

This is the time of year when historically, striped bass can be found migrating up the coast, and it looks like they are right on schedule. Last week, the striped bass bite off the beach on Assateague Island really heated up and Donald Hatfield of Sykesville, MD was there to capture this 52-incher while using a bunker head for bait. The big striper, a personal best for Donald, weighed in at 45.5 lbs. on the scales at Buck's Place on Rt. 611.

## **Double Lines**

by Dale Timmons



Got word last week of the passing of another member of the resort fishing community, Capt. Scott Waltemeyer. I first met "Scottie" when he was working on the "Robin's Nest" many years ago, and he has worked the cockpit and helm of several other notable Ocean City vessels since then. Boats like the "Waterdog" and the "Pumpin' Hard" come to mind. One of the highlights of his career came in 2004, when he was in the cockpit of the "Reel Toy" during the White Marlin Open. The boat won the blue marlin division that year with an 895-pound slob, the second largest blue ever caught in the tournament. It was one of the few times I ever saw Scottie really smile. I think the overused term "colorful" could apply to

Scottie, who had a dry sense of humor, though he could be a little surly at times. I always got along fine with him, however, and he had a reputation as an excellent fisherman, which I think is how he would like to be remembered. To borrow a phrase, Scottie just didn't suffer fools lightly. I guess you could say Scottie was his own worst enemy, but he was another unique piece of our little fishing world, and it won't be the same without him. I hope he rests in piece, with a cold cocktail, a fresh pack of cigarettes and a big blue one coming into the baits now and then...

The minimum size for flounder in Maryland coastal bays is 18 inches, with 18.5 in

Delaware and 19 in Virginia. So why are so many of us still using little tiny hooks for flounder fishing? I think the mindset came in the seventies, or maybe the early eighties, whenever the first Kahle, or widegap, hooks made their way over from England (or so I've heard, at least). Somehow we got it in our heads that we had to use a #2, #1 or #1/0 Kahle hook for flounder. Perhaps because there were no size limits, or very few, at least. A summer flounder, however, has a fairly large mouth, and they can be very aggressive feeders. An 18-inch can engulf flounder relatively large bait, with a big hook included. I have caught 15-inch flounder in the surf on an 8/0 hook with a big chunk of mullet meant for red drum. When I was a boy, I remember through going grandfather's old tackle box, the flounder and rigs consisted of large double spinner blades with big red beads above huge long shanked Pacific Bass

O'Shaughnessy hooks. They weren't fishing for little flounder in the 1940s, even though they could keep all they could catch. Nowadays, small hooks will only get you more gut hooked small flounder that swallow the hook, and how many of them survive? On Assateague Tackle flounder rigs, I normally use a 3/0 Kahle hook, the exception being on my Delmarva Double rig, which uses 2/0 Octopus hooks, though I may even change it to 3/0 hooks. The rigs I tie for my own use will have a 3/0 or even a 4/0, and if I am flounder fishing down around the Bridge-Tunnel, I may even go to a 5/0 wide gap. If I am fishing live bait such as spot or finger mullet, I normally use a 4/0 stainless wide gap or a 4/0 Gami octopus circle hook. A friend of mine who is an excellent flounder fisherman actually prefers a 5/0 stainless steel wide gap hook, even when fishing the local coastal bays.

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Dean Lo, mate on the "Angler", was doing some fun fishing with Capt. Chris Mizurak when he hooked into these two nice flounder on the flats, north of the Thorofare. The largest flounder weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and measured 26.75 inches. The "smaller" fish measured 24 inches and tipped the scales at 4 lbs. 15 oz. Both fish were caught on live minnows.



Jeff Kukel and Jeff Anderson, both from Ocean Pines, MD ventured out to the Twin Wrecks for some sea bass and to the Bass Grounds for some tautog. The heaviest tog, caught on a green crab, weighed 12 lbs. while the largest sea bass weighed 3 lbs. 14 oz. after being hooked on a strip of squid. Pictured at Ake Marine.

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The first weakfish we have seen caught this year came at the hands of Rich Bell of Baltimore, MD. Rich was flounder fishing in the bay behind Assateague Island, down by the airport, when the 19-inch weakie struck his minnow.



Mitch King of Frankford, DE was fishing at night in the Indian River Inlet when he caught this 37-inch striper on a 5-inch Storm lure. The fish weighed 18 lbs. 8 oz. on the scales at Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle in Fenwick Island, DE.



At the time this issue went to press, Tom Bailor of Dagsboro, DE sits in first place in the Bill's Sport Shop Flounder Tournament that runs until June 12th. Tom's flounder measured 28-inches and weighed in at 7.34 lbs. If Tom holds onto first place, he will win \$1,000 in award money. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.



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You won't catch as many throwbacks with larger hooks, but you won't lose as many big fish when you hang one on a larger hook, either. If part of the reason we have such large minimums is to protect the smaller fish, it doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me to gut hook them with small hooks and throw them back to die...something to think about...

I ran across a discussion on the Internet concerning a bill now before Congress that would redefine the meaning of "waters of the United States." Senate bill 787, introduced by Senator Russ Feingold, would essentially change the definition dropping by waters" "navigable include "all waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, the territorial seas, and all and intrastate interstate waters and their tributaries, including lakes, rivers, streams (including

intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, natural ponds, and all impoundments of the foregoing, to the fullest extent that these waters, or activities affecting these waters, are subject to the legislative power of Congress under the Constitution.". In other words, even if you owned a farm pond on your private property it would instantly become the property of the federal government, even though you would still have to pay taxes on it. The states would lose jurisdiction over inshore waters as well, the way I read it, and who knows what kind of a jurisdictional mess this would create when it comes to fisheries and fisheries laws enforcement. If you want to see more, go to YouTube and look for "The Great Water Heist." This bill is a bad one, and I encourage you to let your senators know that it shouldn't pass...

I have to take a little more space to congratulate another friend of mine, Allen Sklar, who took a 50-inch, 45-pound striper from the Assateague Island surf last week. Allen is on the beach most days by daybreak, and he puts in a lot of hours, with a lot of fishless days that no one hears about, so I am glad his persistence paid off for him with yet another beautiful fish...

Also want to congratulate Rolfe Gudelsky of the Ocean City Fishing Center and his new bride Ioana on their recent wedding. Rolfe was breathing a little hard and looking a little abstract in the weeks leading up to the event, but I'm sure he made out fine, and I wish them many years of happiness...



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Capt. Ted Moulinier on the "Indian" showed his crew how it's done, capturing these two tautog during a trip to the Broadkill Slough artificial reef. The tog weighed 8.5 and 9.5 lbs. on the scales at Lewes Harbour



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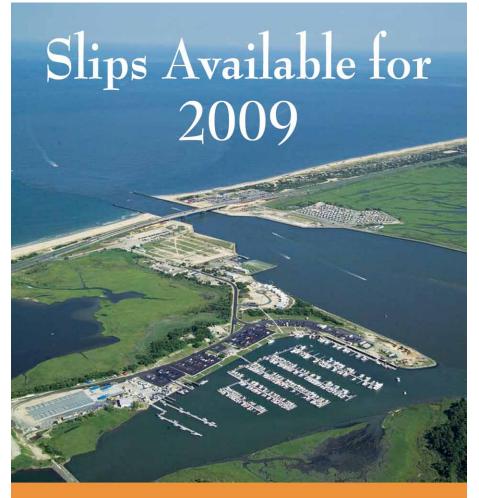
On Friday, the "Angler" took a 12-hour trip and Larry Jibbs of Prince Georges County, MD landed these two sea bass, weighing 4 lbs. 12 oz. and 5 lbs. The fish were caught while using clams for bait at the Jackspot.



Kevin Flaherty and Scott Bucka used clams to capture these black drum in the Broadkill Slough. The drum weighed in at 58.5 and 65 lbs. on the scales at Lewes Harbour Marina.

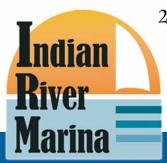


Derek Bair of Lewes, DE muscled in this 46-inch striped bass after it hit a Storm lure in the Indian River Inlet. The fish weighed 35.4 lbs. on the scales at Bill's Sport Shop.



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# Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock

This past week is a tough one to describe. On one hand, there weren't a lot of fish caught, but there were some really nice fish brought to the docks.

Speaking of nice fish, how about that 52-inch striped bass caught by Donald Hatfield off the beach on Assateague Island. That was just one of a bunch of stripers big landed Assateague over the last week and a half. Allen Sklar beached a 51-incher and Scott Cooper landed a beautiful 44-inch linesider. In addition, other fish in the upper 30-inch range were caught by surfcasters, primarily on bunker heads. This is the time of year when the big stripers migrate up the coast towards their summer grounds off New York and New England, and the bite typically only lasts a couple of weeks.

Black drum, skates and sharks were also caught by surfcasters with boomers hooked on chunks of clams.

Also on Assateague, the reports of bluefish showing up came in this weekend. Anglers have been crushing bluefish off Hatteras, and everyone wondering when they were going to arrive in our local



The heaviest flounder we have seen caught in Ocean City so far this year was captured by Scott Peters of Bishopville, MD. The flattie measured 30-inches and weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. Scott was fishing at his undisclosed "honey hole" aboard the "Gretchen Ann", using live minnows for bait. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

> waters. Reports of bluefish off the coast of New Jersey had many anglers scared that the choppers had passed us by. It looks like this may not be the case. Henry Busby caught a 13 pounder off the beach in Bethany and reports came in

about snapping blues in the Inlet and around the Rt. 50 Bridge. Bluefish can be caught on practically anything from fresh bait to metal jigs. These fish will give you a tremendous fight, especially on light tackle. A lot of anglers will use a wire leader to protect against bite offs. I've always used a little heavier mono leader and it has worked out fine. Remember to check your leader after each catch since bluefish can really chafe your line, causing problems with future hook-

Local headboats continue to have good trips targeting tautog and sea bass. "Judith M" returned on Friday with an especially productive trip and laid some really nice tog on the dock at Bahia Marina (check out the picture on page Mike Whiter from Northridge, CA continued to hook into big tog, coming back with a pair of 16 pounders. Also on this trip, Dennis Muhlenforth landed a 5 lb. sea bass. Capt. Kane Bounds had his anglers parked on ocean wrecks in 55-degree water.

Anglers are having good results by using green crabs for tog bait and strips of squid and clams for sea bass. If you can't get a hold of any green crabs, don't be afraid to use the Gulp! Alive Peeler Crab or Sandflea artificial baits. They work really well, much to the amazement of one particular local headboat captain. A final comment on tautog, effective May 16th the creel limit in Maryland was reduced to 2 per person, still with a 14-inch Tog fishing in minimum. Delaware is closed until June 30th and until June 24th in

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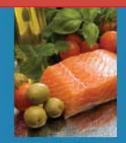
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SUNDAY, April 26, 2009: A few flounder were caught today, both up by the Rt. 90 Bridge and also down in the South Bay behind Assateague. Water was surprisingly clear.

Black drum and striped bass were caught by surfcasters off Assateague over the weekend. Anglers had to week through sharks and skates.

SATURDAY, April 25, 2009: Decent flounder fishing in the bay. The "Bay Bee" had 5 keepers on their morning trip with the largest measuring 19.75 inches. All were caught in the South Bay on the troll, with shiners and squid for bait. In the afternoon, the "Bay Bee" had 3 keepers with the largest measuring 23 inches. Same location and bait.

FRIDAY, April 24, 2009: Went striper fishing in the Chesapeake Bay today on the "Playmate" with Capt. Willie Zimmerman. Had a fantastic day! We caught 9 fish, kept 5. Fish were FAT and measured between 36 inches and 44 inches. Had to throwback a 42 incher since we already had our limit. Trolled umbrella rigs and mojos in the bay between Solomon's Island and Hooper's Island. It was a blast!!! Here's the great part. Capt. Willie will now pick people up at Rippons Seafood & Marina on Hooper's Island on the Eastern Shore. That is only 1 hour and 45 minutes from Ocean City, MD. A far cry from the 4 hour car ride to Solomon's. This definitely makes the trip worthwhile, not to mention that you will be fishing on a 60-foot Custom Carolina boat If you want to take advantage of this fishery (which is hot right now) and only have to make a fairly short car ride, then you can call Capt. Willie at 443-370-7144.

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Scott Brady reeled in this 22 lb. 8 oz. black drum while fishing on the "Indian" with Capt. Ted Moulinier. The drum took a clam bait in the Broadkill Slough and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Steve, Roger and Scott Hoffman, all from Ocean City, MD had a great day flounder fishing on the "Just Add Sauce". The guys ended their day with 7 flatties in the box (6 pictured), all caught on Gulp! swimming mullets in the bay behind Assateague Island. Scott caught the heaviest fish of the day, weighing in at 5 lbs. 12 oz., taking the family's "Top Flounder Fisherman" title away from his brother Mike. Roger and Steve's heaviest fish both weighed in at 3 lbs. 12 oz. and were caught at the top of the high tide.

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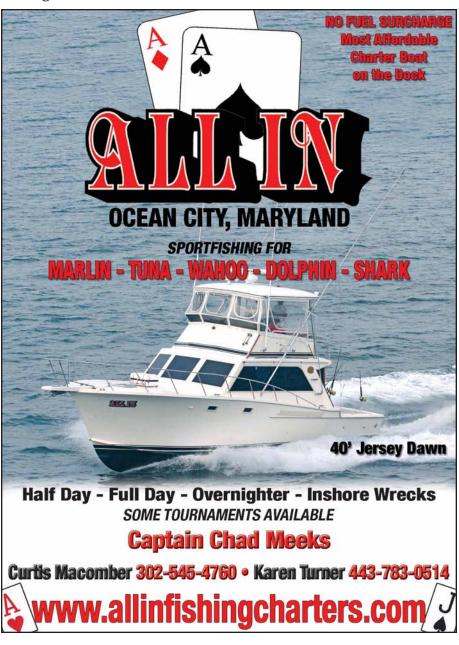




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Ray Halfen, Jesse Coulbourn and Ray Halfen, Jr. took advantage of a good black drum and striped bass bite off Assateague Island. The guys caught 3 stripers over 40-inches and 3 black drum over 25 lbs., all while using clams for bait.





Nathan Krebs took the trip down from York, PA and was rewarded with this 36-inch striped bass, which he released. The fish, a personal best, was caught on a bunker head while surfcasting off the shoreline in Bethany Beach, DE.



Caleb Myers of Ocean Pines, MD used a double minnow set-up to fool this 19-inch flounder while fishing in 30 feet of water in the Thorofare.



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Virginia.

Other ocean wrecks that produced good catches were Russell's Reef, the African Queen and the Subway Cars dropped at the Jackspot. It is so encouraging to see the Subway Car Reef already producing nice catches of sea bass. With more cars scheduled to be dropped in the next 12 months, Ocean City Reef Foundation's system of reefs will only get better. The cost to join the organization and receive a set of reef charts with coordinates is only \$25. You can join by calling 410-208-0064 or by visiting their website at www.ocreeffoundation.com.

In our local bays, flounder fishing was sporadic this past week with bad weather and dirty water keeping most flounder fisherman at the docks or searching for keepers. Until the weekend, water temperature in the Inlet ranged between 60 and 70 degrees, spiking on the high tide. Over the weekend and into Monday morning, water temperature dropped down a few degrees into the upper 50's.

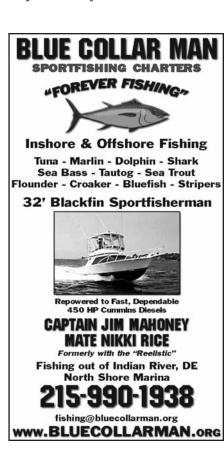
The largest flounder caught in Ocean City so far this year was landed by Scott Peters. The 30-inch flattie weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was caught on a minnow at an undisclosed location. Early in the week, when weather was the spectacular, Roger, Steve and Scott Hoffman headed to the bay behind Assateague and ended up with 7 keepers. Scott landed the largest flounder, weighing in at 5 lbs. 12 oz. Interestingly, all of the fish were on Gulp! caught Alive Swimming Mullets. Steve showed me his rig which consisted of a three-way swivel where he dropped down about 12 inches to his sinker. Off the swivel, Steve ran a 6-foot leader to a 1/0 flounder hook (kahle). He left a little tag end on the knot to his hook and pushed the Gulp! bait up and over the tag end to help secure it on the hook.

Hot spots for flounder continue to be in the bay behind Assateague near the airport and further south near the duck blinds. A few fish were also caught on the flats, north of the Thorofare. Larry Moist caught a nice 21-incher on the flats using a minnow & Mister Twister combination.

The most interesting catch in the bay last week was not the largest fish by any means. On Wednesday, Rich Bell of Baltimore, MD caught the rare and elusive weakfish, a 19incher in the bay down by the airport. I say this with tongue in cheek, since it is a rare occurrence to see a weakfish, or gray trout, landed in our local waters. When I was a kid fishing in the Delaware Bay, that was all we went for and it was a rare day when you came back empty handed. In my opinion, it would be great to see a moratorium placed on catching these fish to see if the stock would rebound in the same way as the striped bass fishery.

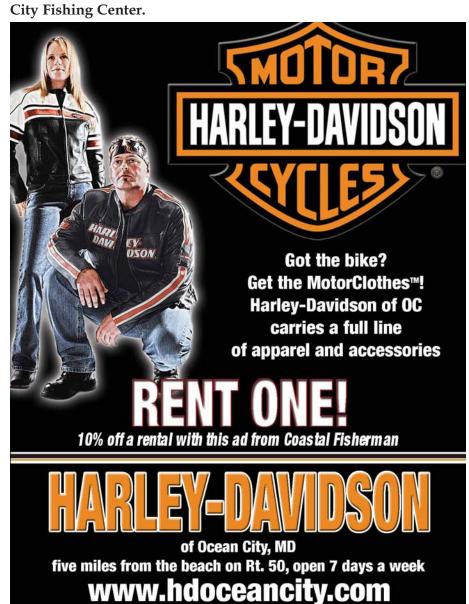
The first Ocean City tournament isn't until the Mako Mania Shark Tournament on June 5th-7th. However, if you are a flounder fisherman looking for some tournament action, Lewes Harbour Marina in Lewes, DE holding their annual Flounder Tournament Friday, May 22nd. Joe always puts on a good tournament, so it would be worth the 45 minute drive.

That's all for this week. I hope to see you at the scales.





Larry Lewandowski of Lewes, DE captured this 10 lb. 2 oz. tautog while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Rich Silvani. The toothy tog was hooked on a chunk of clam at a natural reef. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



# **Driftin' Easy**

by Sue Foster



"I'm going fishing in the surf. I hear there are stripers! Are there bluefish? What should I use and how should I rig up?"

Everyone was excited to "hit or miss." One thing is for sure, if you aren't out there

hear of big stripers in the surf over Mother's Day Weekend. A good striper run can last a few weeks at best, and whenever anglers are dealing with BIG fish, the action can be



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standing on the beach with a surf rod either in your hand or in a sand spike, you aren't going to catch them!

#### "What's the difference in fishing for stripers and fishing for bluefish?"

Most surf anglers in Ocean City are familiar with catching bluefish. They use finger mullet either cut up in chunks or fished whole on a finger mullet rig. Anglers almost always use a rig with a Styrofoam surf float next to the hook. When fishing for stripers, most anglers ditch the float, use a circle hook, and use a heavy-duty top-andbottom rig, a fish finder rig, or a rig made with a heavy-duty 3way swivel. What size hook you use depends upon the bait. The most popular bait is

"What is bunker?"

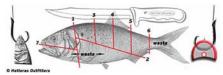


Bunker is a big oily fish, also called menhaden. It is often sold fresh, though it can be bought frozen or filleted and salted.

#### "How do you cut it up?"

Anglers in the summer months fillet off a side and cut it into strips or small pieces for smaller fish. But in the spring and fall, there's a chance of hooking into a 10 to 30 pound striper. You want a good chunk of bait to better your odds to catch a big fish. Rather than fillet the bunker, anglers cut it up into chunks. Cut out the belly and guts, and save the belly meat to make strips for flounder or bluefish. Take the dark upper portion of the bunker, and cut it all the way through the bone into chunks. Hook the chunk by going in one side of the chunk through the skin, and out the other side, through the skin. If you leave

the belly meat on, the guts will wash out, and the belly portion will flap around in the current and cause resistance. If the current is strong it may dislodge your sinker and wash to shore. You also can't cast it as far if it is flapping around in the wind!



#### "What about baiting a whole head?"

The whole head is one of the best "big striper" baits there is. It stays on the hook a long time. Even if there are crabs out there, they can't get it off the hook. If the bunker head is large, the angler cuts off the lower jaw and inserts the hook in the mouth and out the tough part of its snout. Cutting the lower jaw cuts down on the weight when casting. Smaller bunker heads can be simply hooked through the eyes. Be sure to use a large hook when baiting a whole head. Always make sure your hook point is clearly outside of the bait. If you try to bury a hook in the bait, you will miss the "hook up!" Anglers use a size #7/0 to #10/0 circle or Octopus style hook. If you are only using the heads, you can leave a little body meat.

"What's the best rig to use?"



The simplest rig is best. A fish finder rig slid up on your line for your sinker. A good heavy barrel swivel with some 50 to 100 pound test leader attached to a good sharp hook. You don't need a long leader. In fact, Dale Timmons of Assateague Tackle Company makes a great rig with a short leader called a Red Drum and Striper Rig.

An Eagle Claw Lazer Sharp Circle hook #9/0 with a 310

pound Stainless Steel Swivel on 100 pound mono with beads and fish finder included is good to use with a large chunk of fresh bait for large fish.

#### "Is it over-kill?"

Well, when I was writing my fish report last week I was looking at some fishing forums online. Here's some excerpts.

"...Line was in the water for 10 minutes and my pole goes off. Fought for about 3 minutes and got my first of the year, a nice healthy 34" 15-pounder. As I was pulling it out the wash my swivel broke in two! Managed to get the fish though."

"....and he lands another 34".... I dragged the line out of the water and the knot broke at the swivel in the wash but we managed to get it before the waves came. Talk about luck...."

I see this all the time when reading fish reports for anglers catching big fish in the surf. Swivel failure... knot failure... rods being ripped out of the sand spikes and going in the ocean... So even though your rig can be simple, make sure it is made out of strong materials! Pulling a 10 to 30 pound fish up on the beach puts a lot of strain on your rig, hook, and line.

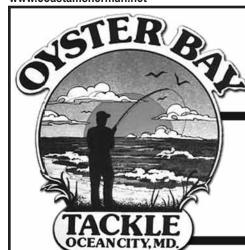
### "What pound test should I

Most anglers use at least 20 pound test monofilament or 40 to 50 pound test braided line. Many use a shock leader of 30 to 40 pound test that wraps around your spool 3 or 4 times. Be sure you tie a good knot when securing your shock leader or "poof!" there may go your striper!

#### "Will finger mullet work for stripers?"

Lots of anglers in Ocean City like to use finger mullet because they are so used to fishing for bluefish. Finger mullet work fine. You can cut down on the hook size and go with about a #3/0 to #5/0circle or bait holder style hook. Bait holder style hooks are also good for using bloodworms and clam which are also good striper baits.

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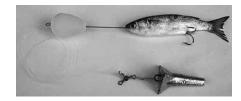
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#### Page 16 Coastal Fisherman May 20, 2009 Driftin' Easy continued:

Instead of using a whole mullet rig as you would for bluefish, cut the mullet in half and hook it through the head. Then if the bluefish start biting, drag out the mullet rigs and



catch some blues as well!

# "I don't know whether to fish for stripers or blues?"

Take two rods and fish for both! Put a whole bunker head on and throw it out and set it in the rod holder. Be sure to set your drag. Then take another rod and put on a finger mullet on a whole "finger mullet rig" and either set it in the rod holder or hold it in your hands. When you are fishing with a whole head, you are strictly fishing for stripers or sharks. So if Mr. Striper doesn't come along, you could come up empty.

"What's the best tide?"

So many people like two hours on either side of high tide that's it is almost like a "rule of thumb." Thev sav themselves, "I can't go fishing until the tide is right." But many stripers are also caught at low tide. Or in the morning... or right at dusk... or just any ol' time. Stripers are coming out of the rivers and moving into the ocean. Sometimes they come close to shore to feed, while other times they move out too far to catch one. You just GOT to be there. Don't wait for the perfect tide and the perfect weather. (Actually stripers like it when it's a little turbulent!) Look for a cut or slough on the beach that looks fishy.

Then, when you have the time, and you can hold bottom in the surf, GO FISHING!

Good fishing....

Sue Foster is an outdoor writer and co-owner of Oyster Bay Tackle in Ocean City, MD and Fenwick Tackle in Fenwick, DF



Bluefish have been scarce so far this year, but Henry Busby of Coatesville, PA managed to hook this 37-inch chopper while fishing from the surf in Bethany Beach, DE. The bluefish weighed an even 13 lbs. on the scales at Fenwick Tackle.

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On Friday, the "Judith M" headboat took a special 12-hour tautog fishing trip and returned with some big tog and sea bass. The fish were all caught on green crabs in 55-degree water on offshore wrecks. Fishing with Capt. Kane Bounds and Mates Anton Postnikov and Serge Garder were Mike Whiter of Northridge, CA, Joe Trombetta of West Ocean City, MD, Chase Eberle of Bel Air, MD, Greg Williams of Forest Hill, MD, Dennis Muhlenforth of Hockessin, DE, Mark Casey of Wilmington, DE and Angelo Ruvio of North Haledon, NJ. Mike Whiter took top tog honors with a pair of 16 pounders, while Dennis Muhlenforth caught the largest sea bass, weighing an even 5 lbs. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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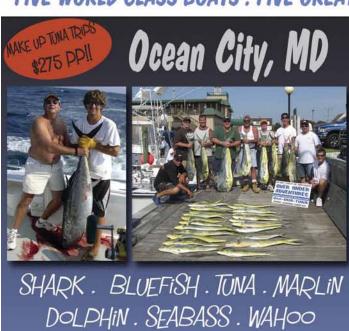


Dillan Bromwell of Newark, DE reeled in this 8 lb. 10 oz. tautog during a trip aboard the "Judy V." with Capt. Ed Wheedleton. The tog was hooked at the Coral Beds on a green crab. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



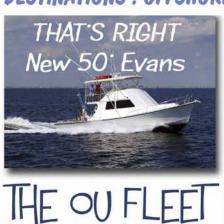
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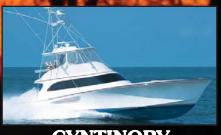


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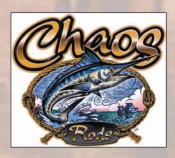
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4 sea bass fillets

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 lemon, zested and juiced Few sprigs thyme, leaves removed

4 cloves garlic, smashed 1 cup fresh parsley leaves

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Pulse the bread in a food processor to get slightly coarse breadcrumbs.

Coat a casserole dish just large enough to hold the fillets with 1 TBSP butter.

Place the fillets in the dish and season with salt, pepper, lemon zest and juice, and thyme leaves.

Melt the remaining 1/2 stick of butter in a large skillet with the smashed garlic.

As soon as the butter starts to bubble, turn off the heat and let the garlic infuse the warm butter.

Remove the garlic chunks from the butter.

Add the breadcrumbs and lightly toss until all the butter has been absorbed.

Turn the heat off, stir in the parsley and season, to taste, with salt and pepper.

Spread layer a breadcrumb mixture over the top of each fillet and bake for 12 minutes breadcrumbs are golden brown and fish is cooked through.

If you would like to submit your favorite seafood recipe for publication in "The Galley" you email can coastalfisherman@comcast.net or mail it to Coastal Fisherman, Mama Jock's Galley, 12748 Sunset Ave., Ocean City, MD 21842.

# The Galley

by Mama Jock

#### **Panko-Crusted Flounder** and Bow Ties

4 flounder fillets

1/2 cup Italian seasoned panko bread crumbs

1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. pepper

1/2 lb. bow tie pasta

1 container brussel sprouts, trimmed and halved

3 TBSP olive oil

4 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped

1/8 red pepper flakes

1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 450 degrees.

Bring large pot of water to

Coat a broiler-safe baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Place fillets in pan, skin side down, and coat lightly with cooking spray.

Season fish with 1/4 tsp. of salt and pepper. Sprinkle 2 TBSP. panko crumbs over each fillet.

Bake 10 minutes.

While fish is baking, boil bow ties for 4 minutes.

Add brussel sprouts; cook 5 minutes. Drain, reserving 1/2 cup of the cooking liquid.

In a large skillet, heat olive oil over medium-high heat.

Add garlic and red pepper flakes and cook 30 seconds.

Add bow ties, brussel sprouts, reseved cooking liquid and remaining 1/4 tsp. of salt.

Cook 1 minute until heated through.

Stir in cheese.

Turn oven up to broil.

Run fillets under broiler for 1 to 2 minutes, until browned and crisp.

Serve with bow ties on the side.

Serves 4

#### **Grilled Fish Provencal**

2 tsp. finely grated lemon zest

1 tsp. dried Italian seasoning

1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes

1/4 tsp. anise seed, crushed

Salt and pepper

1 small sweet onion, thinly

6 small zucchini, thinly sliced

4 striped bass fillets

1 large tomato seeded and chopped

1/4 cup plus 2 TBSP extra-

Top with tomato, drizzle with oil.

Place four 14-inch squares

Dividing evenly and place

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onion on one half of each square, leaving a 2-inch border,

followed by the zucchini;

Top with fish and sprinkle

season with salt and pepper.

Fold foil over ingredients; crimp edges to seal.

Place packets on grill.

Cover and grill until fish is just cooked through 10 to 12 minutes.

Remove packets from grill; open carefully and transfer fish to serving plates.

Serves 4

#### Creamy Rotini & Tuna

1/2 lb. piece of tuna fillet

1 box rotini pasta

2 cups half and half

2 tsp. cornstarch

1/4 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg

1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper

1 box (10 oz.) frozen peas, thawed

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

1/3 cup toasted walnuts, coarsely chopped

Heat oven to 450 degrees. Coat a small baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Add tuna to pan and bake for 12 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork. Keep warm.

Meanwhile, cook pasta following package directions.

Drain and return to pot.

While pasta is cooking, whisk together half and half, cornstarch, salt, nutmeg and cayenne.

Place in medium size saucepan and bring to a boil.

Simmer for 1 minute until sauce thickens.

Add peas and simmer until peas are heated through.

Remove from heat, stir in 1/4 cup of the Parmesan cheese.

Stir sauce into drained

Flake the tuna into bite size



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**TAUTOG** Until 10/31 14" minimum 2/person/day



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**BLUE CRAB** 5" minimum 1 bushel/person no more than 2 bushels per boat



**SUMMER FLOUNDER** 18" minimum 3 per person/day



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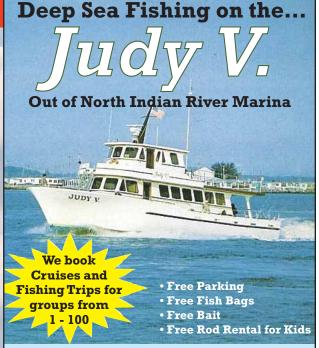
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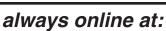
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# Past the Breakers

by Sam Kilgore



"Sam, they are here!" was all it took to get me on the beach one evening this past week. I had been receiving emails and reading a lot of great fishing reports online about successful anglers catching stripers from the surf, but hearing those four words from a good friend was like a shot of adrenalin. It did not take me long to pack up, stop to get fresh bunker, a few peeler crabs and before I knew it, I was kicked back in my anxiously chair beach watching every movement of three rod tips.

After about an hour, I saw a familiar truck bouncing down the beach towards me. It was a good friend of mine I had met a few years ago. He is someone who has always been very generous to me when it to sharing comes experience and knowledge about fishing. He had expressed many times that he was not interested in catching smaller fish; he wanted to catch the "big one". Before long he pulls his truck up next to mine for a quick chat before heading home.

With a hint of sarcasm, I asked him, "So, did you get that big striper you've been looking for?" To my surprise he calmly said, "yep... fiftyone inches". It took me a few seconds to comprehend what



This is the time of year for big stripers to move up the beach and avid surf fisherman Scott Cooper of Berlin, MD was there to catch this 44-inch striped bass after it was hooked on a bunker head while fishing off Assateague Island.

he had just said. "Fifty-one inches", I exclaimed, "that is your biggest striper, right?" Again, in a calm voice he said, "yep, she was a little on the skinny side, but I could tell she was a big fish right away". Then, with much anticipation, I asked him to recount the entire event. He politely answered my numerous questions and also told me about the other several large stripers he had caught and released over the past two

days.

After many "congratulations" and "you deserved it" I waved goodbye and he left me there to ponder what had just happened. My good friend had finally caught the "one fish" he had been looking for, the fish of a lifetime. Not only did he catch that fish, but he released it. Because of the incredible amount of respect he had for that old striper, he did not even take precious time to get a photo. I'm still not sure if releasing that fish was easy for him or it took an amazing amount of willpower. Either way, I am certainly impressed.

With the larger stripers currently being caught from the Delmarva surf, remember that it is very important to have respect for the fish you catch. There is absolutely nothing wrong with keeping your catch as long as it meets the size and creel regulations for that fish. However, if you

plan on releasing a large fish, do it quickly and safely. You have to realize this fish has just fought the battle of its life and now, being out of the water, it is unable to breathe. Quickly and safely remove the hook, gently pick up the fish and "cradle" it against your chest. If possible, have someone take a quick photo and then get the fish back into the water.

The best way to make sure the fish survives is to get into deep water submerge the fish in its natural swimming position. Then, while holding on to the base of the tail gently push and pull the fish back and forth to get the water flowing through its gills. If done correctly, the fish should "kick off" and swim through the breakers. If the fish goes "belly up", do your best to get a hold of the fish and try repeating the process. Always be aware of the waves, especially when concentrating on releasing a fish.

When surf fishing, having respect for your surroundings is very important and this includes respecting nearby anglers. There are many unwritten rules that surf fishermen live by and abiding by these rules can make a big difference to other anglers.

First of all, I believe most fishermen are superstitious in one way or another; however I think the quickest way to upset any experienced angler is to set up your fishing gear too close to them and their "fishing hole". Even though it may seem like common sense not to do this, some anglers have a hard time keeping their distance (especially when they just saw you catch a nice fish and then proudly pose for a picture). I have had anglers stop and set up their sand spikes within twenty feet of mine. Not only can this cause tangled lines because of wind or a strong current, it can also be very uncomfortable not knowing the casting ability of your new neighbor. Anglers in



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Allen Sklar of Bishopville, MD muscled in this 51-inch striper while surf fishing off the beach on Assateague Island. The big striper was caught on a bunker head and weighed 45 lbs. on the scale at Buck's Place on Rt. 611.

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Phone Number:
Date Fished:
Location Code (circle one): Atlantic Ocean 012 Assawoman Bay 001 Isle of Wight Bay 049 Sinepuxent Bay 084 Chincoteague Bay 033
Time Started: am/pm Hours Fished:
Number of Anglers:
Fished from (circle one): Shore Boat Pier Surf Charter
Fishing Method (circle one):  Bottom Fishing Drifting Trolling Casting Fly
Please tell us how you submit fish lengths to our survey

- (circle one): 1) Record fish lengths on paper during my fishing trip and submit later
- 2) Submit information from memory within 48 hours of my fishing trip
- 3) Submit information from memory 48 hours or more after my fishing trip

#### CATCH INFORMATION

Total # of Summer Flounder Kept: _	
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Total # of Summer Flounder Released:

For each trip, measure each summer flounder caught, kept or released, up to a maximum of 20. Place an "X" in the appropriate kept or released box for each summer flounder caught. <u>If you don't catch any flounder during your</u> trip, still complete the survey and mail to the Maryland DNR.

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**Past the Breakers continued:** 

general like to have plenty of elbow room. If you find yourself the one who has been encroached upon, it is likely because the other angler does not know any better. If you decide to talk to them try to be patient and polite.

Seagulls are very common on our beaches and you will almost always find them watching you in the distance. They are waiting for you to change baits and will be right behind you to scoop up the scraps. The problem occurs when anglers throw the old bait back into the wash. The birds will fly down to get the scraps and sometimes right into your fishing line. I have found just dropping the old bait will attract less attention than tossing it in direction. If you are fishing near someone, please do not dump your left-over bait into the water. The bait is likely to drift towards the other anglers and it will attract an unbelievable number of gulls.

Another commonly talked about annoyance occurs while surf fishing at night. Some anglers believe that bright lights, such as vehicle headlights, large fires and lanterns, "spook" the fish. There are many opinions on whether this is a superstition or a fact. Personally, I find it annoying when I have to reacquire my night vision

because of unnecessarily bright lights.

You may hear or read anglers advising others to turn off their vehicle's headlights while driving by someone's fishing area; however I feel this is very bad advice. Using headlights on beaches that allow vehicle access is a necessity at night. Depending on the beach, there can be many dangerous objects that are barely visible even with headlights on. I recommend using your low beams and trying your best not to point them directly towards another angler or the surf.

Instead of a large lantern that lights up your entire fishing area, I have found the use of a small headlamp very helpful. If you have a hard time seeing your fishing rods at night, you can get the bracelet style glow sticks and attach them to the rod tips.

There are various other "rules" but the bottom line is using common sense and being respectful. Not only will you be able to relax and enjoy your fishing experience, but you never know who you could be influencing.

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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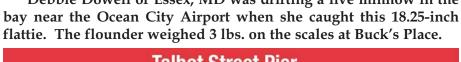
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Debbie Dowell of Essex, MD was drifting a live minnow in the







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# **Delaware Fishing Report**

by Rick Willman



Hi folks. Fishing continues to be fair-to-good and is still being hampered by the poor weather we have had this spring.

Flounder fishing in the back bays continues to be productive. Minnows, frozen shiners, squid, and GULP! are the baits of choice.

Striper action in the Indian River Inlet is good, mostly at night. Reports of some really big fish have been talked about and a few feeding frenzies have taken place that guys said reminded them of a bluefish blitz.

Delaware Bay black drum action is going on and if you have never tried it you should give yourself the chance to battle one of these fish. I like to call it Delaware Bay tuna fishing. These fish get big and pull hard. The difference between black drum and tuna fishing is that



Todd Manning and Brian Seglem were casting Bomber plugs to the rocks of the Outer Wall and ended their day with a limit of striped bass. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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you are fishing in much shallower water and the fish cannot dive as deep so you win the battle faster. But if you are not going to eat the fish, please release it as soon and as gentle as possible.

Harry Mentzer of Long Neck, DE said that he has found the trick to catching a keeper flattie. While fishing last week, Harry caught a 19-inch flounder while wearing his Rick's Bait & Tackle cap he just received for his 91st birthday. Way to go Harry! Don Altland of York, PA fished in the Rehoboth Bay and tricked a 7 lb. 2 oz. flattie that measured 27.75 inches. Also in the Rehoboth Bay, Jim Pyle of Long Neck also took a 5 lb. 2 oz. flounder and Tony McCloy of Baltimore, MD caught a nice 5 lb. 9 oz. flounder. Tony used a minnow to trick his flattie. Dennis Stetz of Millsboro, DE drifted the Rehoboth Bay and scored a 7 lb. 9 oz. flounder. Steve Grabowski of Long Neck fished in the Indian River Inlet and caught a 20 lb. 8 oz. striper. John Swinehart of Lancaster, PA fished the rocks at the Indian River Inlet and bagged a 22 lb. 14

At Rattle & Reel Sporting Center on Long Neck Road, Paul told us that he captured a 21-inch flattie from the Rehoboth Bay on a minnow fished under a bobber. Paul said that flounder action in the bay has been quite good. Skates have also made their presence known. Bluefish are showing up in the Inlet. Stripers are being taken in the Inlet on Storm lures. He said flounder are being taken from the Lewes Canal on GULP! artificial baits.

At Henlopen Bait and Tackle on Savannah Road in Lewes, DE, Dan reports that Lewes Canal flounder action has been pretty good. It seems all the usual baits such as shiners, minnows, squid and GULP! are doing the trick. Reports of a few small trout caught in the Roosevelt Inlet have come in from reliable sources. Stripers have been taken at Herring Point.

At Hook'em & Cook'em Bait & Tackle, Bert said that there have been reports of heavy striper action in the Indian River Inlet at night. Bluefish action from the beaches is getting really good. Some real nice blues have also come out of the Indian River Inlet. Sea bass action on the headboats has been fair-to-good.

The Bill's Sport Shop Flounder Tournament is well underway and flatties have been hitting the scales in good numbers. In other action, Kent Brittingham caught a monster 30.7 lb., 46-inch striper at the Indian River Inlet on a live eel. Nicole Stark, age 12, caught a 29inch striper at 3R's Road on fresh bunker. Rob King reeled in a 19.65 lb. striper at Cape Henlopen on fresh bunker. Al Boyd showed up with a 38-inch, 18.77 lb. striper caught at the Indian River Inlet on a Storm lure. Wayne Demarco caught a beautiful 33.55 lb., 48-inch citation striper at 3R's Road on fresh bunker. Richard Jarman weighed a 23.5 lb., 41.5 in. striper caught in the Indian River Inlet.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said flounder action in the Delaware Bay is off to a promising start. With good drift conditions, Captain Ted on the "Indian" worked the rubble of Reef #5 in Broadkill Slough last Tuesday, and found the

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flatfish hungry. The crew caught several flatties using strips of fresh shark belly, and ended up with nine plump keepers. Christine Stanley was angler of the day, scoring her limit of flounder from 3.5 to 4.5 lbs. Earlier in the trip, Scott Brady boated a 22.5 lb. drum. Captain Ted returned to the same spot the next day, when Mac McNaught nailed a 5.5 lb. flounder.

Flatfish have also become active on the flats inside Cape Henlopen and between the Cape Henlopen and Cape Shores Piers. The shallow waters are generally warmer and attract more early-season bait and gamefish than surrounding areas. Sonny McClure and friends culled 10 keepers from many caught in skinny water one evening last week. Small jigs or shad darts tipped with a shiner or strip of fresh cut bait work well on the flats. Fluking remains steady in the Lewes Canal with decent numbers of keepers. Best catching occurs with clean water, usually at the end of incoming tide. The Broadkill River also yielded plenty of flounder. Strips of fresh cut bluefish or Gulp! baits were effective.

Don't forget the Lewes Harbour Canal Flounder Tournament is this Friday, May 22nd The event offers cash prizes and a portion of the proceeds benefit the Camp Awareness Youth Fishing Program. Call 302-645-6227 for registration info.

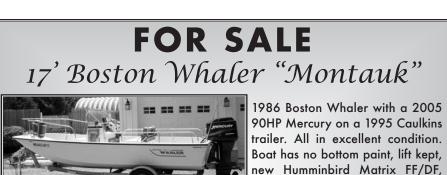
Small boaters and shore casters at Roosevelt Inlet had a mix of flounder, stripers and the first few bluefish. An occasional trout was reported from the Broadkill River by anglers using chunks of peeler crab. Stripers have been feeding on squid along the Outer Breakwater, and local anglers have had good success catching bass by casting Bomber 17A and Stretch12+ plugs to the rocks of the Wall. Best bites occurred during early morning or evening hours with clean, moving water on the oceanside. Todd Manning and Brian Seglem checked in a limit of linesiders weighing up to 17 lbs. that they caught while tossing plugs last Tuesday morning.

Stripers are on other area structure as well, with fishermen telling of catches on the Inner Wall, Ferry Jetty and the old jetty rocks on Broadkill Beach. Black drum catches were good. Scott Bucka and Kevin Flaherty set up in Broadkill Slough last Monday night and returned with two big boomers weighing 58.5 and 75 lbs. Larry Wilson landed a 60.9 pounder while drumming on the Big Herring last Tuesday evening. Wayne Wilson and crew got six drum in the Slough last Friday night. Daniels Ehm decked a 74.9 pounder aboard "Martha Marie", and Darryl Bear boated a 77 pounder on the "Miss Kirstin". The most unusual catch of the week was a 72-inch sturgeon hooked and released by Andy and Anthony Lano while trolling a Stretch 25+ plug between the Inner and Outer Breakwaters off Lewes.

Deb, myself, and the gang here at Rick's would like to wish everyone a happy and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend!

'Til next week, have fun and be safe!

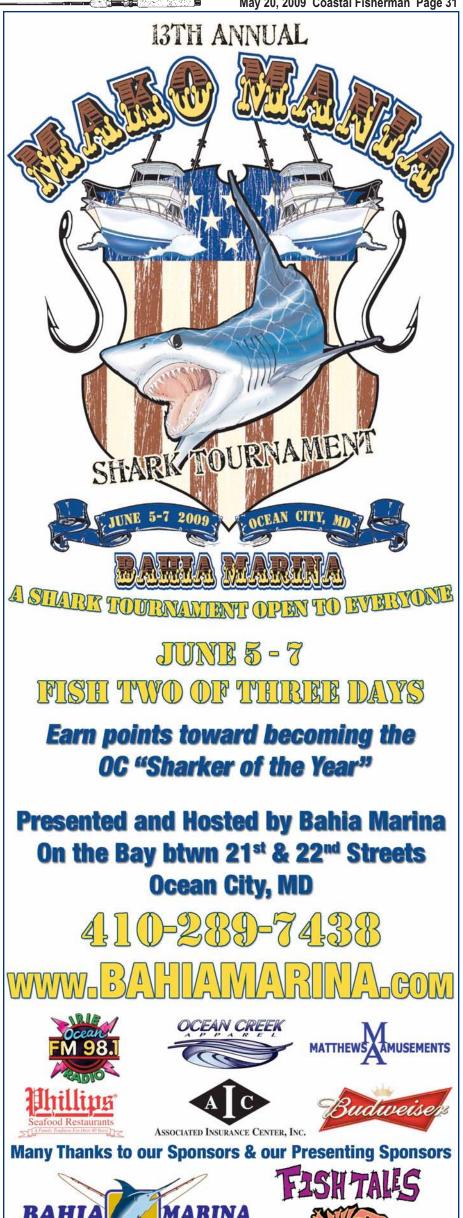
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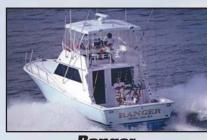
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John Mack of Aberdeen, MD was headboat fishing on the "Judy V." with Capt. Ed Wheedleton when he caught this 6 lb. 11 oz. tautog on a green crab. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



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Mark Coleman from Westminster, MD along with Stan Miller and Mike Deskin, both from Eldersburg, MD captured these striped bass while surf fishing at 3R's Beach in Delaware. The fish were caught on fresh bunker with Stan's 39 incher taking largest fish honors in the group. The other stripers measured between 34 and 37.5 inches.



Paul Vreeland of West Ocean City, MD continued his assault on flounder this year, landing 3 keepers (2 pictured) while drifting live minnows in the bay off Eagle's Nest Golf Course aboard the "Mel-O-Jane".

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Species	2009	2008	Species	2009	2008
Sea Bass	January 26, 2009 Dean Lo "Arno" Wilmington Canyon	March 27, 2008 Susan Samsock "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	Mako Shark	None Reported	April 26, 2008 Thomas Dame "Free Spool" Elephant's Trunk
Tautog	January 4, 2009 Billy Collins "Ocean Princess" Offshore Wreck	February 4, 2008 Joe Restuccia "Karen Sue" Wreck	White Marlin	None Reported	June 9, 2008 Jim Miner "Judge" Norfolk Canyon
Striped Bass	January 3, 2009 Baron Daiker "Baron Sea" Little Gull	January 1, 2008 RJ Roppelt "Reel Persuasion" Little Gull	Blue Marlin	None Reported	June 9, 2008 Jason Hinton "No Limits" Middle Sausage
Weakfish	May 13, 2009 Rich Bell Sinepuxent Bay	May 16, 2008 Nick Sharp Roosevelt Inlet	Bluefin Tuna	None Reported	April 11, 2008 Greg Hook "Stress Reel-ief" Wilmington Canyon
Flounder	April 18, 2009 Bo Smeltzer "Gotta Jones" Verrazano Bridge	March 23, 2008 Preston Walls Rt. 90 Bridge	Yellowfin Tuna	None Reported	May 25, 2008 Kevin King "Marli" Norfolk Canyon
Bluefish	May 13, 2009 Henry Busby Bethany Surf	April 24, 2008 John Foreman Assateague Surf	Longfin Tuna	None Reported	June 20, 2008 Jim Short "Not Right" Baltimore Canyon
Black Drum	April 25, 2009 Chris Tenbusch Assateague Surf	April 24, 2008 Capt. Mac Simpson Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna	None Reported	August 25, 2008 Bert Long "Lewestown Lady" Wilmington Canyon
Thresher Shark	None Reported	May 24, 2008 Justin Michalski "Uptite" S.E. of Jackspot	Dolphin	None Reported	May 25, 2008 Janan Mohamed "Marli" Norfolk Canyon
Sheepshead	None Reported	June 5, 2008 Joe Shaffer North Jetty	Wahoo	None Reported	July 1, 2008 Matt Migliore "Marli" Lumpy Bottom

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	MD	<u>DE</u>
Tuna:		
Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lbs.
False Albacore	24"	12 lbs.
Bigeye ***	60"	75 lbs.
Bluefin ***	60"	75 lbs.
Yellowfin ***	50"	75 lbs.
Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-
Bluefish	34"	14 lbs.
Cobia	44"	-
Croaker	18"	3 lbs.
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs.
Black Drum	48"	50 lbs.
Red Drum *	any size	-
Flounder	24"	7 lbs.
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs.
Blue Marlin **	any size	any size
White Marlin **	any size	any size

<sup>\*</sup> Only released fish are eligible in Maryland program \*\*\* Use curved-fork-length measurements

	$\underline{\mathbf{MD}}$	<u>DE</u>
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb.
Striped Bass	40"	20 lbs.
Sailfish *	any size	-
Seabass	20"	3 lbs.
Shark:		
Blue Shark *	any size	100 lbs.
Hammerhead *	any size	100 lbs.
Mako *	any size	100 lbs.
Thresher *	any size	100 lbs.
Tiger *	any size	100 lbs.
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs.
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs.
Spot	12"	-
Speckled Trout	24"	-
Swordfish *	any size	any size
Tautog	24"	7 lbs.
Wahoo	60"	20 lbs.
Weakfish	24"	9 lbs.

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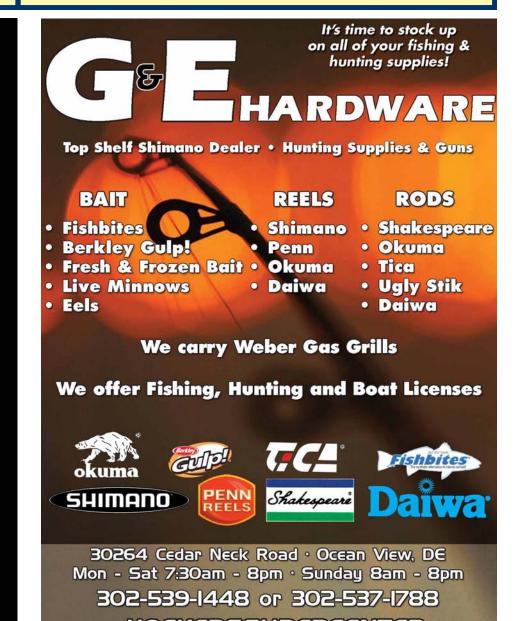
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## Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



#### MAINTAINING YOUR **BOAT'S ELECTRICAL SYSTEM**

In last week's issue, I talked about checking your equipment but I can't stress enough the need to also check your boat's basic electrical system. By that, I mean your batteries and the DC wiring coming from them to the rest your equipment. properly functioning 12-volt ship's battery with the boat under way actually provides volts. about 13.5 Most manufactured equipment today requires 12 minimum. If your ship's batteries are not supplying the



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correct voltage, your equipment will not work correctly. But that's not the end of the story. There is a distinct difference between voltage and current and both need to be addressed.

Voltage can be best described as the availability of DC electricity for your equipment. Current is the network of delivery of the electricity to each item. It's like saying that you have a bunch of cars gassed up and ready to go (voltage) but you need a system of roads to travel on that are in good working order (current). Just testing your batteries to see that they are charged up and in good condition is not enough. You need to make certain that the current can make it to where it's going.

So how can you tell if your electrical system is okay? First, check your batteries after a full charge, with the boat running and alternators working. If you have roughly 13.5 volts at the battery terminals - good! Look at the terminals and make sure they are not corroded. Corrosion is the single most likely problem

to occur. If they are corroded, clean them immediately and apply one of the many compounds available on the market to the terminals to prevent additional damage.

The next point to check is the main feed from the batteries to the circuit breaker panel or fuse panel along with anything in between such as a battery switch or isolator. Test the voltage again at these critical points and make sure you still have good voltage. Next, look at the circuit breakers and/or fuses to see if any of them are corroded or defective. Clean or replace as needed. Take a look at the wiring itself and check for any breaks in the outer sheathing that might have allowed moisture to enter. If you see any, you can replace the bad section, but that puts a splice in the line that is a future weak spot. If possible, replace the whole wire.

Check all the power cords going to the individual pieces of equipment and look for "inline" fuses. If there are any, take them apart and check once again for corrosion. Look at the plugs that go into the back of the set. As these are more exposed to the elements, they often show signs of corrosion. If you catch corrosion early enough, you can clean it off and put anticorrosion compound on it to halt the process. If it goes too long, however, parts will need to be replaced. If you find corrosion on the plugs, make sure you also check the chassis jack on the equipment

www.coastalfisherman.net itself as there is a good chance it will also have problems.

The above procedure is the one I prefer. However, if you don't want to check all of these points along the way or you can't readily access them, you can bypass this chain of events and go straight from your battery to the back of your equipment. Pull the plug and test for a minimum of 12 volts at the plug. The problem with this is, if you have a borderline situation, when the equipment is turned on, the voltage may drop below the required 12 volts and you will still have problems with your equipment operating properly.

Beyond corrosion, loose connections will have the same effect. One dead "giveaway" that this is a problem on your boat is when equipment shuts itself off, especially in rough seas or high speeds when the boat is pounding.

This may all sound like something you just don't feel like doing yourself. If so, get in touch with a professional who knows what they're doing and who is familiar with the procedure. It may cost you a little bit of money but it is well worth the expense for the peace of mind that your boat's electrical system is healthy.

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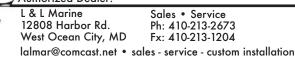


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Larry Wilson caught this 61 lb. boomer while fishing on the "Big Herring" with Capt. Alan Steele. The black drum took a clam at the Pin Top and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina in Lewes, DE.



Flounder fishing in the Delaware Bay is off to a good start and Christine Stanley of Rehoboth Beach, DE took advantage of it, catching her limit of flatties in Broadkill Slough. Christine was fishing on the "Indian" with Capt. Ted Moulinier. Her heaviest flounder weighed 4 lbs. 8 oz. on the scales at Lewes Harbour Marina.





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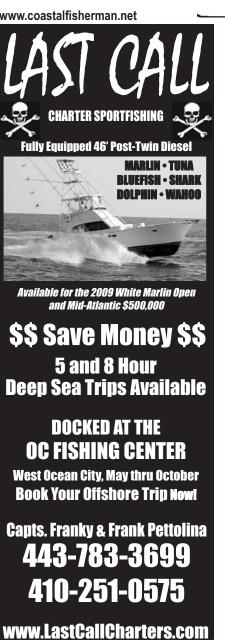
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Striped Bass	May 17, 2009 Donald Hatfield Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 8 oz.	May 13, 2009 Derek Bair Indian River Inlet 35 lbs. 6 oz.	Cobia	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
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Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder	May 14, 2009 Scott Peters Undisclosed Location 7 lbs. 12 oz.	May 17, 2009 Nick Couch Indian River Bay 9 lbs. 6 oz.	Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefish	No Weights Reported	May 13, 2009 Henry Busby Bethany Surf 13 lbs.	Bigeye Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Sheepshead	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Dolphin	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Black Drum	No Weights Reported	May 11, 2009 Kevin Flaherty Broadkill Slough 65 lbs.	Wahoo	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

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Charlie Donahue of Philadelphia, PA caught these twin 2 lb. 8 oz. flounder while drifting with shiners near the Rt. 90 Bridge. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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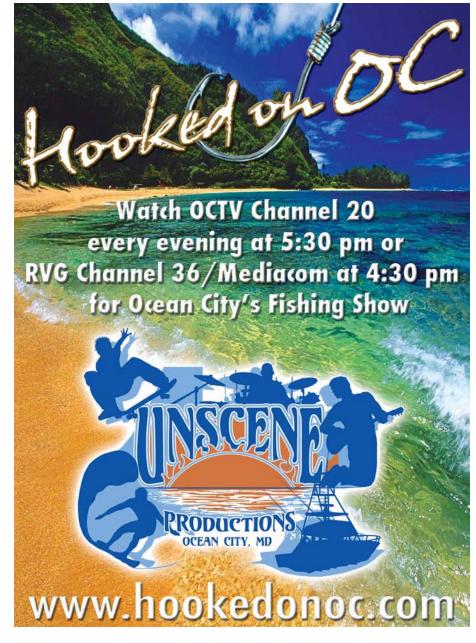
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### **Chum Lines**

by Mark Sampson



Ask anyone who has taken the U.S. Coast Guard exam to get a captains license and you'll probably hear that one of the hardest parts of the test is the section covering "rulesof-the-road," and as instructor for a captain's school I can confirm that it certainly is the most challenging part of the course for most students to get through. There's many reasons why even experienced boaters might have trouble learning these rules, but the bottomline is that since the rules were written to address all sizes and types of vessels in all navigable waters, many of the situations, address rules events, and vessels that few recreational boaters will encounter even after years of boating experiences. Nonetheless, if you wanna be a captain, ya gotta learn your rules-of-the-road!

What frustrates many students is when they encounter rules that don't seem to make any sense. They can read the rule in their manual, what is supposed to occur is right there in blackand-white, but they conclude that, "In real life no one follows that regulation, it's stupid to even have it on the books"! While I would concur that at first glance some rules

might seem a bit silly, but if you can learn and understand the reasoning behind the different rules, a lot of them will start to make better sense. The following are examples of rules that many boaters are unaware of and some of the reasoning behind them.

Rule-5 "Every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper look-out by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision".

By stating "all available means" Rule-5 tells us that we must use every resource available to us that might help avoid a collision. This means that if a vessel is equipped with radar - that radar must be on so that it can provide the skipper with contact information even on clear sunny days. So even though you may not be required to have radar, if you have it, you're required to use it - even if you don't think you need it. I know that sounds silly, but remember, the rules were written to cover all vessels, not just sportfishing boats running off Delmarva. If you think about the configuration of vessels with enclosed wheelhouses where visibility

abeam and aft is often restricted, it can make more sense; even on a clear day, radar can be like a set of rear view mirrors and could help prevent a collision.

Rule-6 "Every vessel shall at all times proceed at a safe speed so that she can take proper and effective action and be stopped within a distance appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions".

I doubt that too many will argue with Rule-6 as it's simply stating that all vessels must proceed at a speed that will allow them to avoid collision. It doesn't say exactly what that speed is because that all depends upon the visibility, local traffic, maneuverability of the vessel, wind and sea conditions and available draft. But it's important to note that Rule-19 states that in times of reduced visibility (fog, heavy rain, snow) that "Every vessel shall proceed at a safe speed adapted to the prevailing circumstances and conditions of restricted visibility. A power driven vessel shall have her engines ready for immediate maneuver".

Here they're saying that, if it's foggy out there, you can't just go about your normal routine of doing what you want out on the fishing grounds, you must SLOW DOWN and proceed at a safe speed. Rule-19 also states that if you hear a fog signal of another vessel up ahead but are not sure exactly where that vessel is that you MUST slow

down to the bare minimum (or stop) until it's obvious that the other vessel is safely past. Operators of boats without radar should pay close attention to these rules and know that regulations allow them to do little more than operate at idle speeds.

Rule-30 "A vessel at anchor shall exhibit where it can best be seen: in the fore part, an allround white light or one ball

Most boaters are aware that at night they must display the standard white 360-degree "anchor-light," but many are unaware that while anchored during the day we are also required to display a black ball somewhere in the rigging to warn other boaters that we are anchored. This rule applies both in the ocean and in bay waters. So let me ask you, do you even have a black ball to display should you decide to drop anchor up by the Rt. 90 Bridge to catch a couple croaker? Have you ever even seen a boat displaying such a while anchored? signal Probably not, but don't sweat it as this is one of those rules that's not likely going to be enforced here in our local waters.

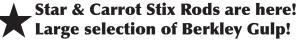
Here's another one for you, Rule-34 (Inland) "When a power driven vessel is leaving a dock or berth she shall sound one prolonged blast". Since "prolonged" means a 4-6 second blast of your whistle or horn, following this rule would mean that just before

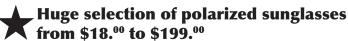
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Howard Agney of Salisbury, MD caught these two sea bass during a trip aboard the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Mike Kinder. The heaviest fish weighed in at 3 lbs. 12 oz. and was caught on a chunk of clam. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



#### Chum Lines continued:

pulling out of our slip in the morning we're going to wake everyone up within ear-shot. This rule also states that captains are required to indicate with three short (1 second) blasts if they are operating in astern propulsion (in reverse), so backing out of a slip requires one prolonged followed by three shorts on the air horns. Imagine Harbor Island each morning of the marlin tournament if everyone followed Rule-34 to the letter!

While only those going for a captain's license or taking a boating course will likely be tested on these rules, everyone who operates a boat of any May 20, 2009 Coastal Fisherman Page 45 size, for any reason, is required to follow them. Though some of these rules might seem silly and not applicable to the type of boating that's done around here, others just require a better understanding appreciate their importance to safe boating. With so many different regulations it might be somewhat easy to see why vessels over 12 meters (39.4 feet) are required to have aboard a printed copy of the rules of the road.

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





Steve Oxendine from Reistertown, MD caught this 15 lb. 13 oz. striped bass on fresh bunker while casting off the beach on 139th Street. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.





Robert Scharmer landed this 5.91 lb. flounder, measuring 24.5 inches, during the Bill's Sport Shop Flounder Tournament.



Mike Glyphis of Ellicot City, MD took a trip down to Oregon Inlet and caught 3 yellowfin tuna and a couple of dolphin while fishing with Capt. Shane Heimer and Don Reynolds. The fish were caught while trolling spreader bars and sea witches. The yellowfins were estimated to weigh between 40 and 50 lbs.



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## Tautog have not slowed with the warming water, but only catch and release is permitted for these fish until June. Look for sheepshead and spadefish to show soon.



Croaker are active within the tributary rivers, and all over the lower Bay. Anglers are finding very good numbers of hardheads averaging to near a pound off Ocean View and Little Creek. A few large spot and sea mullet are also mixed in. Squid and bloodworms get the nod this week as the top baits.

Puppy drum are still dominating the lower bay inlets and shallows. Some folks are also targeting pups within the Elizabeth River with good success. A few speckled trout and bluefish are biting within Rudee Inlet, with scattered keeper flounder also available in the same areas. Speckled trout action on the Eastern Shore is still spotty, with a few takers coming from the seaside area of Oyster.



Keeper black seabass are coming from near shore wrecks, with bigger fish up to five-pounds still available further offshore. If blueline tilefish and grouper are your desire, plenty are available in deeper water, but with other species making a showing closer to shore, this fishery will probably get a break.

Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A. Representative for Virginia Beach, VA. You can find Dr. Julie's reports at www.drjball.com.

## Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball

The black drum action finally took off with a bang during the full moon phase



this past week. Many boats reported tangling with dozens of large blacks while fishing on the bayside and oceanside shoals off the Eastern Shore.





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Alexa Lamplugh caught her first striped bass while trolling bucktails on the "MacKenna Jane II" out of Queenstown, MD. Alexa was fishing with Capt. Jerry Judge and Mates Lee Buckle and George Lamplugh.

But with over 50 boats reported in a small area on the oceanside shoals one evening, the fishing pressure scattered the fish. But expect these gentle giants to make a quiet comeback once they regroup.



Big red drum are still patrolling the breakers off Smith and Fisherman's Island, with the incoming tide providing the best results. The red action will only improve. The folks at Chris' Bait and Tackle report that surf anglers are faring very well on the reds from Smith and Myrtle Islands, with good sized striped bass to 44-inches also

taking offerings. Blue crabs and peelers are working well. James Lompero of Virginia Beach released a 48-inch red while fishing with crab off of Smith Island this week.

Flounder action around the

CBBT is still off, but anglers working the various lower Bay and Eastern Shore inlets and shallower backwaters, are finding some keepers. One angler had five flatties to 5 lbs. while fishing with minnows off of Newport News this week. Striped bass supplementing the flounder catches near the Bay Bridge Tunnel. Top water plugs presented to the rocks of the 3rd and 4th islands of the CBBT are producing nice fish to 45-inches. Live baiting over the tubes is also a good

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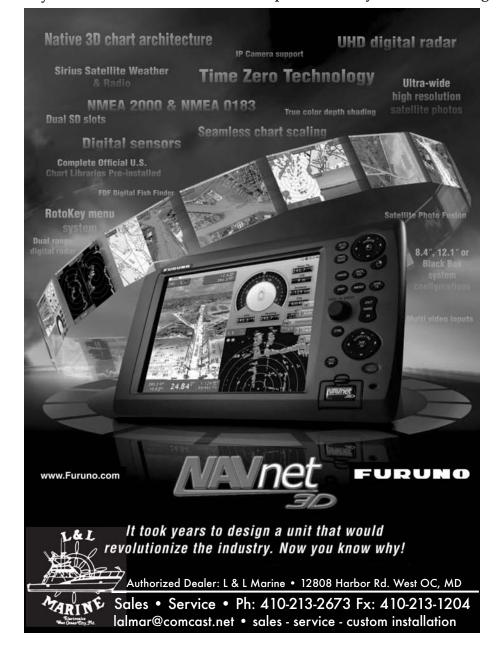
Marty Karst caught this 31-inch striped bass while surf fishing off Assateague Island. Marty hooked the striper on a bucktail during the outgoing tide. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.



George Henning of Ocean City, MD, Robert Buckley of Purgitsville, WV and Jeff Lauer of York, PA caught some nice flounder during a trip aboard the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Bob Gowar and Mate George Lenz. Robert's flounder was the largest of the trip, measuring 23-inches. All of the fish were caught trolling shiners and squid in the bay behind Assateague Island.



Andy "El Cheapo" Szypula of Berlin, MD was fishing off the catwalk below the Sebastian Inlet Bridge when he caught and released this 50-inch red drum. Andy hooked the fish on a bucktail.





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This 38-inch striper was caught by Bill Greenwood on a chunk of fresh bunker while fishing off Assateague Island. The linesider weighed 18 lbs. 4 oz. on the scales at Buck's Place.





Mackenzie Irelan was fishing with her dad, Chris Irelan when she hooked into this 19-inch flounder. Mackenzie was using a squid and minnow combination in the Indian River Bay. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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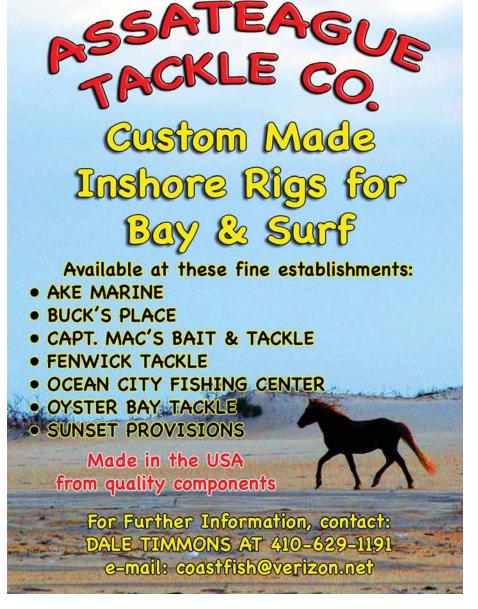


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On Saturday, this group on the "Jezebel" went out to Russell's Reef and to the subway cars at the Jackspot, returning with a nice catch of tautog and sea bass. The tog were caught at Russell's Reef on green crab while the sea bass were hooked at the subway cars on strips of squid. Pictured are Keith Kline of Lenhartsville, PA, Tim Kane of Berlin, MD, Lewis Hubbard of Pasadena, MD, Joe "Why Wasn't My Picture in the Paper" Maffei of Essington, PA and Capt. Chester Sadowski.





Nelson Jenkins of Willards, MD beached this 35-inch striped bass while fishing off Assateague Island. Nelson hooked the 14 lb. striper on fresh bunker and weighed the fish at Buck's Place.



On Saturday, Larry Moist was drifting a minnow & curly tail combination in the Thorofare when he hooked into this 21-inch flounder. Larry was fishing with Steve Black of Bishopville, MD on the "Just A Breeze". Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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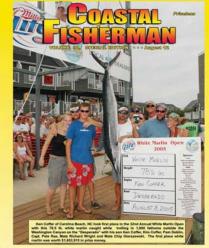
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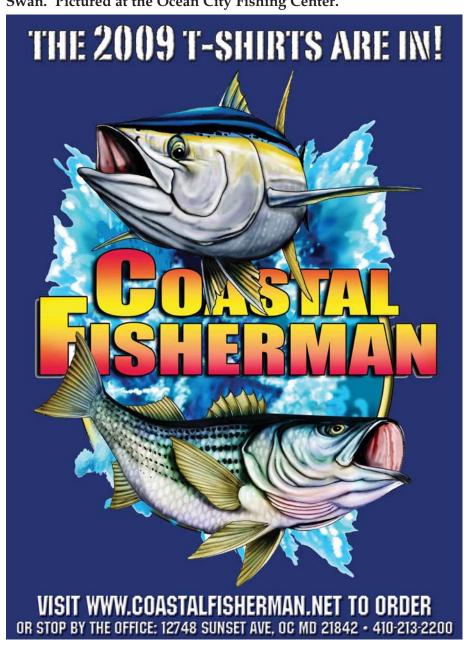
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Richard Forrest of Cambridge, MD muscled in this 11 lb. 12 oz. tautog while fishing with Steve Schonberger, Don Reynolds and Shane Heimer on the "Tuna Box". The anglers ended up with 7 tog and 5 sea bass in the box after fishing at the African Queen and The Swan. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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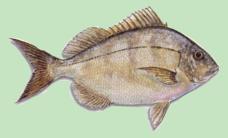
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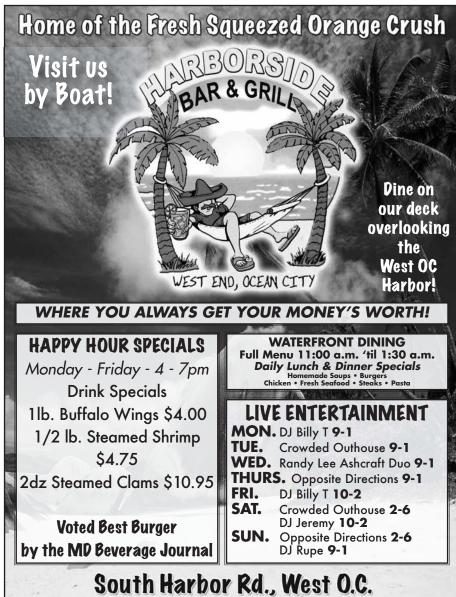
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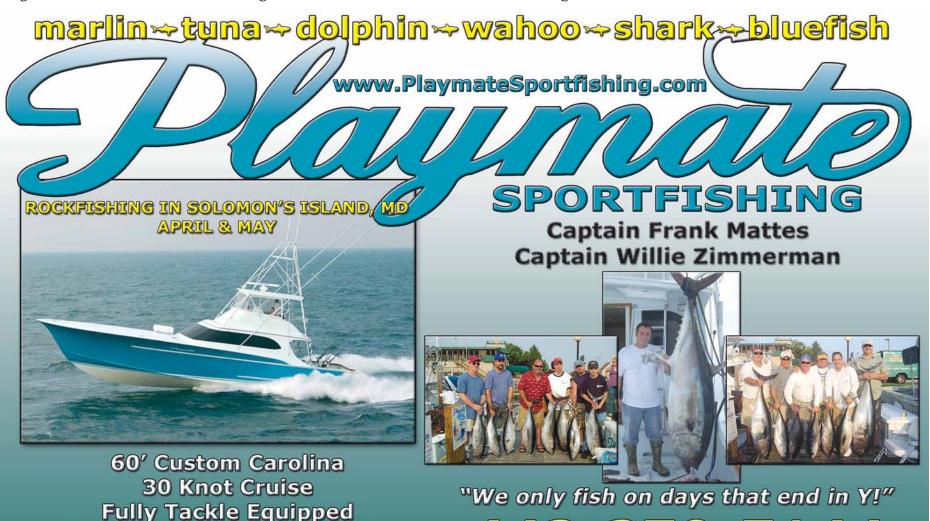
Dennis Stetz of Millsboro, DE captured this 7 lb. 9 oz. flounder while fishing with Gulp! artificial baits in the Rehoboth Bay. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.

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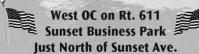
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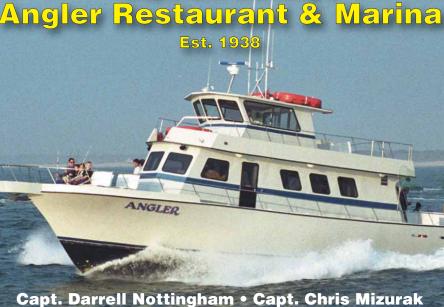
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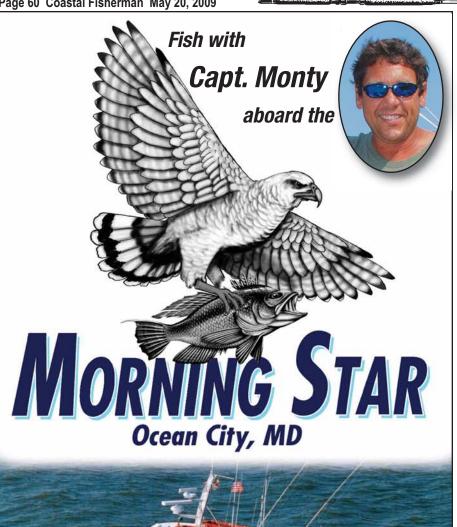
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Harry Gordy, age 13, caught his first flounder of the season while fishing on the "Reel Fast" with Terry Loughlin of Carey Distributors. Harry hooked the 20-inch flattie on a shiner near the Verrazano Bridge.





This group of local anglers went on a striper fishing trip out of Crisfield, MD on the "Rolling Stone" with Capt. David Stone and ended their day with 12 striped bass in the box. The fish measured between 36 and 40 inches and were caught while trolling in the Chesapeake Bay. Pictured are Brian Bomhardt, Lloyd Whitehead, Chris Wall, Erik Windrow, Jeff Adkins, and Mike "State Record Holder" Horsey.

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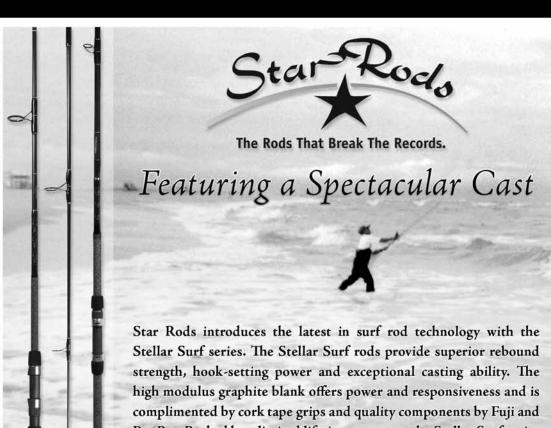
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Tony Russo, Sr. and Tony Russo, Jr., both from Ocean City, MD took a trip to Los Sueños, Costa Rica and fished with Capt. Josh Ruskey and Capt. Tucker Colquhoun on the "Penguin". Tony, Sr. landed a 50 lb. dolphin, one of two on the day, while Tony, Jr. caught and released a sailfish estimated at 80 lbs. Both fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo.

#### TIDES & MOON PHASES

### **OCEAN CITY INLET**

Wed. May 20	Low 10:49 am Low 11:34 pm	High 05:02 am High 05:32 pm
Thurs. May 21	Low 11:38 am Low	High 05:52 am High 06:21 pm
Fri. May 22	Low 12:28 am Low 12:26 pm	High 06:41 am High 07:09 pm
Sat. May 23	Low 01:21 am Low 01:15 pm	High 07:31 am High 07:59 pm
Sun. May 24 New Moon	Low 02:12 am Low 02:04 pm	High 08:21 am High 08:50 pm
Mon. May 25	Low 03:03 am Low 02:55 pm	High 09:12 am High 09:42 pm
Tues. May 26	Low 03:54 am Low 03:47 pm	High 10:05 am High 10:35 pm
Wed. May 27	Low 04:48 am Low 04:42 pm	High 10:58 am High 11:29 pm

These are Ocean City, MD tides at the Ocean City Inlet.
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