch anything during a fast drift. Captain Chet on the "Lil' Angler II" is a proponent of anchor fishing for fluke, and has had good success, as evidenced by last Sunday's trip when his guys decked 11 keeper flounder. They also had 27 triggerfish, including Linda Bennett's 3.52 pounder.

Flounder specialists, the Walker family and crew, enjoyed fine action while working the reef sites this past week. They had limit catches varying from 12 to 24 flatties each day. Some of their bigger

fish included Joe Walker's 6.95, and 6.31 pounders along with a 6.76 pounder for Joe Walker, Jr. Bobby Bryant had a 6.6 pounder, and Larry Burkins caught a 6.42-pound fluke.

Bottom structure changes between "DB" and "DA" Buoys held fluke too. Flounder also continued to come from shallow water. Frank Lenihan landed an 8.02-pound doormat in the Lewes Canal. Sand bottom near the Ferry Jetty was good, and guys casting jigs tipped with minnows, shiners and Gulp! along the rocks of the Inner and Outer walls caught some nice flounder. Joey Fiorentino nailed a 5.23 pounder using a Gulp! grub in less than three feet of water along Broadkill Beach on Sunday morning.

Bottom bouncers had croakers between the Shears and the Star Site, and on the Broadkill Reef. Clams, bloodworms and Fishbites were favorites of the hardheads.

The opening of a slot-size season offered the opportunity for striper fishermen to take home two striped bass between

20 and 26 inches per angler per day until August 31. The season applies to Delaware Bay and it's tributaries only. The 28-inch minimum is still in effect for ocean coastal areas and Indian River Inlet. Anglers can retain rockfish in the Lewes Canal from the Route 9 Bridge to Roosevelt Inlet, and in the Broadkill River. Rock responded to eels, clams, bunker, and a variety of artificials including plugs, jigs and soft plastics. Boaters casting to the Inner and Outer Walls caught stripers too.

Tog season re-opened as well, and blackfish were reported from the Inner and Outer Walls and Ice Breakers. Wrecks and reefs gave up tautog too. Water temperatures have risen, and triggerfish were mixed in.

Tuna action that had been good, cooled off. When it was still happening last Sunday, Angelo DeLapo and crew returned from the 461 Lump with three yellowfins from 38 to 42 lbs. and a 14 lb. dolphin. During the week, other boats fishing in the Poor Man's

July 8, 2009 Coastal Fisherman Page 31 reported scattered catches of gaffer dolphin, makos and several trollers told of hookups and bite offs from blackeyes. There seems to be more makos around this year than in the past, and they're still hanging out in twenty fathoms. Michael and David Walker had a 190 lb. mako at The Sausages.

There's a lot of life in thirty fathoms, with whales, porpoises, birds, baitfish and bluefish all along the line. However, the initial shot of bluefins seemed to push on through the area. But, it looks like more are coming. Joe said he had scattered reports of bluefin bites at Massey's, and he had customers check in a nice bluefin they caught at the 26 Mile Hill off Wachapreague on Friday. Those fishermen said all the boats trolling around them were hooked into tuna too, so we should see more bluefins soon.

Until next week, have fun and be safe!

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The crew from the "Reel Naughty" returned to the scales at Sunset Marina with this 190 lb. mako shark and a dolphin. The mako hit a bluefish fillet outside the Twin Wrecks. Fishing with Capt. Steve Moore and Mate David Walker were Mike Walker of Boothwyn, PA, Pat Sheeky of Aston, PA, Steve Moore of Selbyville, DE, George Lamplugh of Glen Mills, PA, Jerry Cuff of Marcus Hook, PA and Yogi McCabe of Boothwyn, PA.

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We haven't seen a lot of large bluefish being caught in the bay, but Eddie West of West Ocean City, MD caught this 8 lb. chopper while fishing at night off of the Rt. 50 Bridge using eels for bait.



This group of anglers had a great time on the "Bay Bee" returning to the dock with 7 keeper flounder and a triggerfish. The fish were caught on squid and shiner combinations with most hooked at the sunken barge located just off the South Jetty. Fishing with Capt. Bob Gower and Mate Tyler Adkins were Marsha Klaus-French of Columbia, MD, Dellon White of Jessup, MD, Ryan and Cole Truitt of Owings, MD, Brady Walsh and Brady Sasdelli of Saybrook, CT, Perry Plank of Gettysburg, PA and Bill Fortney of Ocean Pines, MD. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Michelle Cousineau captured her first dolphin, a 20 pounder, while fishing on the "Jo Jo" with Capt. Chris Watkowski and Mate Tony Congialdi. The crew also landed a 14 lb. dolphin and a couple of yellowfin tuna.

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Past the Breakers

by Sam Kilgore



"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" - Proverbs 22:6

This was a familiar quote that my parents drilled into my head throughout my childhood. Every time I heard that scripture, it got my full attention, not because I was interested in learning, but because it meant that I was in trouble! It was not until my

wife and I had our second child that I was able to comprehend the powerful positive energy this advice carries.

My grandfather (Gramps) was a hard worker and had little patience for a wild and unpredictable 10 year old grandson. Many times he attempted to teach me the value of hard work. My mind would wander and my attention was easily distracted. I had absolutely no interest in learning how to trim hedges, cut grass or work on his car engine. If anything, I would find myself concentrating on how I could get out of work. He recognized my inattention. I began to complain and it was decided that "laziness" was to blame. This was unfortunate because deep down, I really wanted his approval.

I do not remember the first time Gramps took me fishing. I remember numerous occasions when I finally felt his sense of his approval. We had found a common interest and it was fishing! Gramps seemed to have transformed himself from a gruff, no-nonsense and intimidating man into my fishing buddy. He loved showing me pictures of fish he

had caught long ago and telling me stories of "the one that got away". He gave me a few dried black drum scales, which were the size of quarters. He taught me how to tie my first fishing knot, how to sharpen hooks and many excellent techniques he had learned on his own. He gave me my first fishing rod and an old tattered magazine with pictures and descriptions of various species of fish found along the Atlantic coast.

Once we had found our common ground is fishing, while he did his yard work I was allowed to sit on an old wooden bench and practice making fishing rigs. I would make plans and even form my own (11 year old) techniques that would surely be the best way to catch even the biggest fish. We would often plan fishing trips days in advance and I was committed to go, no matter what activities were offered by my friends.

Surf fishing requires patience and to a kid who is accustomed to instant gratification, initially this was a hard lesson to learn. However, it did not take long to understand the value of patience after being rewarded

with an excellent catch. I learned that if I did not pack enough food for a long day on the beach, I would get hungry. If I did not bring an extra pair of clothes, I would be miserably cold after an unexpected wave soaked me from head to toe. Out of all of the important things I learned from fishing with my Gramps, they were minimal compared to the time we spent talking, laughing and eventually building a very unique friendship.

It is unfortunate that television, various gaming consoles and even computer programs have replaced much valuable quality time parents and children could be spending together. These mind numbing-devices are entertaining to the child and convenient for the busy parent. Eventually, that child becomes an immovable object that has little interest in anything other than sitting on the couch. Before parents realize it, friends become the next major influence and since that child is still searching for approval, may be willing to do anything to get it from anyone. The child is vulnerable while seeking approval which puts them at risk. By this time, parents start to realize that their child may be headed in a negative direction, and in an attempt to correct the behavior, become the enemy. All societies have their own "mother culture", however, in America this seems obviously subtle.

Many years have passed since I was able to fish with Gramps, but those memories continue to make me smile. I hope to pay him back by doing my best to teach others how important it is to search for a common interest with your children. From my experience with my Gramps, my Dad and now as a Father to my own children, the beach is an excellent place to start looking.

Sam Kilgore is an avid surf fisherman and administers AtlanticAnglers.com, a free, family friendly website devoted to helping anglers learn all aspects of fishing.

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Lester McCrobie of Severna Park, MD, Walt Layton of Columbia, MD, Tim Dunne of Columbia, MD, Danny Wilcom of Frederick, MD, John Homick from Edgewater, MD and Michael Scott of Stevensville, MD ended their day with 5 yellowfin tuna and 4 dolphin after fishing on the "Instigator" with Capt. Dave Wentling and Mate Josh Wentling. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo at the tip of the Washington Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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David Russell caught this 43-inch dolphin while trolling east of the Jackspot with David Russell, Sr. and Jeff Owens. The dolphin hit a ballyhoo with a black and blue skirt in 71.9-degree water.



Kenny Schoen of Roxanna, DE, Bill Taylor of Pocomoke, MD, Ed Cook of Townsend, DE and Joe Gezymalla of Brunswick, OH tore the flounder up, catching 12 keepers in the bay near Harbour Island. The fish were caught on Assateague Tackle Deadly Double flounder rigs tipped with shiners, squid, minnows, flounder belly and Gulp! artificial baits.



Robby Preston from Freeland, MD (left) caught a 21-inch weakfish while fishing on the “Morning Star” with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder. Mike caught himself a 24.5-inch flounder while Don Messina of Berlin, MD landed a triggerfish. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



EMERGENCY CALLING AND YOUR VHF

As VHF communication was designed to be used, anyone who is in imminent danger on their boat is supposed to call the Coast Guard on channel 16. The procedure to be followed is to say "mayday, mayday, mayday" and then state the following:

- This is (name of your vessel)
- Your call sign or other identification such as registration or documentation number
- Your exact location
- A description of your boat
- The number of persons on board
- The precise nature of your problem

Any special problems

In recent years, another helpful system has been developed to help those in need of assistance and it is referred to as DSC or digital selective calling. All VHF radios manufactured today are required to have this feature. You will see it on your VHF as a red window that is marked "distress". This is not to be confused with another button on the radio that may be marked DSC. Although broadly referred to as DSC, they actually perform two distinct functions, one being the distress call in an emergency and the other being a means of communicating back and forth between selected vessels or groups of vessels.

In order for the system to work as designed, you must apply to the FCC for your

unique identifying number known as your MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity). This can easily be done on-line at the following address: <http://www.boatus.com/mmsi>. If you do not currently have an "FRN" (federal registration number), you will be instructed to get one first. It is free and only takes a few minutes. You can proceed to the FCC License Manager page at <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsEntry/licManager/login.jsp> to obtain yours. Then go to the Boat US site to get your MMSI number that will need to be programmed into your VHF radio. There should be instructions in the manual that came with your radio telling you how to do this. A simple connection between your VHF and your GPS or loran will complete the electronic and paperwork components for the system to operate fully functional.

Once that is complete, you have both distress and digital selective calling available to you. If you have an emergency, you should lift the cover on your radio marked "distress" and push and hold the button for five seconds until you hear a confirmation tone that your call has transmitted. Your call is sent over channel 70 to any available DSC compatible radio within range of your vessel. Your radio waits to hear an electronic acknowledgement on

channel 70 from a coast guard station. After the acknowledgement is received, your radio automatically switches to channel 16 and you can proceed to talk to the Coast Guard with details of your problem.

The improved feature of this system is that the Coast Guard has already automatically been sent your MMSI number, along with your precise location and the information about your vessel. In the event that you cannot communicate for long or at all, the Coast Guard has all the necessary information to proceed with a search and rescue mission.

The other feature of DSC that is considered a convenience rather than a safety item, is the selective calling. You can preprogram your VHF with several DSC ID's along with their names of other boats that you normally wish to communicate with and the VHF channel you wish to use for that communication. They can also be separated into groups of numbers. Using your non-emergency DSC button, you can selectively call one or more vessels. The VHF will use channel 70 just as before but the signal will only go to the boat(s) you select. The VHF will again wait for the received acknowledgement and will then switch to the channel you selected when you programmed that person's boat into your VHF.

Some VHF have the ability to monitor two channels independently so that you can "stand by" on channel 70 for DSC calls while operating on another channel. Using DSC is actually not difficult once you get it set up and understand its operation. For more precise details on setting up and using DSC on your own radio, you should consult your operator's manual. If you have a radio with BSC, please take the time to put its features into effect. If you ever have to use them, you'll be glad you did.

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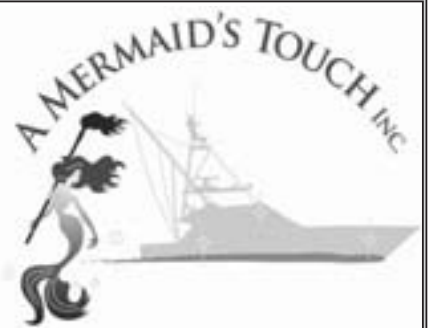
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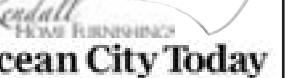
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Chum Lines

by Mark Sampson



A bunch of years ago one of my clients (known locally as "Hurricane Murray") latched into what proved to be a mako of about 500-pounds. Soon after hook-up, the fish jumped and we realized what we were dealing with, so I began to rig the flying gaff which prompted Murray to speak up and say, "You won't need that, I'd like to release this shark."

My mate and I were shocked; at that point in our

career it would have been the largest mako landed on our boat and one that we knew that 99% of our clients would have died to bring back to the dock. But Murray said "release" so I put the gaff away and rigged the tag stick instead. Four and a half hours later I planted the tag in the back of a true once-in-a-lifetime fish.

Murray was able to make the decision to release rather than keep that fish because he put rational thought before his own ego. Murray knew that the shark would provide more meat than his group could use, that the meat of a really large fish isn't usually much to brag about anyway, and that day he just wasn't into killing a big old shark. For Murray those reasons took precedence over the 15-minutes of fame he'd receive from having his picture and name splashed across the fishing papers - good for him! And to be honest with you, when we tagged that shark and set it on its way, my mate and I realized the pride and satisfaction of knowing we'd been a part of a fishing experience few anglers will allow themselves to know. Not a lot of people can say they've caught such a fish and even

fewer have intentionally released them.

The reason to keep or release a fish varies widely from boat to boat and angler to angler. For some, any legal fish is going to end up dead in the fish box, while others habitually take a lot into consideration before wielding the gaff. They'll consider the edibility of the meat because whether by size or by species some fish simply aren't very good to eat. Also, even though they may be "legal", sometimes the size of the fish can still end up being too small or too large on an anglers "ethical" scale. And sometimes the timing of the catch can be wrong, such as with vacationing anglers who may not have a place to properly keep fish fillets or steaks until they can get them back to their freezers at home. Putting a little thought into what you decide to keep or release is the difference between a real sport fisherman and someone who just wants to get some blood on the deck and his ego stroked back at the dock.

I find it interesting how anglers sometimes justify keeping fish that they know should probably be released with lame excuses to mask the truth that they just wanted to throw a fish up on the dock at the end of the day. At the weigh station one evening a friend told me that normally he would have released such a small (75-pound) mako, but it was his son's first, so he felt he had to keep it. He made it sound as if releasing that fish would have somehow minimized his son's accomplishment. So, instead of learning a great lesson about the reasons for practicing catch-and-release, I guess that day his son got the message that it's OK to shift your ethics to suit your own needs.

A better example of a ridiculous excuse was a couple years ago when a fellow brought in a similar size mako and said that he only kept it because it was the first mako caught on his new boat. I suppose the "boat" would have been very upset if the fish was released!

Some of the most confusing

examples of ethical standards being thrown out the window occur during big-money billfish tournaments. On any given day of the summer, if someone were to bring in a white or blue marlin for no other reason than to eat it, they'd be lynched by fellow fishermen who are passionately opposed to anyone boating billfish. The hypocrisy of it all is that most members of such a lynch mob would jump at the chance to bring in billfish if the catch could earn them money in a tournament.

On one hand they attest that it's best that a species be released for conservation reasons, on the other hand they figure it's alright to kill the fish if they can make money on it - talk about selling out your ethics! And some of those same folks are very quick to bash commercial fishermen claiming that they "catch up all the fish for profit." It's really kind of crazy when you think about it!

Now before anyone gets the wrong idea, for what it's worth, I'm not suggesting that there's anything wrong with bringing in billfish for tournaments or boating other fish that are legal and meet ethical standards. I do, however, take issue with anglers who seem to turn their morals on and off to suit the moment or the audience. I'm a black-and-white kind of guy who figures that if a fish is too small (or too large) to keep, then that's it, and regardless of the angler's personal issues the fish should be released - period! Similarly, if a fisherman thinks it's OK to bring a marlin (or other fish) in for a chance to win a million bucks then he shouldn't get all fired up and in the face of a weekend-angler who brings one in to put a little meat on the table.

When it's time to make that life-or-death decision for an 80-pound white marlin, a 45-inch striper, a 500-pound mako or any other size or type of fish, anglers will never go wrong if they listen to their conscious rather than their ego.

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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Tautog 	March 15, 2009 Capt. Kane Bounds "Judith M" 19 lbs. 8 oz.	May 3, 2009 Bill Gable "#1 Hooker" 14 lbs. 10 oz.	Thresher Shark 	June 19, 2009 Brent Applegit Fingers 642 lbs.	NEW July 1, 2009 John Kazem "B" Buoy 376 lbs.
Striped Bass 	May 17, 2009 Donald Hatfield Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 8 oz.	May 13, 2009 Derek Bair Indian River Inlet 35 lbs. 6 oz.	Cobia 	June 26, 2009 Ray DelFera East Channel 12 lbs. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported
Weakfish 	May 16, 2009 Chris Tilghman Rt. 90 Bridge 7 lbs. 8 oz.	May 24, 2009 Isaiah Ross Broadkill River 6 lbs. 8 oz.	Bluefin Tuna 	June 26, 2009 Jacob Lambert Massey's Canyon 165 lbs.	June 28, 2009 Collin Johnson "MEGA-BITE" 180 lbs.
Speckled Trout 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna 	June 23, 2009 Bryan Davido "That's Right" 52 lbs.	June 8, 2009 John Horning "Fish Whistle" 34 lbs.
Flounder 	June 26, 2009 Adam Zarfoss East Channel 7 lbs. 15 oz.	June 20, 2009 Butch Brooks Indian River 10 lbs. 13 oz.	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefish 	June 27, 2009 Mike Osifat Poor Man's Canyon 13 lbs.	May 24, 2009 Troy Schifflett 12 Fathom Lump 13 lbs. 13 oz.	Bigeye Tuna 	June 27, 2009 Scott Pringle "Press Time" 210 lbs.	June 21, 2009 Doug Rinicker Poor Man's Canyon 102 lbs.
Sheepshead 	June 11, 2009 Tassos Argyros Barn's Table Wreck 11 lbs. 4 oz.	No Weights Reported	Dolphin 	May 21, 2009 Chuck Dammann "Restless Lady" 30 lbs.	May 24, 2009 Ron Frank "Da Chief" 19.6 lbs.
Black Drum 	No Weights Reported	May 22, 2009 Anthony Lano Coral Beds 82.3 lbs.	Wahoo 	NEW July 3, 2009 William Wildbergh Poor Man's Canyon 27.6 lbs.	No Weights Reported

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Ed Hurley of Lewes, DE caught this 3 lb. 6 oz. flounder on a live minnow in the Roosevelt Inlet. Weighed at Henlopen Tackle.



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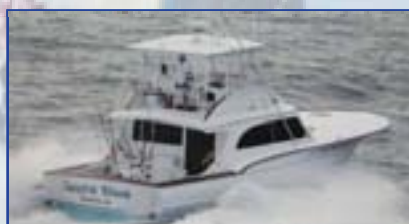
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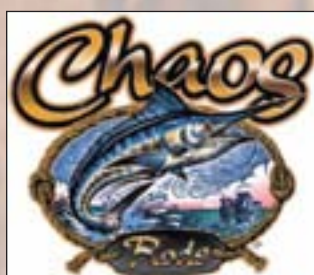
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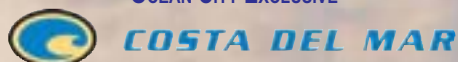
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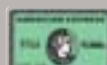
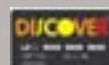
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Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball



The Independence Day weekend should have offered some explosive fishing. The weather forecast was good, and the fish were biting.

Cobia catches are constant this week, with fish to over 60-pounds boated. Many cobia are free-swimming on the surface, where sight casters are having good luck. Boats chumming on the shoals are also faring well. The Inner Middle grounds and Latimer Shoal are providing good catches of live croakers, eels, and cut bait.

The flounder action is looking up with limits of keeper fish becoming more common. Anglers are pounding the Bay Bridge Tunnel and other lower bay structures, mostly with live bait and jigs. Live spot is

working well near structure, while 2-ounce jig heads adorned with shad-style plastics are a good choice for jigging around the piling bases. Strip baits are also producing some decent fish. Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets are also giving up some catches of keeper flatfish lately. Andrew Reid of Virginia Beach scored with an 8 lb., 10 oz. doormat near the CBBT on a live spot this week.

The Spanish mackerel scene is a hot topic right now. Folks trolling the Virginia Beach shorelines are finding good limits of Spanish mackerel and a smattering of Tailor bluefish. Small silver and gold spoons weighted with in-line sinkers will do the trick in anywhere from 18 to 30 feet of water. King

mackerel are next. Anglers continue to report sightings of kings skying and crashing on bait.

Spadefish are pretty much everywhere right now. The Chesapeake Light Tower and the CBBT are giving up good numbers of decent fish, with a few exceeding 9-pounds. The Cell area is still the best area for the largest fish.

Tautog are also back in the picture, with anglers beginning to show some interest. Tog are available along the structure of the CBBT, and on most inshore and nearshore wrecks. According to the folks at Ocean's East 2, the best tog bite is at the High Rise lately.

Sheepshead anglers know that fish are hitting in select areas along the CBBT right now. Lots of patience is the secret to a successful sheep trip. Some boats are finding dozens of willing fish, with most topping the 10-pound minimum size requirement for a state citation. Clam and fiddler crabs work well for both tog and sheepshead this time of year. A good showing of trigger fish in the same areas are also keeping things interesting.

Although red drum are becoming more elusive, a few big reds are still taking baits intended for cobia on the Nine Foot Shoal area. Black drum continue to bite around the artificial islands of the CBBT, where anglers are hooking an occasional fish while casting grubs and shads.

Puppy drum are active in the lower Bay inlets and along the HRBT. The Fishing Center reports that spot showed up inside Rudee Inlet. Croaker are an easy target throughout the Lower Bay, with some fish

pushing 1.5 pounds near the Bay Bridge Tunnel and the Cell. The flurry of anglers rushing into Oyster is an indication that hardheads made their debut in their back waters, where tarpon sightings should also come soon.

Amberjack are a good bet at the Southern Towers and some offshore wrecks such as the Triangles, and the Ricks and Hanks wrecks. Live bait is working well, while jigs are also a good alternative bait. Most reports indicate the jacks are on the smallish size, with a smattering of larger fish around.

Deep droppers are still finding plenty of nice tilefish, wreckfish, and blackbelly rosefish. The new pending state record blueline tilefish was caught this last week by Kenny Bowe, while deep dropping with his son Lance and his buddy, Mike Atkins, near the Canyon edge. The fish was weighed in at Chris' Bait and Tackle at a whopping 20 lbs. 10 oz.

Plenty of nice sea bass are available on the nearshore wrecks as well as structures to around 30-miles out.

The offshore season is offering some good options. Billfish are starting to show, but the yellowfin tuna action is claiming the most attention. Plenty of yellowfin ranging up to 65-pounds are making a good presentation near the 300-line along the 100 fathom curve. Bluefin tuna are also adding to the menu, with fish ranging to over 100 pounds biting near the south east Lumps and the Fingers. A few big eye tuna, gaffer dolphin, wahoo, and mako sharks are also in the mix.

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Tim Edstrom of Ashburn, VA (center) hooked into this 24-inch flounder while drifting a squid and shiner combination on the west side of the bay, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Tim, pictured with his dad, Dave Edstrom, and friend, Thomas Jones, was fishing on the "Pony Island Express" with Capt. Ken Roach and Mate Matt Graves.




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William Wildbergh traveled all the way from Dallas, TX and wound up winning 1st place in the Wahoo Division of the Canyon Kick-Off. William landed the 27.6 lb. wahoo while fishing on the "Tunavision" with Tom Kinkoph, Bill Stern, Karen Stern, David Long (not pictured), Capt. John Timmons and Mate Terry Murray. The wahoo hit a Black Bart lure in 75 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon where Capt. John reported water temperatures hovering around 71-degrees.



First place in the Yellowfin Tuna Division of the 27th Annual Canyon Kick- Off was won by the team on the "Jo Jo" with a 49.8 pounder caught by Gary Jones of Pasadena, MD. Gary was fishing with Marty Whitehurst, Sue Congialdi, Niki Congialdi, Capt. Chris Watkowski and Mate Tony Congialdi. The yellowfin hit a spreader bar trolled in 70 fathoms at the Poor Man's Canyon and was worth \$2,100 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



The big winner in the 27th Annual Canyon Kick-Off was the team on the "Playmate" who took 1st place in the Billfish Release Division and 2nd and 3rd place in the Dolphin Division. Dudley Campbell of Forrest Hill, MD released the first white marlin in this years tournament while trolling ballyhoo in 1,000 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. Frank Mattes, Jr. of Ocean City, MD caught a 19.2 lb. dolphin to win 2nd place in the Dolphin Division and Glen Heitmann of Rockville, MD landed an 18.2 pounder to win 3rd place. The "Playmate" had Capt. Frank Mattes at the helm and Capt. Willie Zimmerman and Mate Justin Hart in the cockpit. The team took home \$20,513 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On the final day of the 27th Annual Canyon Kick-Off, Tom Wisniewski of Salisbury, MD muscled in this 143.2 lb. bluefin tuna to win 1st place in the Bluefin Tuna Division. Only Tom and Capt. Chris Wisniewski were on the "Hammer Down" when the big bluefin hit a trolled, skirted ballyhoo in 18 fathoms at the Lumpy Bottom. The "Hammer Down" team won \$3,600 for their 1st place finish. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

27th Annual Canyon Kick-Off

July 3-5, 2009



BILLFISH RELEASE DIVISION

(ties broken based on time of catch)

1ST PLACE

Dudley Campbell
"Playmate"
1 white marlin
\$11,838

2ND PLACE

Laura Burton
"Par Five"
1 white marlin
\$1,572

3RD PLACE

Dave Augustine
"Lisa"
1 white marlin
\$0

DOLPHIN DIVISION

1ST PLACE

Matt Keeney
"Brenda Lou"
20.8 lbs.
\$1,050

2ND PLACE

Frank Mattes, Jr.
"Playmate"
19.2 lbs.
\$8,675

3RD PLACE

Glen Heitmann
"Playmate"
18.4 lbs.

winnings included above

WAHOO DIVISION

1ST PLACE

William Wildbergh
"Tunavision"
27.6 lbs.
\$0

2ND PLACE

None

3RD PLACE

None

YELLOWFIN TUNA DIVISION

1ST PLACE

Gary Jones
"Jo Jo"
49.8 lbs.
\$2,100

2ND PLACE

Stephen Schwing
"Fish Whistle"
49.4 lbs.
\$14,850

3RD PLACE

Rob Robinson
"Sea Witch"
47.8 lbs.
\$2,515

BLUEFIN TUNA DIVISION

(Winner Take All)

1ST PLACE

Tom Wisniewski
"Hammer Down"
143.2 lbs.
\$3,600

2ND PLACE

Chip Voorhees
"Tighten Up"
124.0 lbs.
\$0

3RD PLACE

Dave Toxie
"Tighten Up"
92.4 lbs.
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On the second day of the Canyon Kick-Off hosted by the Ocean City Marlin Club, Matt Keeney of Lititz, PA landed this 20.8 lb. dolphin and held on to win 1st place in the Dolphin Division. Matt was fishing on the "Brenda Lou" with his dad, Bob Keeney, Capt. Frank Goodhart and Mate David Conner. The 1st place finish was worth \$1,050 in award money. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



In the 27th Annual Canyon Kick-Off, Chip Voorhees from Ocean City, MD captured this 124 lb. bluefin tuna to win 2nd place in the Bluefin Tuna Division. Chip was fishing on the "Tighten Up" with Chuck Metz, Mark Miller, Jay Keller, Capt. Keith Robinson and Mate Greg Mercer. The 60-inch bluefin was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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Rob Robinson of Girdletree, MD caught this 47.8 lb. yellowfin tuna to win 3rd place in the Yellowfin Tuna Division of the 27th Annual Canyon Kick-Off. Rob was fishing on the "Sea Witch" with Joe Sbriglia, Phil Snyder, Ryan Onley, Capt. Frank Murphy, Capt. Tom Mullray and Mate Jay Quidley. The "Sea Witch" crew won \$2,515 for their 3rd place finish. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Stephen Schwing of Catonsville, MD caught this 49.4 lb. yellowfin tuna to win 2nd place in the Yellowfin Tuna Division of the 27th Annual Canyon Kick-Off. The yellowfin was caught on a spreader bar in 100 fathoms at the Washington Canyon while fishing on the "Fish Whistle" with Capt. Charlie Horning and Mates Josh Beall and Walt Schrade. The "Fish Whistle" team won \$14,850 for their 2nd place finish. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



In addition to winning 2nd place in the Bluefin Division of the Canyon Kick-Off, the team on the "Tighten Up" also took 3rd place honors with this 92.4 pounder caught by Dave Toxie of Kent Narrow, MD. Dave was fishing with Jay Keller, Chip Voorhees, Ted Ruberti, Scott Money, Phillip Keller, Capt. Keith Robinson and Mate Greg Mercer. The bluefin ate a trolled ballyhoo at the Lumpy Bottom and was weighed at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City.



Second place in the Billfish Release Division of the 27th Annual Canyon Kick-Off was won by the team on the "Par Five" with 1 white marlin release. Angler Laura Burton released the white marlin while fishing with Trish, Nick and Ginny Rodriguez, Mohamed Fazil and Capt. Charlie Rodriguez. The white was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. Pictured is Trish Rodriguez accepting the 2nd place award from Marlin Club President Franky Pettolina.

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Rick Sank muscled in this 170 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Predator" with Zeke Conover, Wes Kane, Jim Zulick, Brian Reyes, Kenny Kane, Jose Reyes, Capt. Lynn Schwartz and Mate Jamie Bachtal. The mako ate a mackerel in the Poor Man's Canyon and was weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Sean Kane of Rehoboth, DE landed this 32.5-inch striper while drifting an eel in the Indian River Inlet. The striper weighed 17 lbs. 11 oz. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.



David Dodds ventured down from Pennsylvania and caught this 35-inch striper while using bunker at Cape Henlopen State Park. Photo courtesy of Henlopen Tackle.

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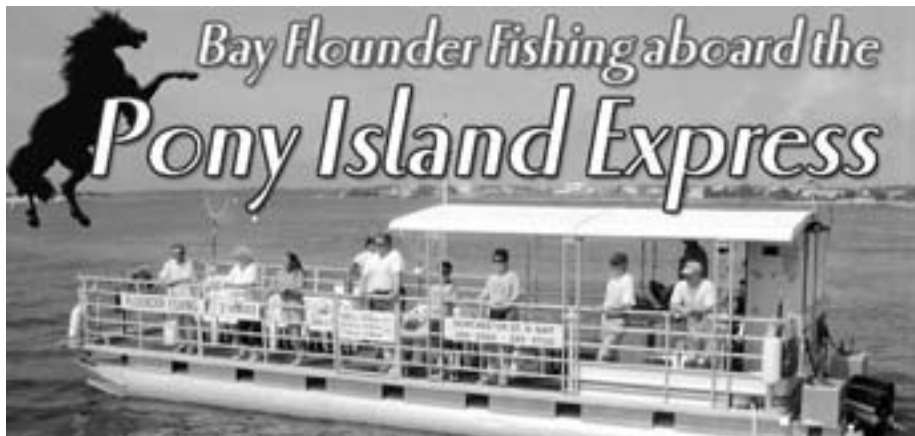
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A man with short brown hair and a light blue t-shirt is holding a large, dark-colored fish, possibly a sea bream, with both hands. He is standing in front of a white lifebuoy-shaped sign that reads "SPORT BILLS SHOP" in black capital letters. The background shows shelves stocked with various items, including clothing and fishing gear.

It looks like the “Lewes Harbour Stretch” has found its way to Bill’s Sport Shop. David Sullivan of Darlington, MD captured this 5 lb. 6 oz. flounder, measuring 24-inches, while drifting a squid and minnow combination in the Indian River Inlet.



Zachary McMenamin, age 9, of Rehoboth Beach muscled in this 17 lb. 7 oz. dolphin while fishing on the "Boy's Toy" with Capt. Tommy Gessler and Mate Frank Gessler. The mahi attacked a trolled, skirted ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon.



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Dave Guinto, Jr. of Hampstead, MD (second from left) hooked into this 232 lb. mako shark during a trip aboard the "Wizzy" with his dad, Dave Guinto and Don and George Lorden of Baltimore, MD. Just as their chum ran out, and they were getting ready to pull in their lines, the mako ate a mackerel bait at the Fingers. The group also landed 2 dolphin and released a dusky shark during the trip. Weighed at Ake Marine in West Ocean City.

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Matise was fishing with John Jewer when she captured this 20-inch flounder in the bay behind Ocean City, MD. John is part of a group of twenty other boat owners who volunteer their time to the Believe in Tomorrow Children's Foundation.



Alex and Evan Floegel caught some nice triggerfish while fishing on the "Judy V". The fish were caught on salted clams and sand fleas. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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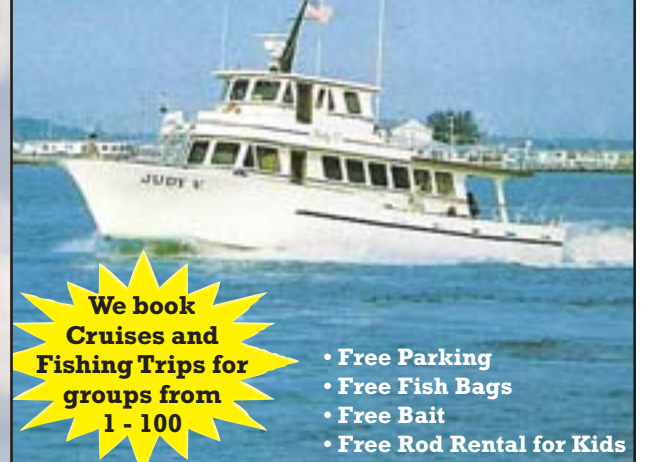
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Rich "The Knife" Silvani took a break from covering for Tucker Colquhoun on the "Morning Star" and boated this 15.5-inch, 6 lb. 8 oz. spadefish. The fish was previously tagged north of the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay on a shipwreck.

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Jonathan Hastings caught this 163 lb. thresher shark while fishing at Reef Site #11 with John Hazzard and Kevin Beam. The anglers were fishing on the "Reel Consultant" when the thresher ate a whole mackerel. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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20th Annual Ocean/Viking Showdown

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Candy Man ~ 27 Albemarle Express. Twin 350 Volvo fresh water cooled straight IBs. Tower, rigged to fish or cruise. Many new upgrades in 2007. Call Steve



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