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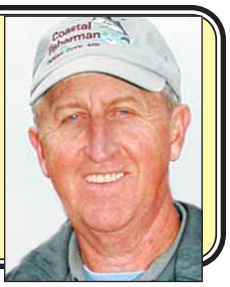
Okay all you tautog fisherman, the benchmark has been set for 2009 and it will be tough to beat. On March 15th, Capt. Kane Bounds on the "Judith M" had a great tog fishing trip with the entire boat limiting out. The icing on the cake was Capt. Kane himself landing a 19 lb. 8 oz. tog while fishing on an ocean wreck in 70-feet of water. The tog took a green crab in 40.5-degree water and was weighed at Bahia Marina, barely missing the current Maryland state record of 20.7 lbs. set in 2007.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



The flowers are blooming, the fish are moving, the wind is blowing and this is the first issue of the Coastal Fisherman, so it must be spring! Welcome once again to our effort to entertain and edify for the next several months. Publisher Larry Jock has a few new twists for you this season, including an entirely new and revamped web site that will include videos featuring new products, delicious recipes, dockside interviews and viewer submitted videos. The site should be up by the first of June, and I really think it will add to your total fishing experience. Meanwhile, I hope you had a good winter and you've had a chance to get out and catch a few fish this spring. About all I have done so far is a little flounder fishing. Don't get me started on that. I will say that the whole flounder situation is absurd, and I can't believe we have let ourselves get into this convoluted mess. I understand the state of New York is suing NMFS over the flounder quotas and limits, etc., and I sure hope they prevail. Shame some of the other northeast and mid-Atlantic states didn't join in the fight. Anyway, even though the weather has been less than ideal, there have been a few black drum caught in the Assateague surf, along with some decent stripers (the big girls should really begin to move this week), and by the time you read this bluefish may have joined the festivities, though I think we need a few more degrees of water temperature for the choppers. There have also been scattered kingfish and blowtoads, which is always a good sign. Hickory shad should also be showing in the inlets soon, and I wouldn't be surprised to see a few nice weakfish (gray trout) around the inlet jetties. So let the games begin, and enjoy the time. As a good friend of mine, the late Scorchy Tawes, used to say, there are only 120 days until Labor Day…

You may have read in one of the local papers about the recent death of a gentleman named Charles Schulze. Mr. Schulze, a D.C. area attorney, died a hero at the age of 73 when he swam to the rescue of two young boys caught in a rip current in Pompano Beach, FL. He managed to get the boys back in close enough for other rescuers to get them to shore, but the effort cost him his life when he suffered an apparent heart attack. I spoke to a friend of his, Dr. Scott Ulery, who told me that Charlie was one of the few anglers who had fished in the first White Marlin Open in 1974 and every Open since then without missing a single tournament. He owned a residence on Bayshore Drive in Ocean City and most recently fished with his friend, Dr. Fasil Mohamed, affectionately known as "Mo," on his "Doc's Toy" out of Sunset Marina. According to Dr. Ulery, Dr. Mohamed is now the only one left of the original six who fished together in that first tournament. My sincere condolences go to the family and friends of Mr. Schulze…

Ocean City lost another of its longtime fishing community members over the winter with the passing of Charles Elliott. Mr. Elliott, with his late wife Doris, owned and operated Elliott's Sports Marina for many years. A familiar figure in his straw hat and shirts with the sleeves cut out, Charles made a lot of friends among the Baltimore and Pennsylvania area flounder fishermen who used to spend time in West Ocean

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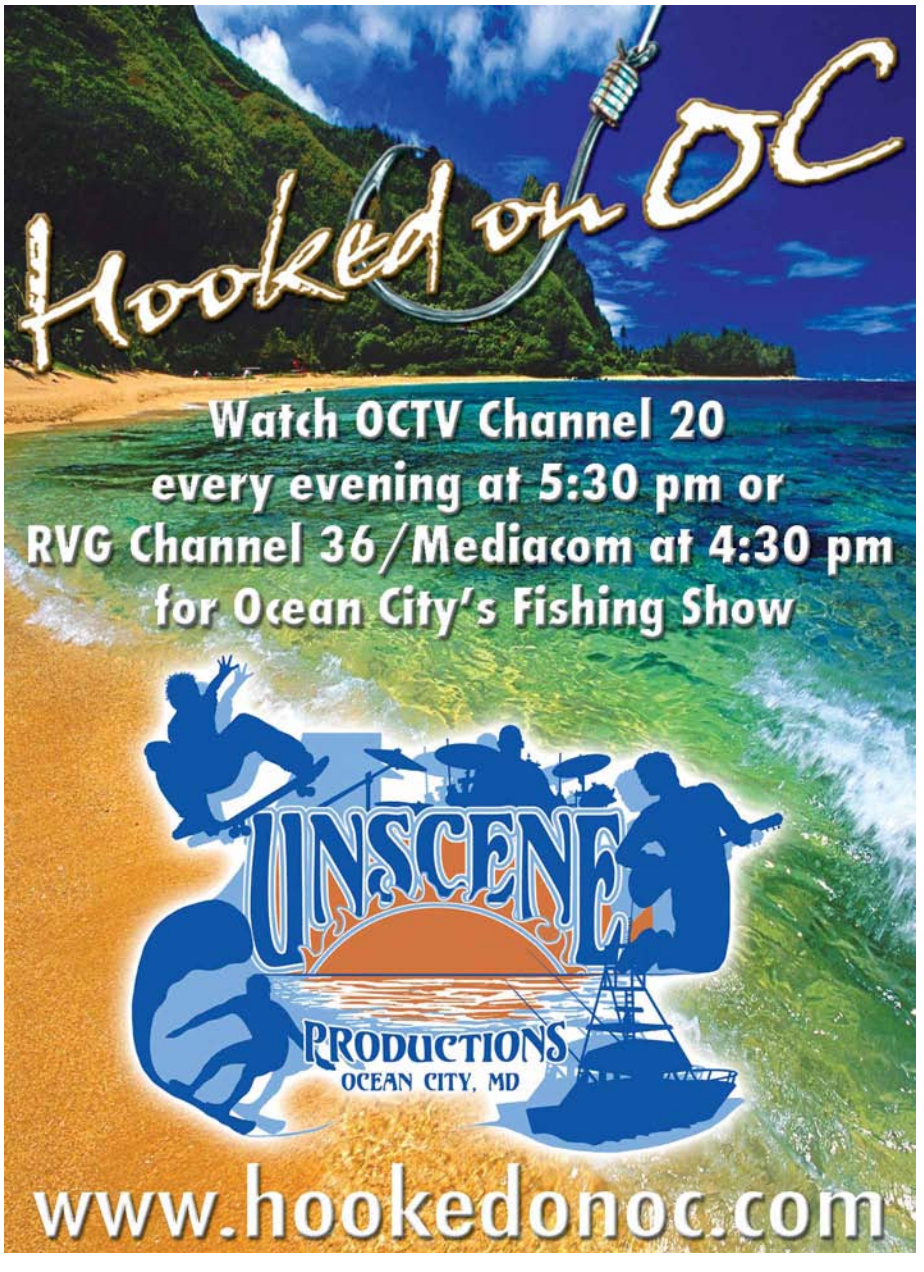
The first tautog of the year was caught on January 3rd by Billy Collins of Washington, DC. Billy was fishing on the Ocean Princess with Capt. Victor Bunting and landed the 11 pounder while using green crab for bait.

In mid-April, Terry Bachulski of West Chester, PA landed this 4 lb. 7 oz. flounder on a chartreuse bucktail tipped with a Gulp! 4-inch swimming mullet. Terry was drifting near the Rt. 90 Bridge and weighed the 23-incher at Bahia Marina.



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The largest sea bass we have seen so far this year was caught by Paul Twilley of Hartly, DE while fishing on the "Untouchable" with Capt. Scott Stapleford. The 24-inch black bass tipped the scales at 7 lbs. 5 oz. and was caught inside the Wilmington Canyon. Paul just missed beating the current state record, set in 1988 at 7 lbs. 6 oz. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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City. Mr. Elliott was also an avid surf fisherman, and he was one of the founders and a past president of the Assateague Mobile Sportfishermen's Association (A.M.S.A.). He often traveled to Ocracoke, NC, as well as Portsmouth Island, NC and as far as Padre Island, TX to fish the beaches. He was also a long time member of the Ocean City Volunteer Fire Co. and a director of the Bank of Ocean City. Another piece of Ocean City history has passed, and he will be missed…

The Ocean City Marlin Club held one of their monthly dinners last weekend in honor of two "old timers" on the local fishing scene, Capt. Darrell Nottingham and Capt. Mac Simpson. Capt. Darrell, also known as "Big Dad", has been an Ocean City fixture running party boats such as the "Mariner" and the "Angler" for many years. I remember him coming to our house in the late fifties to study with my father for his Captain's license exam when I was about 10 or 12, and it is a privilege to call him a friend. Capt. Mac Simpson, a former Marlin Club president, ran offshore boats from Maryland to Florida for many years, primarily in pursuit of white marlin. He is also an avid inshore angler, however, especially when it comes to red drum, and I don't think I've ever met a more fanatical drum fisherman. I have fished the beach with Mac many times, and when drum season rolls around he still goes harder than many much younger men. Of course, Mac may be best known for his profusion of stories, which are both entertaining and informative, especially the first time around…as they say, they broke the mold when they made Capt. Mac. I wish both of these gentlemen many more good years…

One of the stories making the rounds on the internet fishing sites recently is a proposal by the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) to create individual fishing quotas (IFQs) for the recreational fishing community, much the same as is done with some commercial fisheries. The proposal was originally put forth in relation to the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico. The idea is to issue individual, non-reusable tags for red snapper that would add up to the total allowable catch. What is sticking in a lot of craws is that under the proposal the tags would be issued for public auction every year, so if you wanted to legally catch a snapper you would have to bid for a tag or tags. The CCA said, "bidders could be individuals states or organizations." This proposal hasn't fared too well with a lot of anglers, including the RFA (Recreational Fishing Alliance), who fear it would take the average angler out of the equation and leave the best fishing to the rich. I must say I have to agree it could set a dangerous precedent. I can see a logical progression with the bureaucrats where you might have to bid to buy a tag for every flounder, or striper, or sea bass, or whatever you want to fish for. No thanks. This is a bad idea. I have belonged to the CCA for many years. When they started, the idea was to protect drum and speckled trout from exploitation (remember the blackened redfish craze?), and many of the originators seemed to be just a bunch of guys who wanted to fish and protect the resource for their grandchildren. I am hoping that is still the case, but sometimes I have to wonder if I am wasting my money…

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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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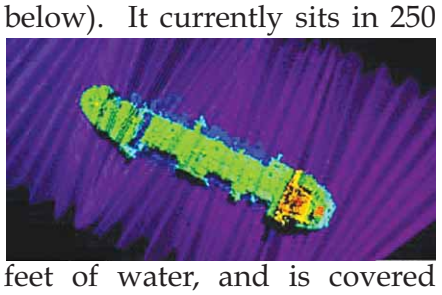
Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock

The spring fishing season is always hit-or-miss, and this spring has been mostly "miss". Quite frankly, it seems like we are living in Seattle, Washington instead of Ocean City with cloudy, windy, rainy days filling most of our weeks.

The season started out with some surprises, mainly the discovery of some monster sea bass roaming offshore wrecks. It used to be when we saw a 6 lb. sea bass, it was astonishing. Well, this year we have seen multiple fish over six pounds along with a couple that actually weighed 7 lbs. and over.

The hot spot for the big sea bass has been the Bow Mariner Wreck, located 52 miles off the coast of Ocean City. The Bow Mariner was a 570-foot tanker that exploded and sank on February 28, 2004 (sonar image below). It currently sits in 250 feet of water, and is covered with sea life. Local anglers willing to make the long run have been rewarded with fun-filled days of catching big sea bass on jigs. There is no need for natural bait to catch some knotheads; sting silvers and butterfly jigs are all you need. Anglers on the "Arno" also had good results heading out towards the Wilmington Canyon, finding multiple sea bass over 6 lbs. in 50 fathoms of water.



Kelly McCullars of Capt. Mac's Bait & Tackle captured these two flounder, weighing 4 lbs. and 4 lbs. 4 oz. while drifting a Halo shrimp behind the Ocean City Convention Center on April 22nd. Photo courtesy of Capt. Mac's Bait & Tackle.

Up the coast a bit, Paul Twilley, fishing out of the Indian River Marina, almost set a new Delaware state record with a 7 lb. 5 oz. sea bass caught inside the Wilmington Canyon. This fish missed the state record by only 1 oz.

It will be interesting to see what happens with sea bass, and the discovery of these larger fish further offshore. It also has me wondering if we can expect this same fishery to occur at the subway cars dropped at the Jackspot by the Ocean City Reef Foundation.

Tautog fishing has been sporadic, with headboats limiting out one day and having a tough day the next. We have seen some monsters though, led by Capt. Kane Bounds' 19 lb. 8 oz. tog caught in mid-March in 70-feet of water on an ocean wreck. Hyosuk Park landed himself a 17 lb. 13 oz. blackfish during a trip on the "Ocean Princess" at the end of January, and another angler on the "Judith M" caught a 17 pounder towards the end of April.

The "Ursula Priscilla" had some good days tog fishing at the African Queen and the AT&T wrecks, coming back with double digit catches.

Closer to shore, some tog were snagged by anglers fishing off of the North Jetty and around the bulkhead that runs between 2nd Street and 4th Street off the East Channel. Green crab continues to be the bait of choice. I also heard of something new where anglers are being taken across the bay and let off onto Assateague Island, where they trek across the beach to the South Jetty to tog fish. Goes to show you that some anglers will go to great lengths to catch these tasty fish.

Before this past weekend, flounder fishermen haven't exactly been tearing it up on a consistent basis, but some select days have been very productive. As it seems with every year, the area around the Rt. 90 Bridge was the early

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This 17 lb. 13 oz. tautog was caught by Hyosuk Park of Owings Mills, MD while fishing on the "Ocean Princess" with Capt. Victor Bunting. The tog was caught on a chunk of crab, 25 miles off the beach on January 30th.

Back in March, Noah Fowler caught this 7 lb. sea bass while jigging a Shimano Butterfly Jig at the Bow Mariner wreck, over 50 miles off the coast of Ocean City.

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Charlie Donohue ventured down from Philadelphia, PA and caught these two flatties, measuring 19 and 22 inches. The largest flounder tipped the scales at 3 lbs. 12 oz. and was caught on a Berkley Gulp! at the Rt. 90 Bridge. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.

Back in early April, everybody's favorite electrician Dave McKay of West Ocean City landed this 28-inch striped bass while casting a bucktail in 50-degree water near the Rt. 90 Bridge. Dave was fishing on the "Ashley N" with Darryll Kulski.

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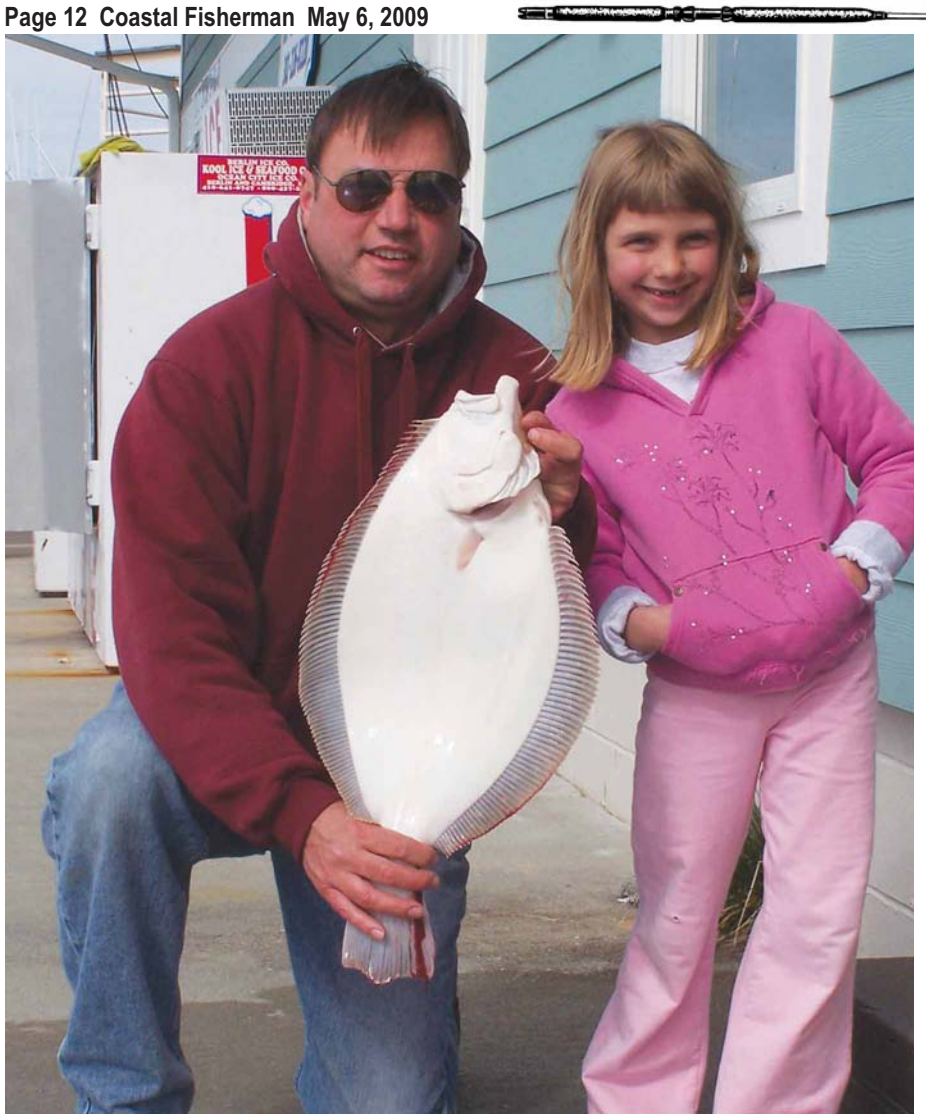

Randy Tyndall of Wilmington, DE reeled in this 4 lb. 2 oz. flounder while fishing with Katie Tyndall on the south side of the Indian River Jetty. The flattie was hooked on a chartreuse bucktail tipped with a 4-inch Gulp! swimming mullet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

Darryll Kulski of West Ocean City muscled in these two beautiful stripers, measuring 35 and 36 inches, while casting a bucktail tipped with a curly tail in the Ocean City Inlet. The fish were caught on 12 lb. test line at the end of the incoming tide.

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season spot for flatfish, especially when the crab pots first hit the water. All that bait is sure to bring some fish in, and this year was no exception. Anglers told me of flounder coming all the way to the surface to try and snag a bucktail or top water plug that was being cast in search of striped bass.

The flats north of the Thorofare and in the bay behind Assateague south of the airport were also good spots on any given day. Shiners, squid and minnows were the baits of choice and those boats that slow trolled out produced drifters on several occasions.

The good news for flounder fishermen was that this past weekend provided the best bite we have seen so far this year, with bay waters finally hitting the low 60's. The "Get Sum" had a good day on Saturday, returning with 5 keepers. Other fishermen did well on the flats north of the Thorofare, although the keeper to throwback ratio was very low. Anglers fishing off of the Oceanic Pier have been landing some nice flounder recently, with several over 20 inches.

Striper fishing didn't really start until the second week in April with anglers first getting into small striped bass around the Rt. 90 Bridge, the Verrazano Bridge and in the Inlet. Water temperatures at that time had just gotten into the 50's and anglers tossing bucktails tipped with curly tails were able to capture a few linesiders.

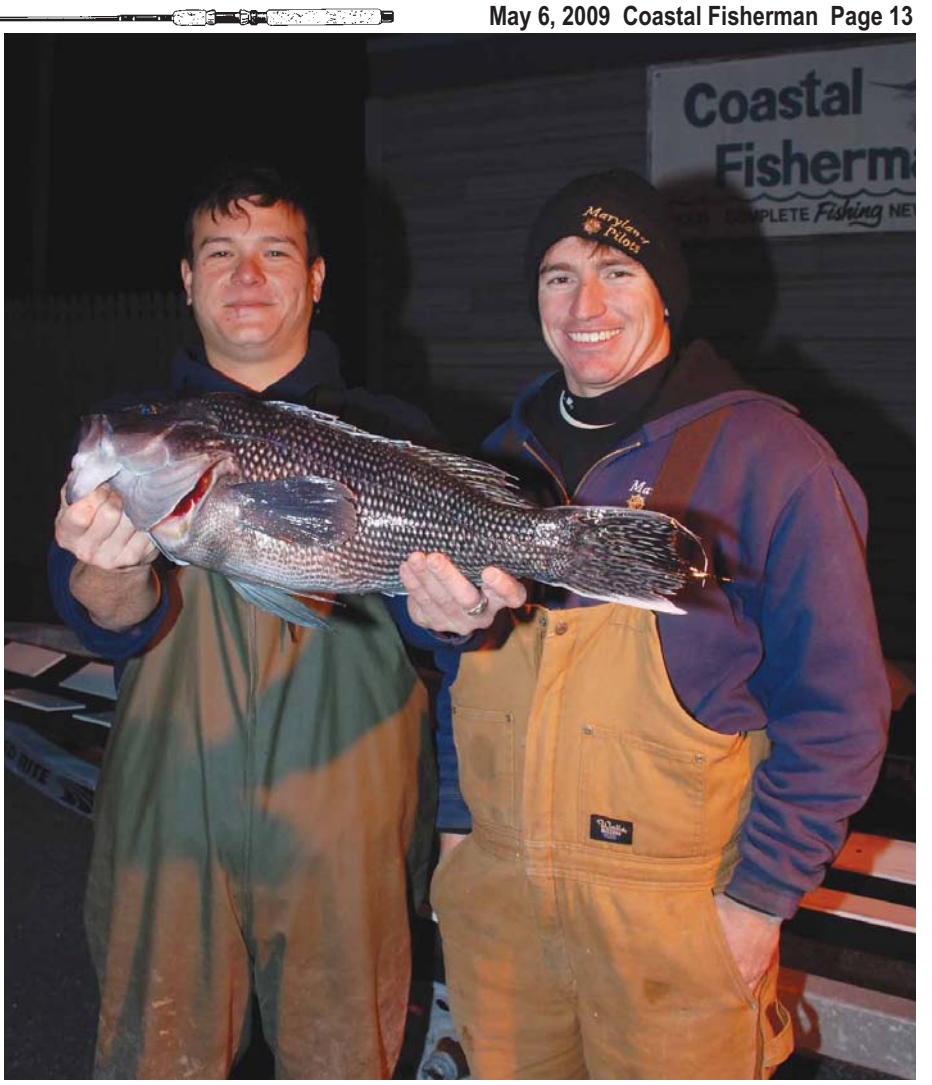
The nicest stripers I've seen so far this year came from Darryll Kulski on April 23rd when he landed a 35 and 36 incher in the Inlet (pictured on preceeding page). Darryll was casting a bucktail on 12 lb. test and caught the fish at the end of the incoming tide.

In the surf, anglers battled skates and sand sharks for most of the spring, although black drum and striped bass began to show up this past week, right on time for their migration up the coast. Last spring wasn't especially memorable for surfcasters off Assateague, so hopefully this year will be better. I have always admired their dedication and the time they put towards their craft. They deserve to have a great season!

Clams continue to be the choice bait for big black drum, while fresh bunker is used by almost all striper fisherman.

Make sure you check out the latest addition to the Coastal Fisherman, with Sam Kilgore now contributing a surf fishing column each week. His column can be found on page 24 in this issue.

Best of luck to all anglers for the 2009 season. Here's wishing everyone has a fun, safe and successful season. See you at the scales!



Back in late January, Dean Lo, mate on the "Angler", took a winter sea bass trip aboard the "Arno" with Capts. Chris Mizuark and Walt Austin and ended up with this 25 incher that tipped the scales at an even 6 lbs. The guys were fishing in 50 fathoms inside the Wilmington Canyon and hooked the black bass on a strip of squid.

Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster

Another year is upon us and anglers are asking "When will it start?"

It's been a cold winter, and water temperatures, unlike last year, crept below 40 degrees. We had a great run of stripers just offshore for the "hearty" anglers who fished into the first weeks of January. Then, poof, the water got too cold and the fish disappeared.

In March, there were a few "teases" of fish and anglers picked at "short" stripers in the Indian River Inlet with salt water flies and other lures. Other than that, anglers had to venture offshore on party boats to catch tautog or travel inland to fish fresh and brackish water ponds and creeks for fish such as perch, crappie and bass.

In early April, anglers looking for striper action ventured inland to the "rivers" such as the Nanacoke and Delaware Rivers where stripers go to spawn and had some "hit and release" action while fishing for species such as catfish. (Anglers aren't supposed to target or keep stripers in many of these places at certain times of year when the fish are spawning.) Once the fish finish spawning (a couple/three weeks) the stripers come to our "neck of the woods." They start biting in the Delaware Bay, Indian River Inlet, Ocean City Inlet, Ocean City bays, and the Atlantic Coast surf. That's what we wait for in the spring!!!!

Around this time in May, striper fishing should be in full swing. Fishing has a lot to do with water temperatures. In the winter the water temperature can go down below 40 degrees. When that happens, fish rarely bite. The reason anglers can go way, way offshore and catch things like sea bass in 300 feet of water is because the water temperature way out in the ocean is warmer. It is affected by the Gulf Stream.

The Gulf Stream runs miles offshore. When the wind blows from the east, several days in a row, the warmer water comes closer to us. When it blows from the west, it keeps the warmer water temperatures offshore. That's why, even in the summer, if it blows Westerly for days at a time, the surf water can be downright chilly! That can be good in the heat of August, but not in the early spring!

The sun is so important in the spring. As soon as the days start to get longer, we have more hours of daylight, and more likelihood of the sun being out to warm up the waters. When we have a spring (like we had this year) with lots of clouds and rain, it takes longer to warm up the bay waters. But it slowly happens!

In Ocean City, some of our best early season fishing (for anglers in boats) is around the Rt. 90 Bridge and the Verrazano Bridge that heads onto Assateague Island. Anglers catch stripers and flounder in these two places weeks before they catch them closer to the Inlet. The reason is that when the incoming water fills the back bays, the sun beats down on the water. Then, when the tide goes out, that water can be 10-15 degrees warmer than when it came in! That's why in the early spring an outgoing tide will produce more fish than an incoming. That doesn't mean they bite through the entire outgoing tide. The best part of an outgoing tide is at the peak high tide, just as it starts to go out. It lasts a couple hours. The other part of the outgoing tide that is usually good is the "last of the outgoing." That would be the part of the outgoing that is close to low tide, but still moving slowly out. (Fish about an hour or two before dead low tide.) Some people don't like this tide because of navigation problems. Boating in the Coastal Bays on a low, low tide can be dicey!

When you are waiting for the water to warm up enough for the fish to bite in the early spring when the water temps are on the "edge" you will find that the fishing is best when a good tide is towards the middle afternoon to the later part of the day. A late afternoon, high, outgoing tide after a sunny day warms the water up considerably. The waters that crept in from the ocean on the incoming tide goes up into the shallow creeks, get warmed by the sun and comes back through the relatively shallow waters around these two bridges during the outgoing tide. Because the water depth around the Rt. 90 and Verrazano bridges is not extremely deep, it stays fairly warm, and the fish "turn on."

Flounder fishing is especially good during the day. Anglers use live minnows and frozen shiners, with or without squid strips, for flounder. Some anglers are using lead heads and the 3- or 4-inch Berkley Gulp! swimming minnow or mullet grubs (basically same thing), by themselves or with a minnow attached for good results in waters 4- to 8-feet deep.

Something fairly new over the last few years is decent striper fishing around these bridges. Most of the "keepers" are caught at night, after the water has been warmed up during the day, but some are caught during the day as well. Lures work best. Rattletraps, soft bodies on lead heads cast

towards the pilings, or bucktails with plastic trailer worms, grubs or Berkley Gulp! baits can be deadly. Some anglers even slow-troll. If you want to bottom fish, good old fashioned bloodworm, peeler crab, Black salties, large live minnows, alewives, herring or anything live you can get your hands on will work. Alewives

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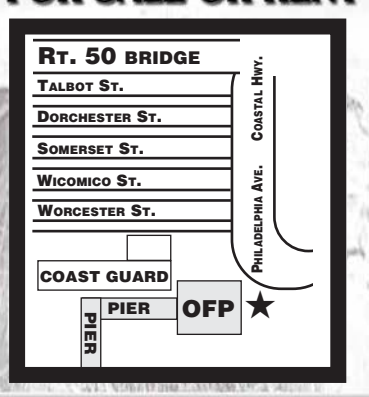

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and herring are two things you rarely can buy.

Tautog is another species of early season fish that anglers like to catch because they bite in relatively cool water. Tautog and stripers tend to bite at 48 degree water temperature. Anglers can use any kind of

crab, clam or crustacean to catch these buck tooth fish. Green crabs, sand crabs, marsh crabs, clam and shrimp all will work. Tautog don't bite just anywhere. You have to fish in deep running water that has some kind of structure, which means a lot of snags. Some good tog fishing spots are the Inlets, the bulkhead along 2nd through 4th streets, the end of 6th Street, the pilings near the 9th Street Pier, the hole at the very end and to the left of the Oceanic Pier casting towards the Inlet rocks, and around the pilings and draw of the Route 50 Bridge.

Again, early in season, the outgoing tide supplies warmer water. You can try fishing the incoming tide, but if it gives up no fish, wait out the tide and fish the outgoing. Tautog tend to feed best towards the end of the day anyway. So if you get a warm day with the sun beating down on the water, then fish the high outgoing tide, or fish the low outgoing tide and you should have a pretty decent catch. That is, if you're good at tautog fishing. It takes a lot of patience and practice to become a good "togger!"

"What's biting in the surf early in the season?"

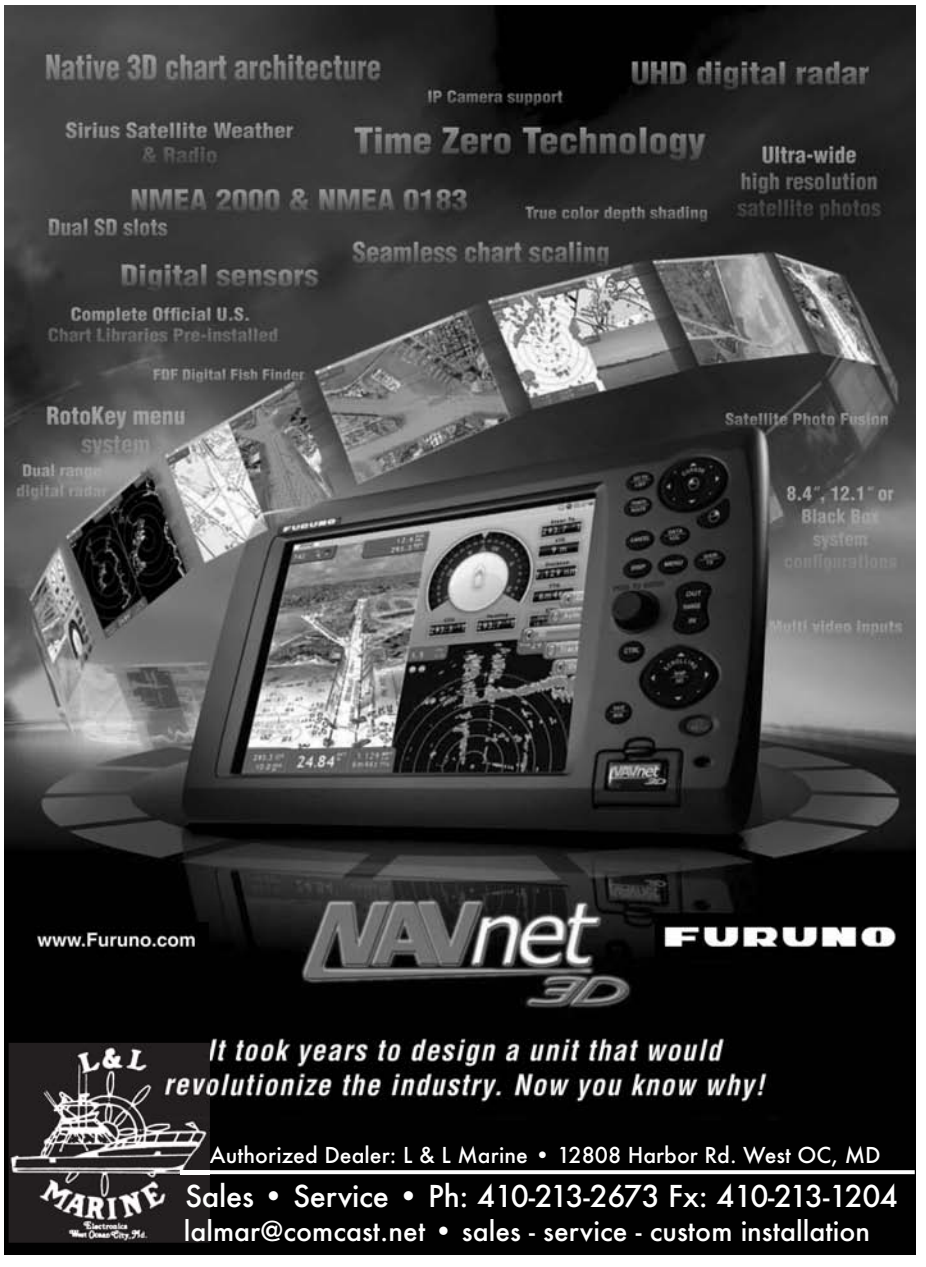
It starts with skates, and then we catch spiny dogfish sharks. This is how it all begins in early/mid April. Then we get stripers! This should be happening now. Early season stripers like chunks of bunker, bloodworms, or any kind of cut bait in the surf. Anglers will also catch blowfish and red hake on smaller hooks baited with pieces of squid, cut bait or worms. When the water temperatures reach 50 degrees we will see bluefish. Usually blues start biting well around the first week in May in the inlets. Blues like finger mullet! Then, a few weeks later, we'll hear of kingfish (sea mullet/whiting). These tasty panfish like to eat pieces of bloodworm or Fishbite bloodworm on small #6 or #8 hooks. Later in the season, we'll get spot and croaker, but don't expect them too early.

Light east winds, warmer water in the surf, lots of west winds, and the water temps drop. When water temperatures are on the "edge" this is a factor to consider. Besides all that, if it's a nice day, and you want to go fishing, GO FISHING! If you catch, you catch... If not, tomorrow's another day...

Good fishing...

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

Gage Rims of Baltimore, MD reeled in this 18.75 inch flounder while using a sand eel for bait. Gage was fishing on the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Bob Gowar and Mate Tyler Adkins in the bay behind Assateague Island.



Vance Jenkins, age 4, of West Ocean City muscled in this 15-inch tautog while fishing from the shore of Gudelsky Park. Vance was fishing with his dad, Randy Jenkins and hooked the tog while using crab for bait.

On New Years Day, Scott Hoffman was trolling for bluefish with his brother Steve on the "Just Add Sauce" when he caught and released this striped bass, which they estimated at 50 lbs. The big bass hit a Stretch 30 at Great Gull.

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1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
2 cups grape tomatoes, cut into quarters
1/4 cup kalamata olives, chopped
1/2 cup fresh basil, chopped
1 to 2 tsp. balsamic vinegar
2 cups chicken broth
1 cup shredded carrot
1 cup uncooked couscous

Heat oven to 450 degrees.

Spray a 13x9 baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

Place fish in baking dish and brush with 1 TBS. of the oil and 1/8 tsp. each of salt and pepper.

Bake for 15 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork. If desired, run fish under the broiler for a minute to lightly brown.

In a small bowl, mix together the tomatoes, olives, basil, remaining 1 TBS. olive oil, vinegar, and remaining 1/8 tsp. each salt and pepper. Cover and set aside.

Bring the chicken broth to a simmer and stir in the carrots. Simmer for 1 minute.

Stir in the couscous and remove from heat.

Cover and allow to sit for 5 minutes.

Serve the fish with the tomato relish and couscous on the side.

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STRIPED BASS WITH DIJON & PEPPERCORN SAUCE

1 pound of fresh bass, skinned and deboned
Salt and pepper
4 ounces of butter
2 ounces of white wine
1/2 ounce of peppercorns
2 cups of heavy whipping cream
2 ounces of dijon mustard

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Place the striped bass in a baking pan in 4 ounce portions. Season with salt and pepper.

Add 4 ounces of melted butter and 1 oz. of white wine.

Cover with aluminum foil and bake at 350 degrees for about 15 to 20 minutes.

Heat a saucepan and add peppercorns, 1 oz. wine, heavy whipping cream and dijon mustard. Cook until you have a sauce.

Spoon sauce over the bass and serve.

Serves 8

OVEN BAG LEMON DILL FISH

1 Reynolds Oven Bag, small size
1 TBS. flour
1 to 2 fish fillets
2 TBS. water
1 TBS. lemon juice
1 tsp. grated lemon peel
1/4 tsp. garlic salt
1/8 tsp. dried dill weed
1 TBS. butter, diced

Shake flour in oven bag and place in a 13x9 inch microwave-safe baking dish.

Allow flour to settle in corner of bag. Add fish to bag.

Sprinkle fish evenly with water, lemon juice, lemon peel, garlic, salt and dill weed. Dot with butter.

Close bag with nylon tie, cut six 1/2 inch slits in the top of th bag.

Microwave on HIGH until fish flakes easily with fork, 4 to 6 minutes.

Serves 2

SEAFOOD ANGEL HAIR

12 oz. angel hair pasta, uncooked
1/2 lb. uncooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
2 garlic cloves, minced
2 TBS. olive oil
8 medium fresh tomatoes, chopped
1/4 cup chicken broth
1/4 tsp. chicken bouillon granules
1 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
8 oz. crab, chopped

Cook pasta according to package directions.

In a large nonstick skillet, saute shrimp and garlic in oil for 5 minutes or until shrimp turn pink. Remove and keep warm.

In the same skillet, combine tomatoes, broth, sugar, bouillon, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil.

Reduce heat, simmer, uncovered for 15 minutes.

Stir in crab and reserved shrimp; heat through.

Drain pasta, serve with seafood mixture.

Serves 6

CREAMY FLOUNDER ALMONDINE

6 to 8 flounder fillets
1/2 cup butter
1 shallot thinly sliced
1 clove garlic minced
1 cup dry white wine
2 cups heavy whipping cream
1/4 cup sliced almonds

Heat oven to 375 degrees.

Line a rimmed baking sheet with heavy duty foil.

Place fillets in a single layer on prepared pan.

In a medium saucepan, melt butter.

Add shallot and garlic, cook for 5 minutes.

Add wine, cook for 6 minutes.

Add cream; cook for 8 minutes or until slightly thickened.

Pour over fillets and sprinkle evenly with almonds.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until fish flakes easily with a fork

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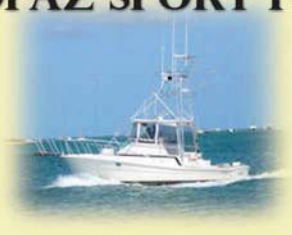
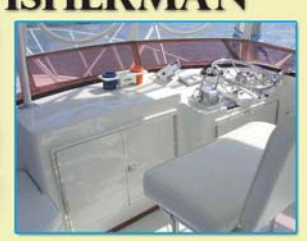

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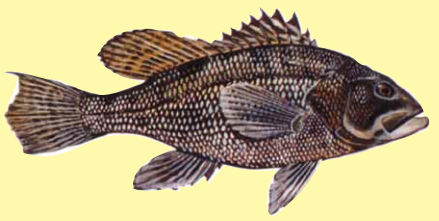

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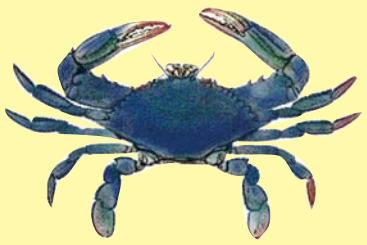

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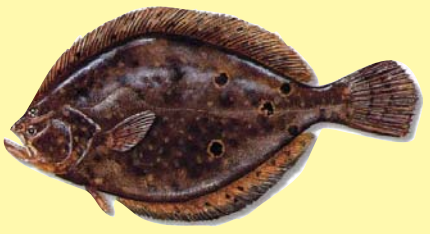

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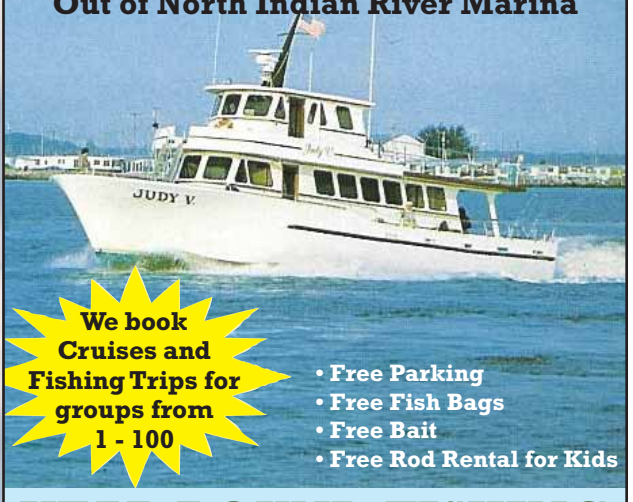

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Paul Breeland of West Ocean City and Jamie Breeland of Snow Hill, MD have had good success this spring flounder fishing on the flats north of the Thorofare. On this day they took home 4 keepers, all caught while drifting live minnows. The guys had good luck fishing the end of the outgoing and the beginning of the incoming tides.

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Past the Breakers

by Sam Kilgore

After a long, cold winter the Delmarva surf is beginning to warm up and very welcomed signs of life are appearing. Over the past few weeks I have been keeping a close eye on the inshore water temperatures and am happy to see the surf temps have risen significantly. This temperature increase is not only caused by a few warm, sunny days, but also several consecutive days of south wind. With the warmer water, sand fleas are showing up and can be found in the wash. Sand fleas are often overlooked when it comes to bait, but present a good meal to many species of hungry fish.

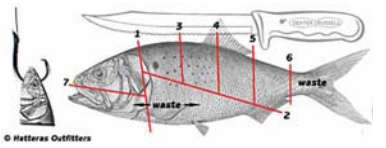
Chris Tenbusch, Sr. of Georgetown, DE caught and released this 49-inch black drum while surfcasting off the beach on Assateague Island. The big black drum was hooked on a sea clam.

We should be seeing larger bluefish this month and have already seen kingfish (whiting) and blowfish. Kingfish are always fun to catch and are excellent table fare. When targeting kingfish, I use an 8-foot medium action rod with 10 lb. test monofilament. You can find premade kingfish rigs at most local tackle shops. The bait of choice is bloodworms, Fishbites bloodworm alternative, small pieces of cut bait such as strips of menhaden (bunker), shrimp and cut squid. If you decide to keep your kingfish, make sure you save the heads for your next trip to the surf. A kingfish head is probably one of my favorite baits for stripers (striped bass or rockfish) and red drum.

There have been several very nice black drum caught from the Assateague Island surf over the past few weeks ranging up to 49 inches. These powerful fish can be found cruising in close to the shore and searching the breakers looking for sand fleas and speckled crabs. When fishing for black drum, I use a fishfinder rig with an 8/0 circle hook. These fish are bottom feeders, so having a shorter leader could prove beneficial. These fish can be a bit tricky if you are not paying attention. Black drum have been known to "mouth" the bait and can easily steal your fresh peeler crab or clam. Keep your hooks sharp and a close eye on your rod tip. Baits of choice when targeting black drum include peeler crab, shucked chowder clam, sand fleas and I have heard a few success stories using Fishbites artificial bait.

Stripers are making their migratory trip back up to the cool waters off the New England coast. In recent years, surf anglers have consistently proven that the month of May is prime time to hook into big fish from the beach. Stripers will often swim in close to shore feeding on smaller fish, speckled crabs and sand fleas. Being an ambush predator, stripers also like to stick close to underwater structure, such as breaks in the sandbar. Low tide is a great time to scout out good beach structure, then fish the incoming tide.

Most surf anglers use fresh bunker as the primary bait when fishing for stripers. Bunker can be found at most local tackle shops. When picking out your bunker, it should be firm, slimy and the eyes should be clear. Keep it on ice until you are ready to



use it. An average size bunker can be cut into three or more sections utilizing the head as one bait and cutting the body into "chunks". You should discard the belly section as well as the tail. Other great baits to consider while fishing for spring stripers are peeler crabs, blood worms, freshly shucked clams and herring. In my experience, the crab and clam don't seem quite as appetizing to the skates and you also have a great shot at hooking into a black drum if he happens across your bait.

For striper fishing, I prefer using a standard "fish finder" rig. Personally, I like using very sharp 10/0 to 12/0 circle hooks. I find larger hooks are easier to bait and it makes it a little more difficult for skates and smaller dogfish (sand sharks) to get the larger hooks in their mouths. I use 17 lb. test monofilament as my main running line and tie it to a 50 lb. shock leader using a spider hitch / blood knot combination.

If you have never surf fished before and plan on hitting the sand this spring there are important factors I recommend taking into consideration. The first is realizing that surf fishing is very different from other types of fishing. There is no boat or captain to take you to the fish and guide you through every step of the way.

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When you fish the surf, you are in total control of your fishing experience from your gear to your frame of mind. Sure, being in the right place at the right time will definitely help, but in order to fully appreciate a true surf fishing experience, you need to be prepared to challenge yourself.

I have seen so many beginner anglers give up on surf fishing before they had a chance to really experience the thrill of fishing from the surf. Most of these people start off with very high hopes, decent tackle and everything it takes to catch a nice fish. They rush to get to the beach, quickly unpack their gear, bait their hooks, cast out their bait and expect the fish to be right there waiting for breakfast. After a while they become restless and begin to second guess everything they are doing. Before long those high hopes start to fade and boredom sets in. They wonder how in the world those other anglers have such great success.

There is no mystery to consistently catching fish from the surf. There is no "secret bait" the tackle shops keep hidden in the back and you don't always have to cast 100 yards to get to the fish. The most important things you can take with you are patience and a willingness to learn. In time, you will have gained not only invaluable knowledge but also confidence. When you least expect it your rod will bend over, your line will start peeling off the reel and you will realize the thrill of surf fishing and find the fish is not the only one "hooked".

Sam Kigore 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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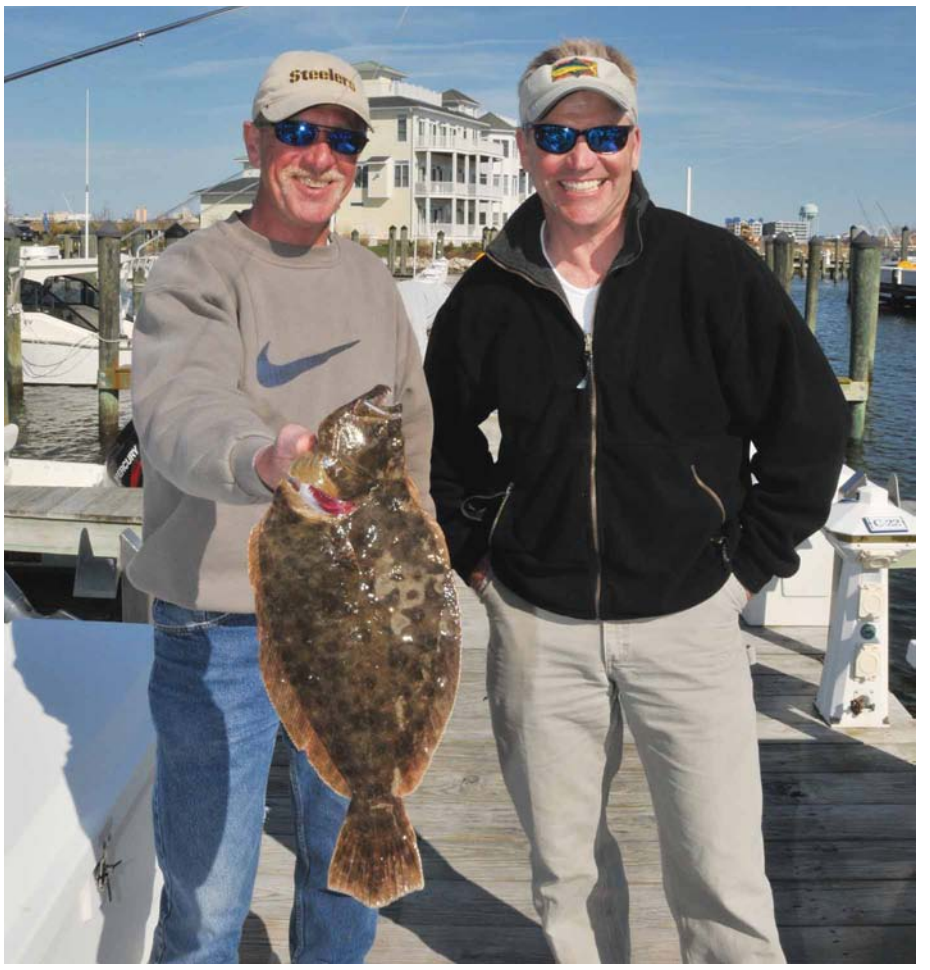
Anthony Lano landed this 32.5-inch striper on a 6-inch Storm lure while night fishing with his dad, Andy, by the Haystacks out of Lewes, DE.



The first reported flounder catch in Ocean City this year was made by Bo Smeltzer of Harrisburg, PA. Bo was fishing on the "Gotta Jones" with Pat Hurley when he hooked the 18.25-inch flattie on a minnow & squid combination on the south side of the Verrazano Bridge. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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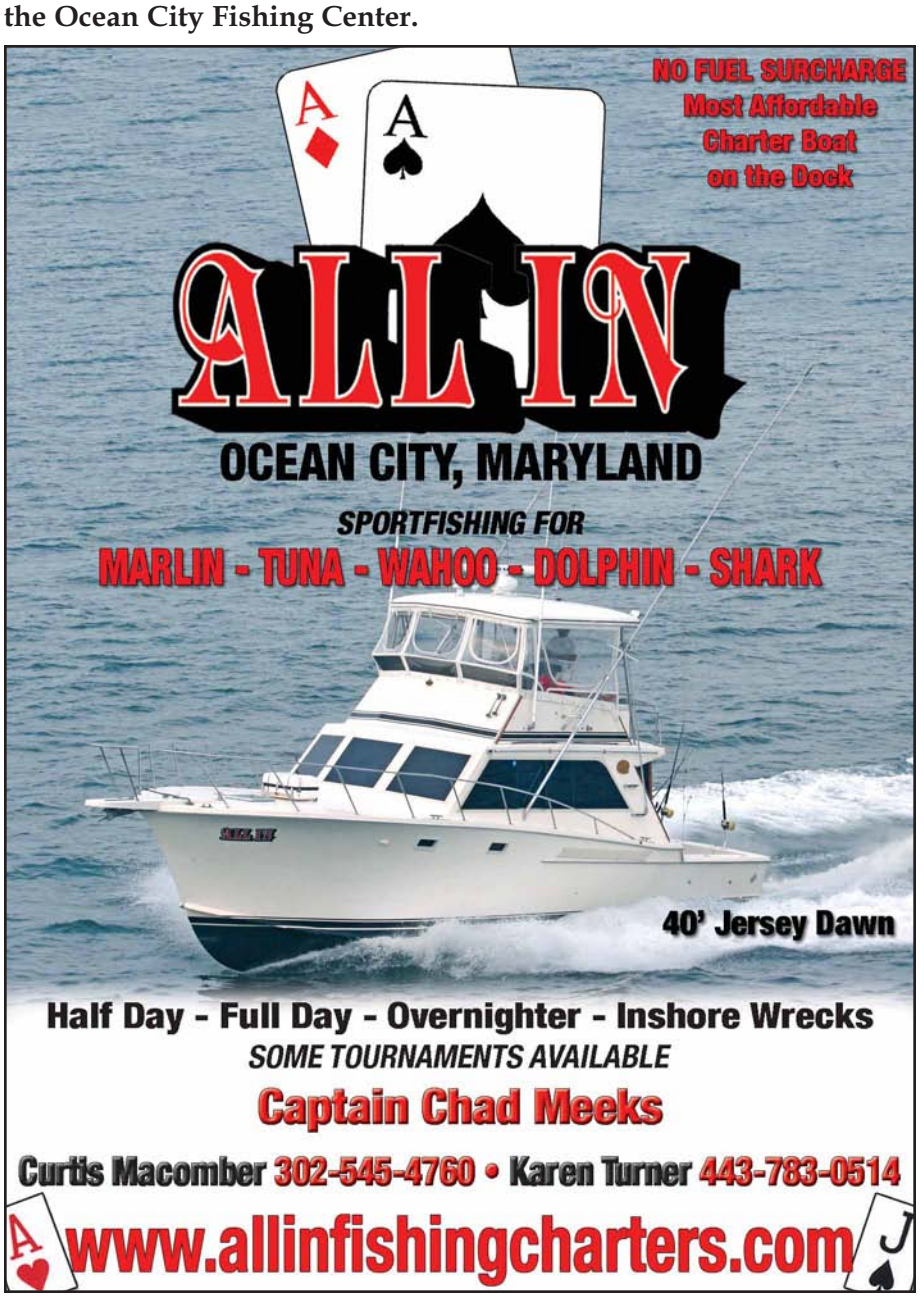
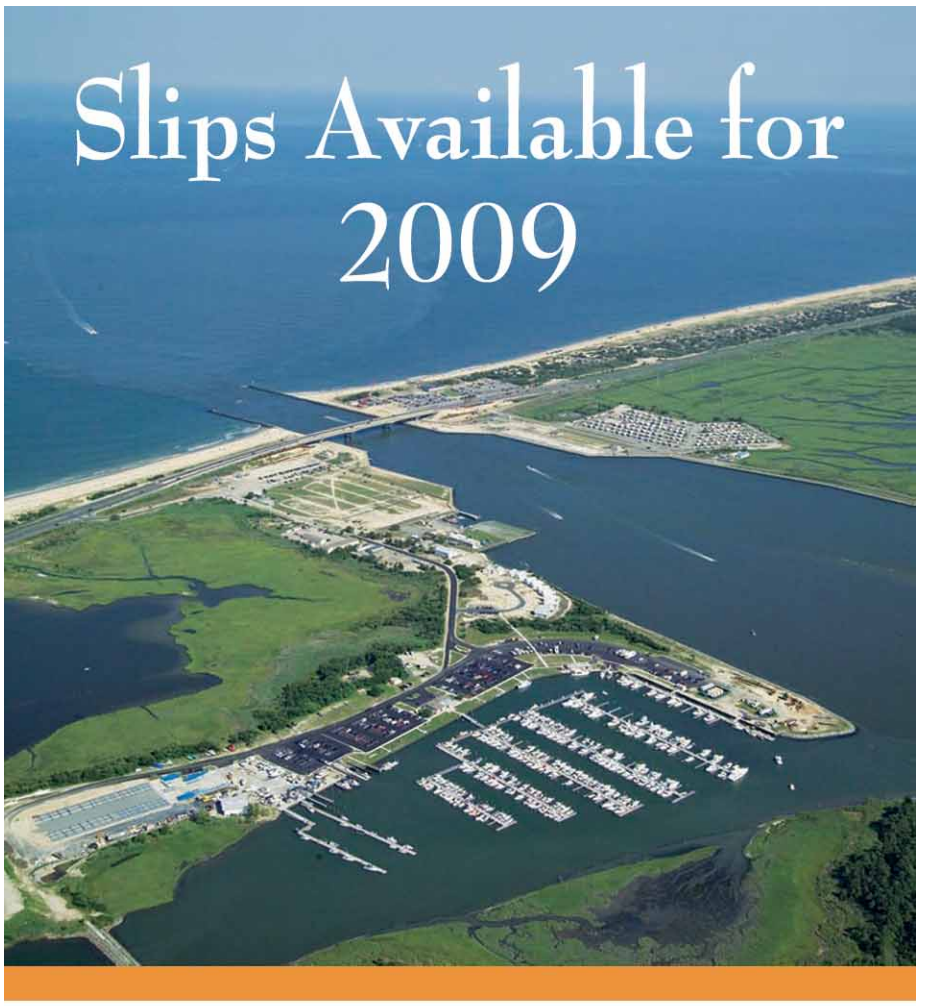
Mike Bowman and Jason Uhler, both from Quakertown, PA, Al Gartshore of Tyoga, PA, Josh and Joel Uhler, both from Millerton, PA and Steve Uhler from Coopersburg, PA had a fun day tog fishing on the "Ursula Priscilla" with Capt. George Merrick and Mate Rob Hearn. The group ended their day with 16 tautog in the box, all caught on green crabs and oysters at the African Queen. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

This past winter, Brock Shearin from Monkton, MD caught this 36-inch striper while casting bucktails in the ocean with his dad, Tom. The linesider tipped the scales at 16 lbs. and was weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.





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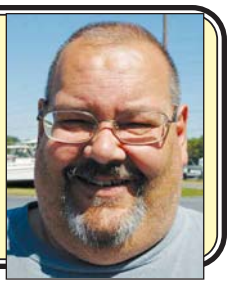
Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks! I don't know about you but I think the winter was way too long and way too cold! I am ready for some warm weather and a great fishing season.

Reports thus far are very promising with some real nice flounder being brought in and striper fishing continues to improve. Even though tog fishing has been hit or miss, it is a good practice to release those females since they spawn the fish we hope to catch in the future.

A few spotty reports of bluefish are starting to trickle in and that fishery should start to heat up at any time. Remember the flounder limits in Delaware remain at 19 ½ inches with a daily creel limit of 4 fish. That regulation will change May 11th when it then goes to 18 ½ inches in length and the daily creel limit stays at 4 fish per day.

The following are some of the catches that have been brought to the store. Capt. Charles Cook on the "EBBTIDE" had Gil Waddington to Site #10 to tackle those tough jawed, hard fighting tog. They did well with Gill, tricking a 7 lb. 6 oz. critter using green crabs. Larry Scott took Alvin Layton to one of his hot spots that produced an 8 lb. 8 oz. flattie. Andrew Wertz and Andrew Wertz Jr. caught a pair of 19 ½ inch flounder along with a few throwbacks from the back bays. Capt. Dan Carey fooled a 22-inch flounder and Miss Wanda captured a 29-inch striper while they were fishing Burton's Island using Windcheaters. Dave Bowers fished in the Indian River with Ken Shivey and ended the day with a 26 ¾ inch flounder that weighed in at 8 ½ pounds. Chuck Pyle fished the VFW Slough with James Pyle to boat a 7 lb. 2 oz. flattie along with a few other keepers.

Flounder are starting to make an appearance in the Delaware Bay and Deb Wilson from Lewes, DE was there to take advantage of it, landing this pair of flatties while drifting a minnow & squid combination at Brown Shoal. Deb was fishing on the "R Way II" and no weights of the fish were reported. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

Here are few tips to use for early season flounder in the back bays. Fish the outgoing tide, use as little weight as possible and as far as rigs are concerned, keep it simple. Also try to be as gentle as you can if you know the fish is going to be released. If it means cutting your line, try to do it while the fish is in the water. It makes absolutely no sense to kill a fish that has to be returned to the water.

At Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, Bill reports a fair amount of keeper flounder coming in along with plenty of throwbacks. The "TRADEWINDS III" out of Bowers Beach had a tog trip that put 35 keepers in the cooler in addition to a few throwbacks. Jim Azato and a friend fished The Wall and caught a limit of tog measuring up to 20 inches. Anglers are reporting keeper stripers at night from the rails near the Coast Guard station at the Indian River Inlet and from Bubble Gum Beach. Keeper flounder are also being captured from the pier at Massey's Landing and also by those drifting in The Ditch. Don't forget Bill's Flounder Tournament, which is going on now through June 12th. This will be a fun and potentially profitable time for the folks who enter. Anglers can fish from land or boats on any of Delaware's waters. First prize is $1,000 and prizes will be awarded for the 10 heaviest flounder. Entry forms and information available on the web site or in the store.

At Rattle & Reel Sporting Center on Long Neck Road, Ritchie reported flounder being caught in the VFW Slough on red or pink GULP! artificial baits. There has also been flounder and striper action on both sides of Burton's Island.

At Henlopen Bait and Tackle, John said a 27.1 lb. black drum was caught off Lewes Beach using flounder belly for bait. He also said tog are plentiful at The Wall for those using green crabs.

Bert at Hook'em & Cook'em Bait and Tackle, reported good flounder action in the back bays and tog in the Indian River Inlet. Surfcasters have hooked into small stripers from the beaches while using bloodworms for bait. Stripers up to 25 pounds have been hooked just outside the

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Inlet on herring. Anglers on the "WIDE OPEN" had a limit of sea bass weighing up to 7 lbs. while fishing 60 miles offshore. Headboats and charter boats have been getting their limit of tautog and also report a much improved sea bass bite.

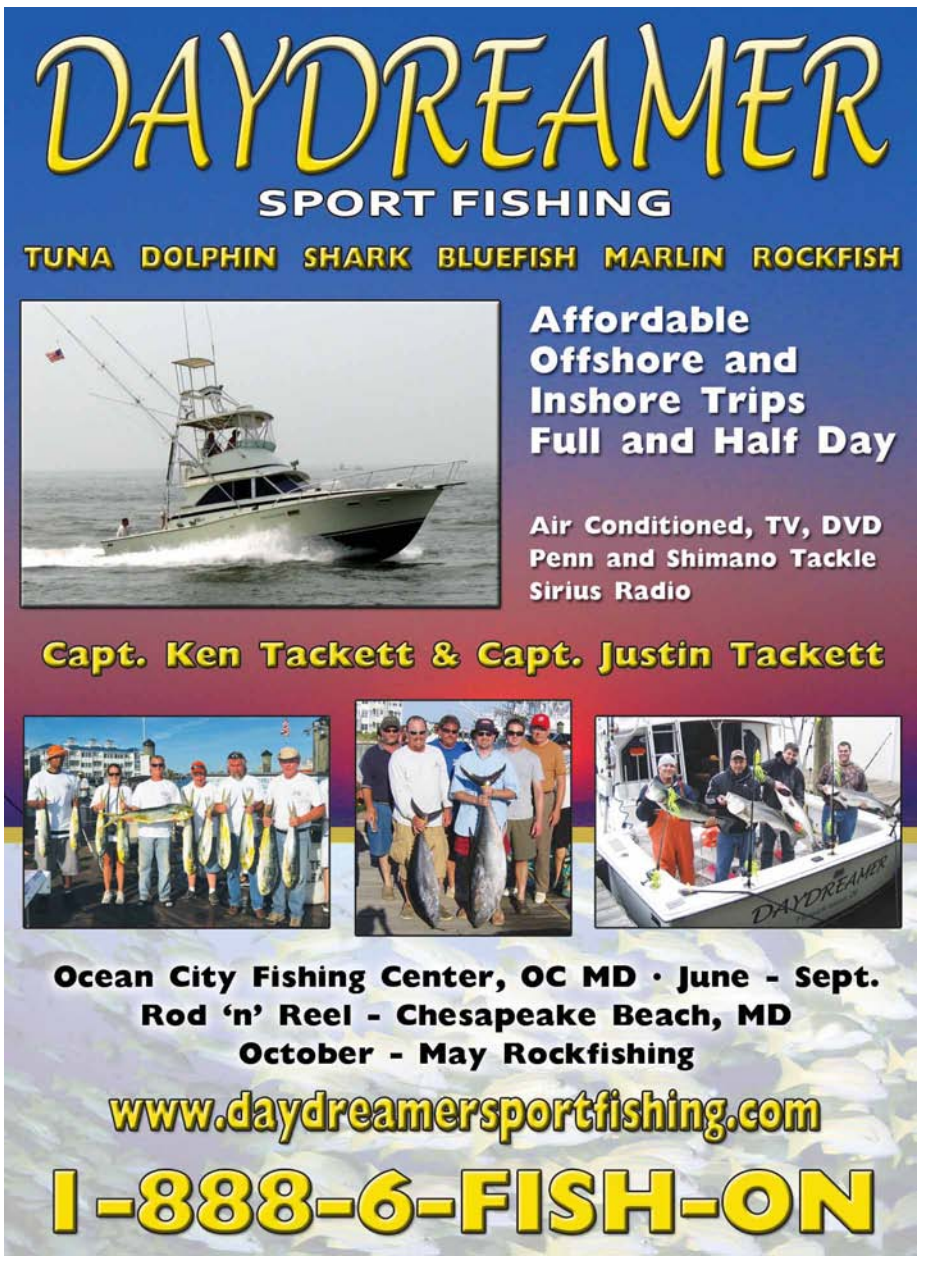
Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said the Outer Wall was the hot spot for tautog over the weekend. Plenty of blackfish came from the rocks of the breakwater. Tautog were also taken from the Star Reef Site and the rubble of the Broadkill Reef, but the best bite seemed to occur at the Wall. Green crabs were the favored bait, however, shrimp proved effective as well. Some of the bigger fish checked in included a 10.12 pounder by Steve Sullins and a 9.8 pound tautog for John Klase. Action should be good for the remainder of the spring season, which closes May 11.

The Lewes Canal has been yielding decent numbers of flatfish, many of which would have been keepers at 18 ½ inches, and anglers are looking forward to the reduced size requirement so they'll have a few fish to take home for dinner. Drifting minnows or shiners on small jigs during clean, incoming water has been productive. Gulp! Swimming Mullet and Gulp! Shrimp worked well too. A few fluke have been captured from Delaware Bay. Deb Wilson brought back a pair of keepers she boated while drifting a squid and minnow combo at Brown Shoal. The Annual Lewes Harbour Canal Flounder Tournament will be held Friday May 22. The Lions Club is assisting with the event this year, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to charity. Call the shop at 302-645-6227 for details. More reports of black drum sightings came from Broadkill Slough. The hook and line bite should come on around the full moon at the end of this week. Ocean fishermen have encountered increasing numbers of sea bass moving onto inshore wrecks so it looks like the spring bite may be starting to turn on.

Until next week, have fun and be safe!

Rick Willman and his wife Donna are owners of Rick's Bait & Tackle on Long Neck Road in Long Neck, DE.

Gil Waddington captured this 7 lb. 6 oz. tautog while fishing on the "Ebbtide" with Capt. Charles Cook. Gil hooked the tog on a green crab at Site #10. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



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Hunter Dortenzo of Ocean City, MD captured this 3 lb. 8 oz. flounder last Saturday while drifting with a chartruese Gulp! swimming mullet in the bay near the Ocean City Airport. Hunter was fishing with his dad, Vince Dortenzo, and weighed his catch at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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(As reported to the Coastal Fisherman - must be reported within 48 hours of catch)

Species	2009	2008
Sea Bass	January 26, 2009 Dean Lo "Arno" Wilmington Canyon	March 27, 2008 Susan Samsock "Morning Star" Artificial Reef
Tautog	January 4, 2009 Billy Collins "Ocean Princess" Offshore Wreck	February 4, 2008 Joe Restuccia "Karen Sue" Wreck
Striped Bass	January 3, 2009 Baron Daiker "Baron Sea" Little Gull	January 1, 2008 RJ Roppelt "Reel Persuasion" Little Gull
Weakfish	None Reported	May 16, 2008 Nick Sharp Roosevelt Inlet
Flounder	April 18, 2009 Bo Smeltzer "Gotta Jones" Verrazano Bridge	March 23, 2008 Preston Walls Rt. 90 Bridge
Bluefish	None Reported	April 24, 2008 John Foreman Assateague Surf
Black Drum	April 25, 2009 Chris Tenbusch Assateague Surf	April 24, 2008 Capt. Mac Simpson Assateague Surf
Thresher Shark	None Reported	May 24, 2008 Justin Michalski "Uptite" S.E. of Jackspot
Sheepshead	None Reported	June 5, 2008 Joe Shaffer North Jetty

Species	2009	2008
Mako Shark	None Reported	April 26, 2008 Thomas Dame "Free Spool" Elephant's Trunk
White Marlin	None Reported	June 9, 2008 Jim Miner "Judge" Norfolk Canyon
Blue Marlin	None Reported	June 9, 2008 Jason Hinton "No Limits" Middle Sausage
Bluefin Tuna	None Reported	April 11, 2008 Greg Hook "Stress Reel-ief" Wilmington Canyon
Yellowfin Tuna	None Reported	May 25, 2008 Kevin King "Marli" Norfolk Canyon
Longfin Tuna	None Reported	June 20, 2008 Jim Short "Not Right" Baltimore Canyon
Bigeye Tuna	None Reported	August 25, 2008 Bert Long "Lewestown Lady" Wilmington Canyon
Dolphin	None Reported	May 25, 2008 Janan Mohamed "Marli" Norfolk Canyon
Wahoo	None Reported	July 1, 2008 Matt Migliore "Marli" Lumpy Bottom

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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

	MD	DE
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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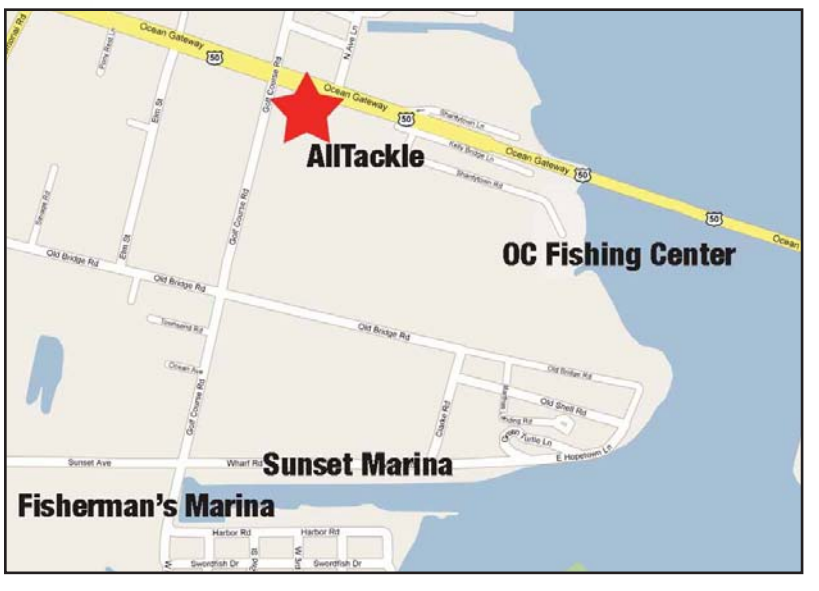

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Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder

MARINE ELECTRONICS WHAT'S AHEAD FOR 2009?

As the 2009 season approaches, this is a good time to reflect on what can be expected for this year's boating when it comes to electronics. Has the economic slowdown had a discernable impact? How have manufacturers responded to it? What advice is there for you and your coming season of boating?

There can be no doubt that the boating industry has taken some "hits" as a result of the general economy. It actually started last year with the major increase in gas prices. This year, gas is a virtual bargain by comparison. However, layoffs and uncertainty about the markets have caused both boaters and manufacturers to sit up and take notice. But Americans by our very nature are an optimistic group and deal with adversity in many positive ways.

Manufacturers have responded in measured fashion. They have not introduced a huge number of new products this season and certainly little or no new technology. Rather, they have spent their research and development funds to improve existing products in various ways. LCD screens have improved for daylight viewing and chart companies have made the necessary changes in charting areas and/or details. By and large, however, the major manufacturers have held the line with the products they made last year.

On the positive side for the consumer is the fact that many manufacturers are running promotional sales and special rebates or pricing. That, coupled with the product stability, makes this season the perfect time to buy. If you have contemplated buying a new boat but have had to postpone that purchase or you have been waiting for the right time to upgrade your current equipment, that time has come.

Make a list of the marine equipment on your boat and its date of purchase. At the bottom of the list, put any items that you would like to add for the first time. Next, think about your particular boating patterns and what items are the most important for you to have. In other words, do you just ride around in the bay a lot or do you go offshore and, if so, how far? If you are in the first category, a good fishfinder able to read shallow water depths is critical. If you go offshore, your most important item will be a good navigation aide in the form of a GPS and possible chart plotter. After all, you need to know how to get back home. Radar to show you the way through fog and/or to avoid storms can give great peace of mind. One way to save money is an autopilot to steer you on a straight course saving fuel and time.

Once you have made your list, take each item of existing equipment and turn it on to see if it still works properly. Think about the times you have used it. Was it reliable and were you able to operate it well or did you find it too hard to use? How old is it? It may be past the time of finding replacement parts. How important is it to your boating needs? Once you have done this, rearrange your list prioritizing the items most justified for replacement or purchase. If you are putting off buying a new boat or engines, upgrading your electronics can make this year's boating a lot safer and more enjoyable. Then look for those sales and feel good about your purchase.

One note of caution is required here. Whenever the economy slows down, there is a "weeding out" process of smaller, less funded companies. Therefore, any new purchase would be best made with one of the long time established companies.

Pat Schrawder and her husband Larry are owners of L&L Marine Electronics on Golf Course Road in West Ocean City.

On February 25th, Ken Yuen of Germantown, MD reeled in this 6 lb. 3 oz. sea bass while fishing on the "Arno" with Mike Rose of Salisbury, MD, Bill Houghton of Pasadena, MD, Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mate Dean Lo. Ken hooked the sea bass while jigging a Sting Silver on an offshore wreck in 43-degree water. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

Ivan Brown of Middle River, MD arrived at the dock with 3 keeper flounder ranging in size from 18.25 inches to 19.5 inches after a half-day of fishing on the "Bay Bee" with his wife Wanda, Capt. Bob Gowar and Mate George Lenz. All three flatties were caught while slow trolling in the bay behind Assateague Island. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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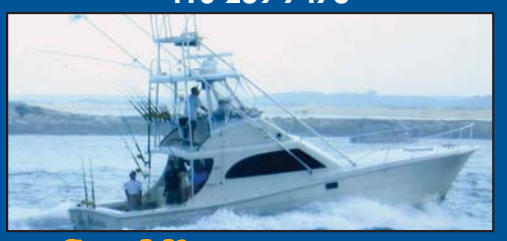

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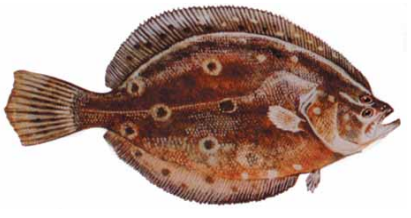

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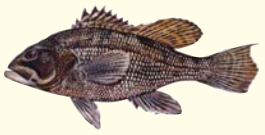
Sea Bass 	March 6, 2009 Noah Fowler Bow Mariner 7 lbs.	February 25, 2009 Paul Twilley Wilmington Canyon 7 lbs. 5 oz.
Tautog	March 15, 2009 Capt. Kane Bounds "Judith M" 19 lbs. 8 oz.	May 1, 2009 Gil Waddington "Ebbtide" 7 lbs. 6 oz.
Striped Bass	May 2, 2009 Doug Trice Assateague Surf 22 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Weakfish	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder	April 18, 2009 Terry Bachulski Rt. 90 Bridge 4 lbs. 7 oz.	April 22, 2009 Randy Tyndall Indian River Inlet 4 lbs. 2 oz.
Bluefish	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Sheepshead	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Black Drum	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

Species	Ocean City	Delaware
Mako Shark	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Thresher Shark	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Cobia	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Yellowfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bigeye Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Dolphin	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Wahoo	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

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Chum Lines

by Mark Sampson

Many probably recall the tragedy that occurred in late February when three professional football players died after their 21-foot boat capsized in heavy seas during what should have been a routine fishing trip off the west coast of Florida. The mishap could have been avoided, but accounts of the incident given by the single survivor indicate that there were just too many mistakes made along the way; they ran 62-miles out in a 21-foot open boat, had no EPIRB, carried inadequate PFD's, and ventured out when severe weather was forecast. Surely those men had the best of intentions, but either they where so focused on fishing that they forgot to think about safety, or they just lacked the experience to know what kind of risk they'd be taking when they left the dock that morning. In any event, three out of four ended up dead - and the guy who owned the boat shouldn't have allowed it to happen.

I don't know the events that led up to the four friends deciding to go fishing that day. Maybe the boat owner had reservations about going but allowed his friends to talk him into it. Maybe he thought they could be home before the weather turned bad. Maybe he didn't think it was going to get that bad. I guess now it doesn't really matter, suffice to say that the owner was the one person who had the opportunity to say "we ain't going" but he failed to do so and lives were lost.

Of course, as long as man has been traveling by water bad decisions have sent boats and crews to the bottom of the sea, so this story is nothing new. But because it got so much press and happened not too long ago I would hope that Delmarva anglers keep the tragedy in mind as they go through the 2009 fishing season and not make poor decisions that could land them in trouble as well.

Whether it's a private boat, charter boat, head boat, or an ocean liner, every vessel has some kind of "skipper" in charge. This person might be the owner of the boat, a Coast Guard licensed captain, or just the one who rented the boat for the day and who has a little more experience than fellow crewmembers. It doesn't matter if he goes by "captain, admiral, master, dad" or "Uncle Joe". Neither does it matter if it's a month-long cruise to Bermuda or a half-hour trip across the bay - whoever accepts the role of being in charge must also accept the fact that the burden of keeping their crew and vessel out of harms way rests squarely and solely on their own shoulders, the "buck" stops with the skipper - period!

Through the course of a voyage a skipper will be required to make hundreds if not thousands of decisions; turn left, trim tabs up, anchor here, slow down, follow the channel, cross the shoal, close the hatch, check the engine, keep fishing for another hour, what channels to monitor on the VHF, how much fuel and provisions to carry - the list is endless! But the most important decision a skipper will make is always whether or not to leave the dock, because quite literally the lives of his crew will ride on that choice.

Considerations must be made not only for the weather but also for the condition of the boat, available equipment, and the abilities of the crew. Skippers must take into account "what-if" the engine quits, someone gets hurt, the fog rolls in, or it gets dark before they get back, and there must be a plan for such things.

Experienced skippers come to know that their crew will usually be of little or no use when it comes to making critical decisions aboard the boat. Passengers will be happy to do whatever the captain requests, but since "he's in charge" they're usually quite willing to leave it up to him to do whatever he thinks is the proper action. I'm sure I'm not the only captain who, while dealing with the stress and worries associated with fog, rough weather, or mechanical problems, looked away from the helm to notice that the crew's only concern was whether or not they had enough mustard for their sandwiches. While it's nice to know that they have that kind of confidence in my skills as a mariner, I'll admit that it can be a lonely feeling when no one aboard has a care in the world but me.

Professional mariners get paid to assume that kind of burden, private boaters do not, but both share an equal and never ending responsibility to do everything in their power to keep their passengers and their vessels safe. Unfortunately, throughout history, skippers have too often bowed to the pressure of running the voyage "on schedule" and departed the dock when their better judgment told them to do otherwise. The bottom of virtually every ocean and waterway is littered with the results of such decisions.

As Delmarva's 2009 fishing and boating season progresses, skippers of all sizes and types of boats will be tasked every day with making the decision to go or stay. In many, if not most cases the captain will affirm that the weather is good, the boat is "right," and there's no reason why they shouldn't shove-off and expect a wonderful time on the water. But there will also be times when boat or weather conditions won't be favorable and hard choices will have to be made. Unfortunately some skippers will put better judgment aside and "go" because they're involved in a fishing tournament, they have a charter booked and need the money, it's the only day of the week they can fish, the owner of the boat wants his hired captain to take the trip, or any of a million other reasons. Whatever is the compelling motivation to go, there is NOTHING, not fame, fortune, or even the desires of an irate boss (or charter client) that should EVER compel a

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Apparently the "Lewes Harbour Marina Stretch" is back in 2009 since, under Joe Morris' guidance, this photo makes Michael Walsh's flounder look like it weighs 18 lbs. Michael landed his flounder while drifting a live minnow in the Lewes Canal. Nice catch, Michael! Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

skipper to leave the dock if he has safety concerns.

A captain has got to keep mindful of the fact that most crews are going to be pretty much useless in the decision-making process because, just like passengers on an airliner they just want to complete the trip and walk away. They don't have to worry about repairing damage done from a rough trip or being held responsible if there are injuries or loss of life.

As I said, "the buck stops with the captain" and everyone (often blindly) relies on him to make the right decisions that will keep them safe. The right decision was not made in February when a skipper elected to take three of his friends 62-miles out in his 21-foot boat when bad weather was forecast. Hopefully skippers of all ages and levels of experience will learn from that tragedy and become better and safer mariners for it - no one will ever lose a boat or crewmember by erring on the side of caution!

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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During a trip to Wachapreague to film a segment of "Hooked on OC", this group of local anglers arrived home with 4 nice keepers. Earl Murray, second from right, took the early lead in the Top Flounder Fisherman contest at Sunset Provisions with a 4 lb. 5 oz. flattie caught on an Assateague Tackle flounder rig. Also pictured are Dave Messick from "Hooked on OC", Fast Eddie Turney and Scott "Will I Ever Win" Lenox. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.

Zachary Parker of Ocean City, MD was drifting eels north of the Bay/Bridge Tunnel last winter when he hooked into this 49-inch striper while fishing on the "Taking Care of Business". Zachary was fishing with his dad, Jimmy Parker and his uncle, Harry Miller. It took all three anglers to get the 49.4 lb. fish into the boat after the handle on their net began to break.

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Charles Sitskorn of West Ocean City, MD took a trip out to Tangier Sound and landed this 40-inch striped bass while fishing on the "Lady Katy" with Capt. Art Benton. The big striper tipped the scales at 23 lbs. 13 oz. and was caught on a trolled mojo rig.

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Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball

The inshore saltwater spring fishery is now in full gear. The final star of the show made its debut this week, the notorious red drum. Chris's Bait and Tackle reports over a dozen bulls already released by surf anglers from the suds of Smith's Island. This fishery is no where near what it will become, but with the recent northeasterly wind and the upcoming full moon, a boost in the action is promising. Peeler crabs, blue crabs, and bunker fished on the Eastern Shore shoals and in the surf of the barrier islands will put you in the zone. These fish are fierce fighters, and can weigh upwards of 50-pounds.

The red drum's close cousin, the black drum, is also pushing its way into its usual haunts. These two species are usually caught in the same areas. A few blacks are coming from near Buoy 13 and the seaside inlets along the Eastern Shore, while smaller fish are still coming from the surf. More large fish will begin taking bait soon, with the beginning of May always the best time for these gentle giants.

With the recent wind and muddy water, flounder pounders are struggling to find fish, with protected areas offering the best opportunity. Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle reports that some keepers up to around 23-inches are coming from within Lynnhaven Inlet. The Oyster area and Ship Shoal Inlet on the Eastern Shore are providing limits of keepers, while drifters at Buoy 36A were also hooking a few flatties before the recent cold front. According to the Virginia Beach Fishing Center, surf anglers and boaters trolling off the beach are pulling in good numbers of small bluefish.

The bayside shallows and lower bay inlets are producing speckled trout; the best color this week is a smoke or green twister tail grub. Folks fishing the inshore waters in Oyster as well as the Eastern Shore seaside inlets are also finding fish on peeler crabs, live bait, and Mirrolures. Puppy drum, with some reported to over 30-inches, are available within Lynnhaven, Rudee, and Little Creek Inlets. Chartreuse Gulp Swimming Minnows and live gudgeons are the top baits this week for the pups.

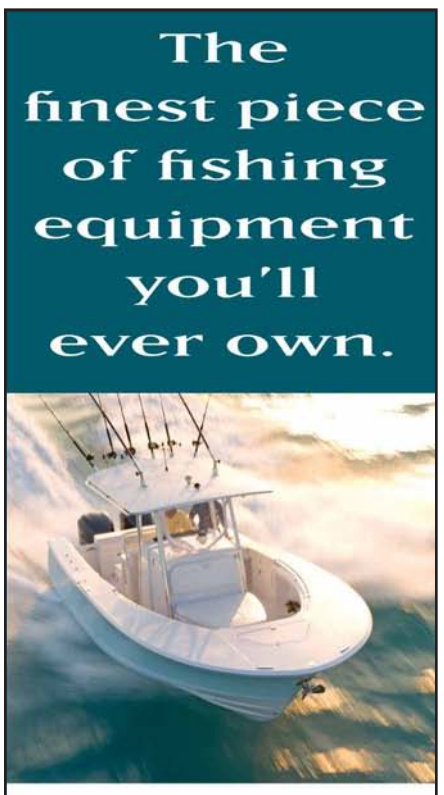
Croaker are still hitting along the Virginia Beach oceanfront, Ocean View, the HRBT, and the lower bay rivers and creeks. Some of these hardheads are pushing to over a pound. The folks at the Ocean View Fishing Pier report that a mix of small founder and sea mullet were rounding out catches of nice croaker, but the bite slowed with the passing front. Anglers are having the best luck with bloodworms and squid.

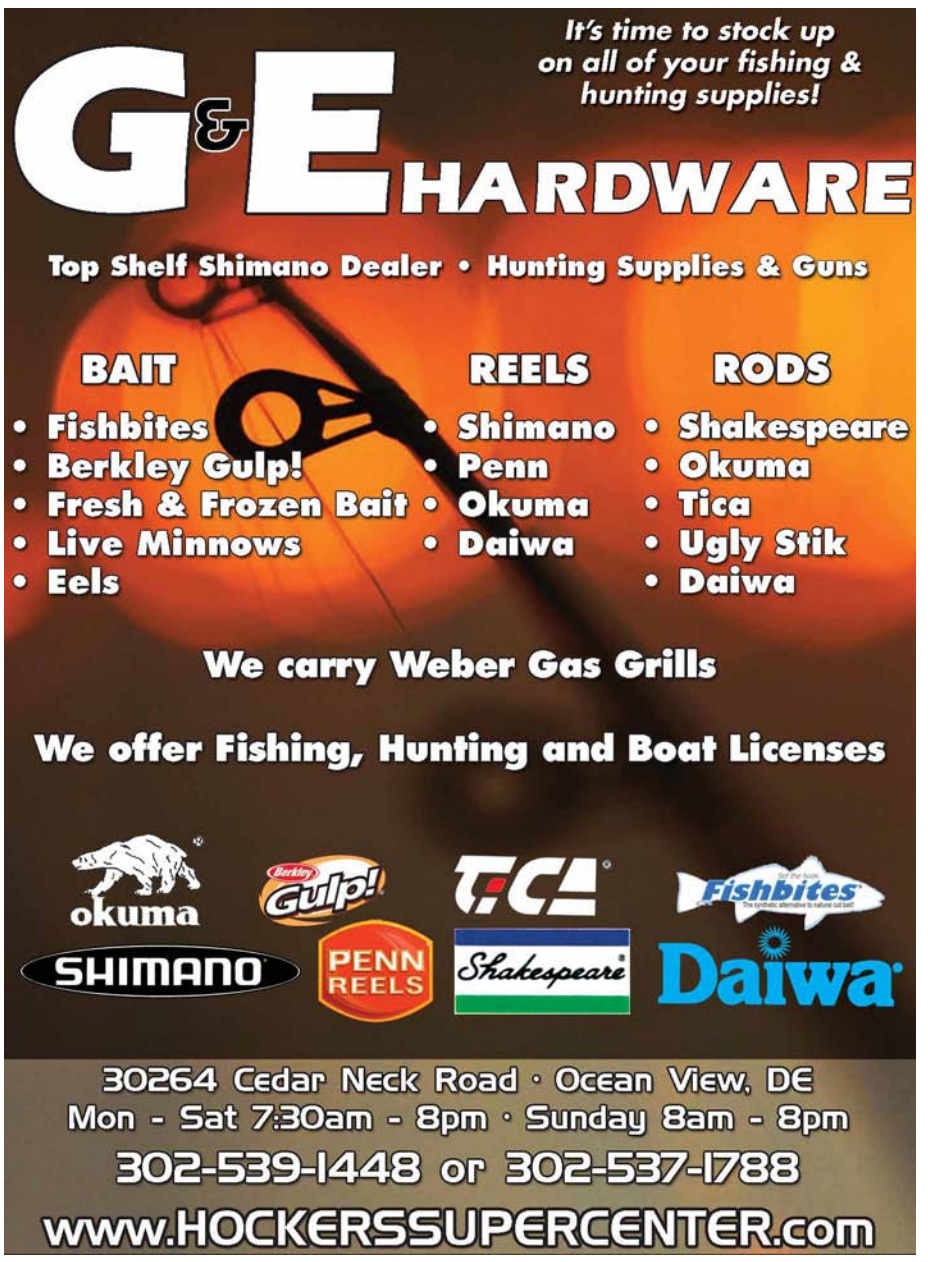
Tautog action was still going strong, but the skids on the tog fishery went into effect this week. As of May 1st, tautog season is closed until June. James Reid of Virginia Beach snuck in a nice 9 lb. 7 oz. citation tog from the 4th island before the closure.

Some nice sea bass are coming from both inshore and offshore locations, with squid, cut bait, and jigs, such as the Braid Slammer jig, working well. The Rudee Mariner, skippered by Captain Fred Feller out of The Fishing Center boated some keeper seabass, along with a surprise 24-pound monkfish while fishing near the Chesapeake Light Tower this week.

Grouper, wreckfish, and big blueline tilefish, are coming from deep waters off Virginia. The "Rudee Angler" out of Rudee Inlet loaded up on big tiles to over 19 lbs., seabass, and snowy grouper this past week during a deep dropping trip.

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.





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Christina Dubrava of Ocean City, MD ventured down to Ojala Lodge in Costa Rica where she caught and released her first Pacific Sailfish while fishing with Vince Benedict, also of Ocean City, MD.

Bart Rankin of Annapolis, MD caught this 6 lb. 6 oz. tautog and a 3 lb. 10 oz. flounder while fishing with Capt. Ed Wheedleton on the "Judy V" out of the Indian River Marina. The fish were caught on green crabs at the Coral Beds. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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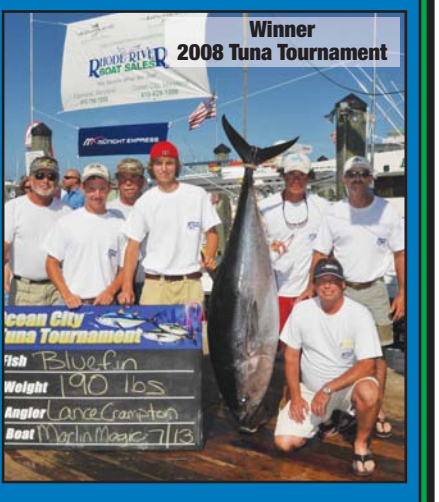

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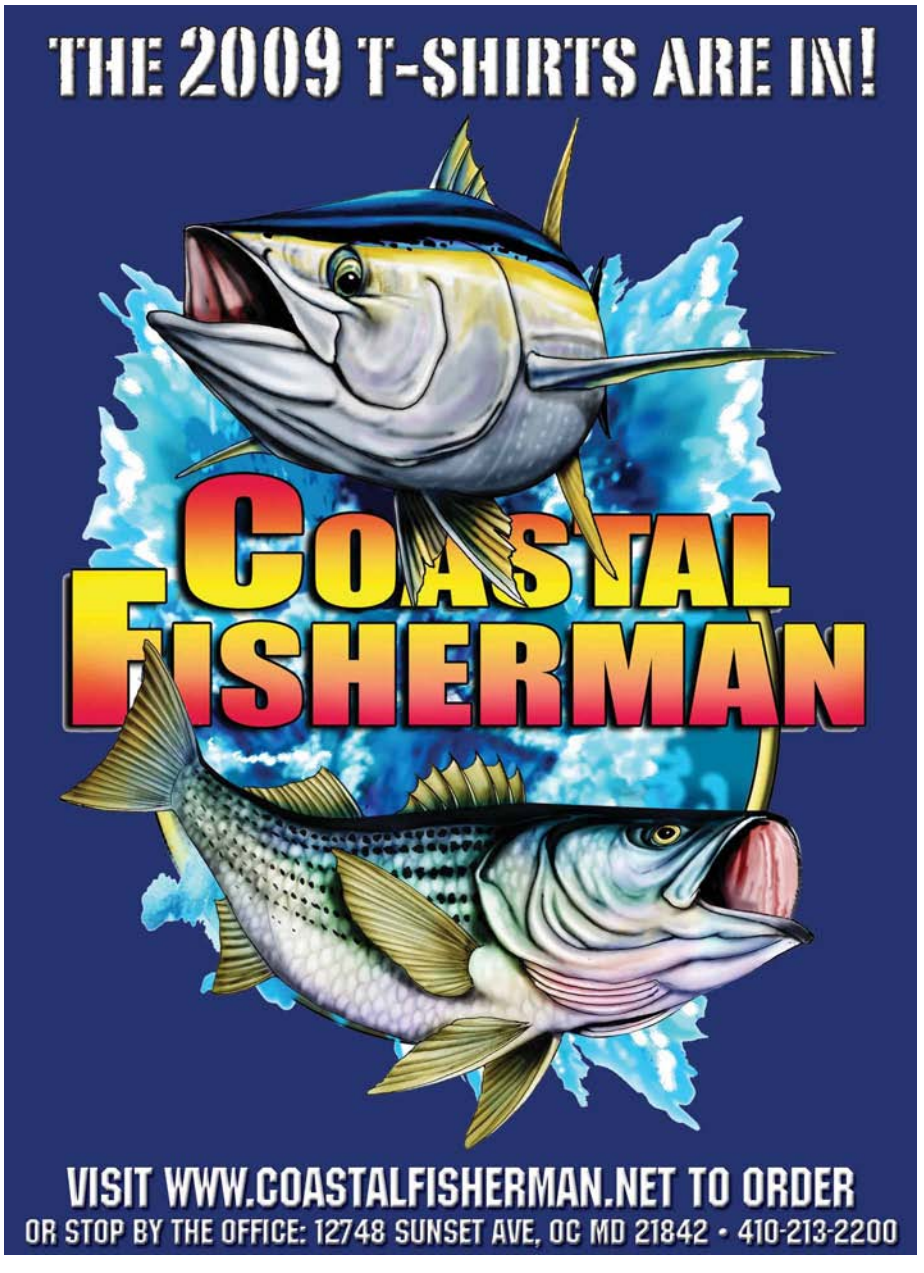

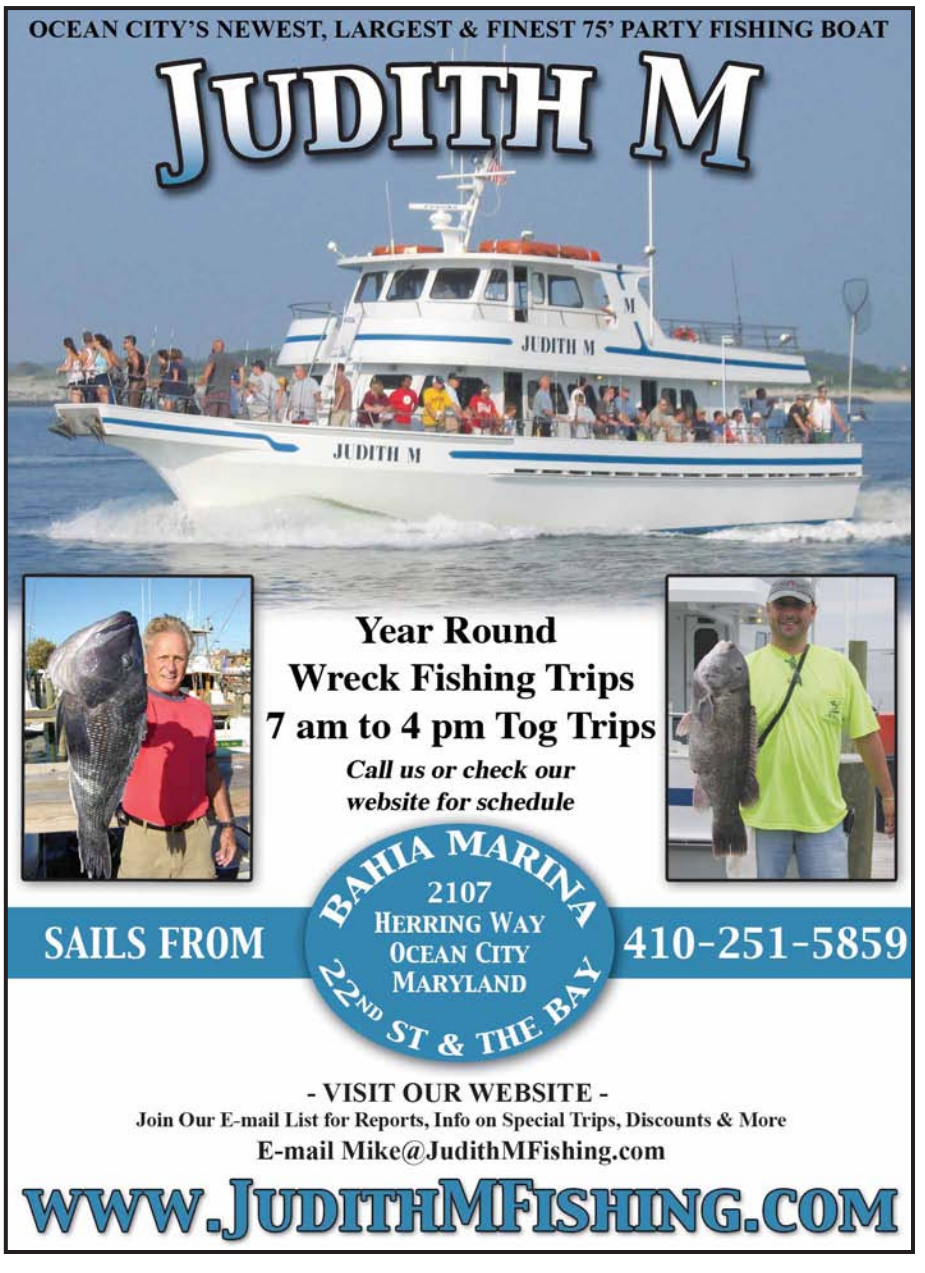

Flounder belly legal to use for bait

As the use of flounder belly has gained popularity over the last few years, with it has come some confusion as to whether it is legal to do so.

According to the Maryland Department of Natural Resouces Fisheries Service website, "in tidal waters of the state it is unlawful to have in one's possession aboard any boat on the tidal waters of Maryland more than fifteen (15) pounds of any fish CUT UP upon which a size or weight is prescribed by law or regulations." This regulation, along with other tidal water regulations can be found at www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries/regulations/tidalunlawful.html.

Maryland DNR Natural Resources Police Officer Andy Felsecker in the Ocean City, MD office confirmed the rule saying, "There is nothing wrong with using flounder belly as bait as long as it came off a legal size fish."

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Delaware requires anglers F.I.N. number

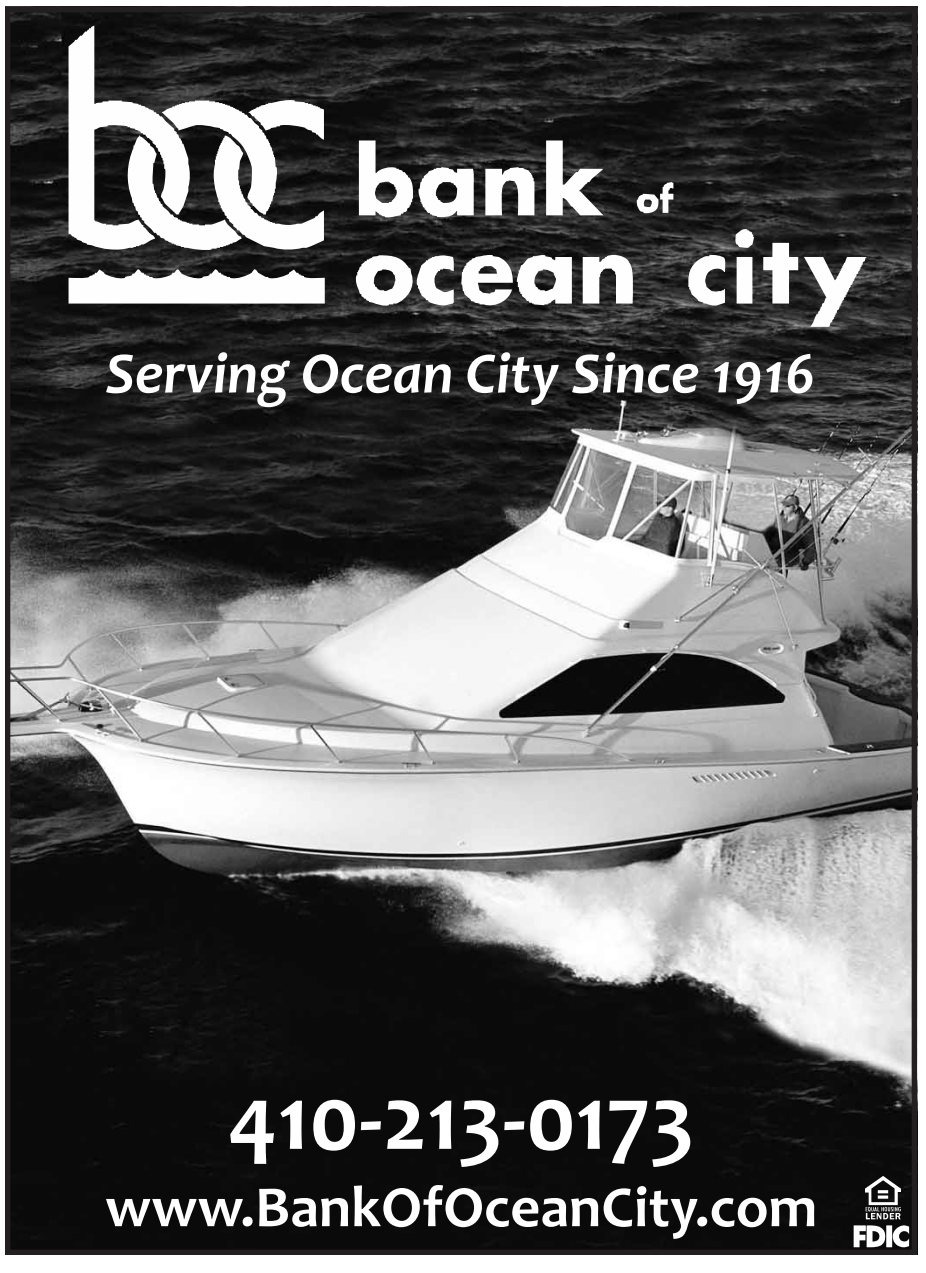
Reminder to all Delaware anglers, make sure you sign-up for the new Fisherman Information Network (F.I.N.) number.

"Beginning Jan. 1, Delaware is requiring all anglers age 16 and older, licensed or not, to join the new state fishing registry. They can get their number with a simple call or website visit - and participation is completely free of charge," explained Fisheries Administrator Roy Miller.

The First State's F.I.N. registry was established so that Delaware could provide its own information for a new federal registry that will begin charging fees in 2011. "The National Marine Fisheries Service has been tasked to identify saltwater anglers for survey purposes. If we can provide a complete registry of Delaware's marine recreational fishermen, our anglers will be exempt from participating in the federal registry and paying these new federal fees," Miller said.

To qualify for exempt status with the NMFS, the registry of Delaware's saltwater anglers must also include those who are not legally required to purchase a recreational fishing license. Because of this requirement, resident senior citizens age 65 and older and unlicensed anglers who fish from a licensed vessel, except for those who fish exclusively from charter boats or head boats, will also need to obtain a Delaware F.I.N. number, Miller added.

To obtain a F.I.N. number or for more information, anglers may visit www.delaware-fin.com, or call 800-432-9228, any time of day, any day of the week. Those needing live operator assistance may call 866-447-4626 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (EST). Anglers will be asked for their name, address, phone number and whether they intend to fish in freshwater, tidal water or both. Each person who obtains a F.I.N. number must keep this number on his or her person while fishing and be able to produce it for a law enforcement official.



George and Raymond Celotto of Paquey, PA, George "Dockhand Extraordiaire" Henning of the Ocean City Fishing Center and Don Hueg of Baltimore, MD caught 5 keeper flounder after a half-day trip aboard the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Bob Gowar and Mate George Lenz. The fish ranged between 18 and 19.5 inches and were caught on squid and shiner combinations in the bay behind Assateague Island. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Libby Kelly and Irv Mumford, both from Oyster Bay Tackle, were fishing in the Florida Keys when Libby landed this 2.5 lb. hogfish and Irv wrestled in a nice mangrove snapper off the Long Key Bridge. Both used live shrimp for bait. Photos courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

Good size stripers are beginning to show up in the suds off Assateague Island and on Saturday, Doug Trice of Berlin, MD was there to hook this 36-inch, 22 lb. linesider on a chunk of fresh bunker. Weighed at Buck's Place.

Bob Miller and Mike Brockmeyer from Fallston, MD ended their day with 5 flounder in the box and at least 20 throwbacks after drifting squid, minnows and shiners just north of the Thorofare. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

Tom Paradee of Berlin, MD caught this 22-inch flounder during a fishing trip with Capt. Jack Kaeufer on the "Gotcha" out of Quimby, VA. The flattie was caught using squid and minnows for bait. Nice catch, Tom!

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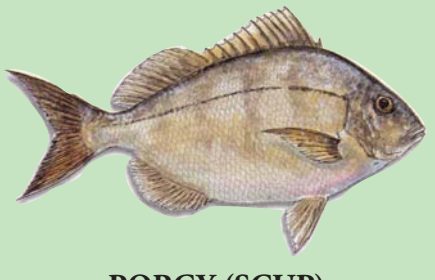

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Tides & Moon Phases

OCEAN CITY INLET

Wed. May 6	Low 12:21 am Low 12:24 pm	High 06:34 am High 07:00 pm
Thurs. May 7	Low 01:12 am Low 01:06 pm	High 07:20 am High 07:44 pm
Fri. May 8	Low 01:58 am Low 01:47 pm	High 08:03 am High 08:26 pm
Sat. May 9 **FULL MOON**	Low 02:40 am Low 02:27 pm	High 08:45 am High 09:07 pm
Sun. May 10	Low 03:20 am Low 03:06 pm	High 09:27 am High 09:49 pm
Mon. May 11	Low 04:01 am Low 03:46 pm	High 10:08 am High 10:31 pm
Tues. May 12	Low 04:42 am Low 04:28 pm	High 10:50 am High 11:14 pm
Wed. May 13	Low 005:25 am Low 05:12 pm	High 11:33 am High 11:58 pm

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