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On the final day of the 8th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Ben Hild muscled in this 57.6 lb. wahoo to win the Wahoo Division. Ben was fishing on the "Espadon" with Caden Cote, Alex Beane and Capt. Sylvain Cote. Ben hooked the speedster on a trolled ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon where Alex caught a 38.2 lb. yellowfin and Caden landed a 42.8 pounder. Pictured at the tournament scale at Sunset Marina.



The yellowfin tuna bite has been RED HOT for anglers chunking at the Hot Dog and Brooke Duvall and his grandson, Andrew Healey were there to take advantage of it, landing 7 yellowfins while fishing on the charter boat, "Last Call" with Capt. Franky Pettolina and mate Frank Pettolina. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



This group of anglers stealthily ventured out to an ocean reef and caught 12 flounder (8 pictured) on strip baits. Their largest fish measured 25-inches and weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. Pictured are Tom Vaughan of West Ocean City, MD, Todd Sheldon from Odessa, DE, Dave Titter from Chesapeake City, MD and Ron Anderson from Elkton, MD.



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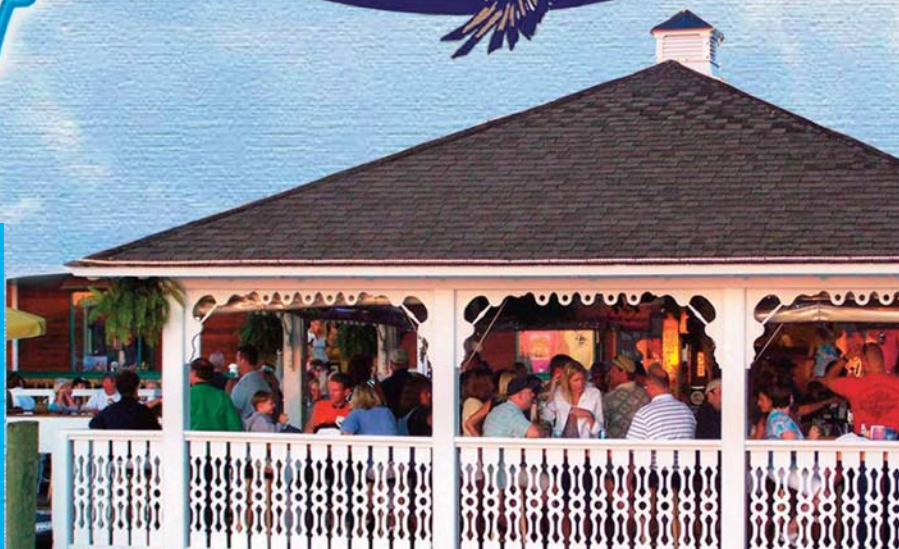
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Jay Martin of Charlestown, WV (left) released his first white marlin while fishing outside the Hot Dog on "Carol's Teakettle" with Tim and Tom Brinker.



Dan Riley couldn't believe it when this 48 lb. cobia took the bluefish he was using as shark bait while fishing at the Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay. Dan almost lost the cobia when a large shark grabbed it during the fight. Pictured with Dan are his grandparents, John and Marie Kozero and Capt. Gary Wehr. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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This group of anglers released 3 white marlin and a couple of blue marlin while trolling in 100 fathoms on the west wall of the Washington Canyon aboard the "Predator" with Capt. Howard Lynch and mates Donnie Moore and Bill Menguson. Pictured are Matt McDermott, Pete Salus, Andrew McClelland, Jimmy Jannuzzio, Josue Lynch and Dante Jannuzzio.



Dean Lo, mate on the head boat, "Angler" showed Capt. Chris Mizurak how it is done, catching this 4 lb. sea bass and a 6 lb. 2 oz. flounder while fishing with squid at the Great Eastern Reef.

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



Unfortunately, bad weather plagued us for a couple of prime fishing days last week, but besides that we continue to see good action in the bay, on ocean structure and further offshore.

We survived another year of the Kid's Classic, and when I say "survived" I mean that in a good way. Imagine a tournament with 334 junior anglers, weighing in everything from spot, silver perch, flounder, oyster crackers, blowfish and yellowfin tuna. You can imagine the scene at the scales. It's pretty amazing what this tournament has developed into over the last 8 years. Hats off to Amanda Schick and others at the Ocean City Marlin Club for all the hard work they do to make this tournament a success!

Tuna

When weather permitted, anglers chunking with butterfish and sardines at the Hot Dog got into good numbers of yellowfin tuna.

Early in the week, boats crushed the yellowfins with several boats returning with incredible catches. On Monday, the "Marli" boated 24, followed by the "Jade II" with 22, Rhonda's Osprey with 17 and the "Grasshopper" with 15. Tuesday and Wednesday saw the bite mellow a bit, with most boats still having an excellent day with 4 to 9 yellowfins in the box. A few were even caught further south in the Washington Canyon. On Thursday, we were back to double-digit catches, led by the



Kevin Lafferty from Madison, CT joined Jared and David Lafferty from Westminster, MD for a trip aboard the charter boat, "Why Not" with Capt. Wade Lober and mate Bob Euler and ended up with 9 yellowfin tuna in the box after chunking at the Hot Dog. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

"Restless Lady" with 24 yellowfins. "That's Right" and the "Dawg Haus" each returned with 14 yellowfins and "White Lightning" and "Reelentless" both had 13 in the box.

The rough seas on Friday and Saturday prevented boats from hitting the tuna grounds, although the "Heavy Metal" amazingly ventured out to outside the Hot Dog on Saturday and returned with a couple of 40+ lb. yellowfins.

The bite on Sunday was pretty slow with most boats only catching a couple yellowfins during their trip to the Hot Dog.

Marlin

With the majority of boats spending their time on the incredible tuna bite at the Hot Dog, we didn't see much in the way of marlin catches last week until in the Kid's Classic on Sunday when 4 white marlin and 3 blue marlin releases were registered from the Washington and Baltimore Canyons. In addition, "Heavy Metal" released a sailfish during the tournament.

Wahoo

A wahoo was caught last week on the "Reel Joy" during a trip to the Washington Canyon on Wednesday and one was caught on the "Espadon" on

Tilefish / Groupers

The "Wound Up" has been into deep dropping lately and had 7 tilefish and 3 groupers during a trip to the Norfolk Canyon on Tuesday.

Unfortunately, we received news that the 50 lb. snowy grouper caught by Gregory Benn on July 1st will not be recognized as a state record because a Maryland DNR representative was not present to verify the species. This is really a ridiculous rule that the state implemented a few years ago when a fish on the Western shore was misidentified and thought to be a new state record, only to be disqualified. Since it is pretty easy to identify most species, plus there are always plenty of pictures taken of the catch, in my opinion, to drag a MD DNR representative to the scale to verify an easily identifiable fish is a complete waste of time and can cost a well deserving angler the recognition they deserve.

Flounder

This year will definitely go down as one of the best flounder fishing years in recent memory. What we saw last week were anglers continuing to catch good numbers of fish in the bay, but the throwback ratio was definitely higher than it has been in recent weeks.

Those venturing out to ocean structure are really getting into good numbers of large flatties. This inshore flounder fishery is one that will definitely grow in popularity as more anglers discover the prime locations to catch bigger flounder with less boat traffic. A good example of this was the group on the "Catfish" who hit some offshore structure and came back with 12 beauties, caught on flounder belly. All the fish were nice, and

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In the bay, deeper holes along the rocks in the East Channel, the Middle Channel, the South Jetty and just south into the bay behind Assateague were all the prime locations last week for anglers fishing with live spot, peanut bunker, mullet and Gulp! artificial baits. The local charter and head boats continue to return with happy customers, so if you want to catch some flat fish but don't have a boat, give one of them a call.

Striped Bass

Not much to talk about when it comes to linesiders last week. Bite was very minimal. Those drifting live eels or spot at night picked up a few, but definitely nothing to write home about. I think the water is just too darn warm.

Sea Bass

Anglers have had some great days fishing for sea bass on ocean wrecks and reefs. The "Angler" returned with some beautiful fish over 3 lbs. last week and the "Morning Star" reported having their best sea bass trip this year.

Capt. Monty said that the sea bass have been mixed in with flounder. One day the sea bass will be chewing and the next day it will be flounder on your hook. Just hard to predict.

In the Surf

We are in the summer doldrums for anglers fishing from the beaches. Kingfish, snapper bluefish, rays and some Norfolk spot are being caught by anglers using Fishbite bloodworms or small chunks of fresh bait.

At night, anglers are hooking into larger sharks, with sand tigers and dusks dominating the action.

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Jeff Waxman and Steve Lewis of Bethany Beach, DE are shown with the 37-inch striper caught while fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Jordan Stevenson. The big linesider was hooked on a white bucktail in the Ocean City Inlet.

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This group of anglers came together for a make-up trip aboard the charter boat, "Restless Lady" with Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Brandon Baicco and were rewarded with 22 yellowfins caught while chunking at the Hot Dog. Fishing on the "Restless Lady" were Jimmy Keel from Bridgeville, DE, Keith Conway from Newark, DE, Steve Jezalik from Philadelphia, PA (not pictured), Pat Dieter from York, PA, Shamus O'Hara from Leesburg, VA and Mike Leaf from Hampstead, MD. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



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Lucas Ponzoa from Marathon, FL and Blair Snyder from Berlin, MD each released their first white marlin while fishing on the "Partnership" with Tommy Fowler, Terry Megee, Ron Howard, Capt. Mark Cropper and mate Spencer Cropper. The white marlin, along with a couple of yellowfin tuna and some dolphin were hooked at the Rockpile.



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Denny Blessing, battling Sue Foster for "Top Flounder Fisherman" at Oyster Bay Tackle, was drifting a live spot in the East Channel when he hooked this 20-inch flattie. Denny has a long way to go to beat Sue, currently in the lead with a 6 pounder.



Zach Blessing showed his grandfather, Denny Blessing how it's done, besting him with a 24-inch flounder while fishing with live spot in the East Channel.

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Well, maybe just a few words of preparation.... If you are prone to motion sickness, take along a sea sick pill. Don't party hard the night before and get a good night's sleep. Be sure to have a good pair of sunglasses, a hat, some sunscreen and a pair of shoes that won't slide on the deck. If you are keeping your catch, carry a cooler with some ice along with some drinks and something to eat. Carry extra money so you can rent a rod, tip the mate and pay for your fish cleaning.

I went out with Capt. Monty on the "Morning Star" last week, and it was HOT! I was really glad I carried along a couple bottles of water and some Gatorade. It's really important to hydrate yourself and replenish your body with water and electrolytes when you are sweating and cranking in fish! I heard some guys saying that they drank a lot of water the night before when they heard it was going to be nearly 100 degrees.

I think one of the best parts of the day when going out on a party boat is the ride out (and also the ride back in.) You can see bottlenose dolphins swimming by the boat and watch all the other boats heading offshore. You can see seagulls flying, baitfish jumping and sometimes even a whale! People meet new friends and chit-chat about past fishing experiences. It can be lots of fun. Even if you are a quiet type person, just listening



Sue Foster of Oyster Bay Tackle landed the largest flounder of the trip while fishing on the head boat, "Morning Star" with Bob Bland, George Henning, Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Anthony Canulli. Sue's 6 pounder just beat out George's 4.7 lb. flattie and Bob's 4.6 lb. fish. All were caught on strip baits at an artificial reef. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

to all the conversations can be entertaining.

Being in the tackle business, I hear it all the time. Some people go out and get disappointed that they didn't catch many fish. Others don't care at all and just want to take their kids out for the experience and a boat ride. If you are after a serious fish dinner or two, it's usually always better to spend the extra money and time and fish on a full-day party boat. They can go out further and spend more time fishing. On a full-day party boat you can expect to spend at least an hour or more getting to the fishing grounds.

When I was out on the party boat, I heard some ladies saying that they didn't know anything much about fishing and probably wouldn't catch much. Well, I looked around and they were laughing and cranking up fish and having a good time. Why? They listened to the captain and mate and did what they were told! It's that simple sometimes...

When I went out, I spent some time making some special flounder rigs of my own. After I lost them to the bottom because I made the bottom hook too long and got snagged, the mate made me up a rig and guess what? I started catching more fish!

You can be the greatest fisherman in the world, but when you are in Ocean City on a

certain wreck and the captain and mate tell you to fish or bait-up in a certain way, they know from experience what you should be doing. That experience may be from fishing the day before or from years and years of fishing. Look, watch, and listen....

So, when I went fishing on the "Morning Star" last week we were drifting along the bottom on an artificial reef site. There were sea bass and flounder biting at the same time. Which do you fish for? Well, both of course!

The captain and mate told us to put a strip of cut bait on the bottom hook. They had the bottom hook dressed up with bucktail teasers or plastic squids. They had strips of squid and other fish strips with the skin on so they stayed on the hook really good. We were told to make sure the strips did not ball up on the hook. They needed to dangle and stay straight so it would be attractive to the flounder that were lurking below. On the top hook, which was left bare, we were told to put on some fresh clam. I know all about clam! You pierce the hard part first and drape the yucky dark part of the clam over the tip of the hook. That's the part the sea bass really like. You need to keep the clam bait fresh and if it gets chewed off, add more to it. Bigger bait, bigger bass!

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If you get a nice sea bass on, you can pull it out of the water and over the rail. If you get a nice flounder to the surface, don't pull it out of the water. Yell for a net! If you know it's a flounder in advance before seeing it, let someone know as you are pulling it up so the mate will be ready with the net. Flounder have a distinct feel when you are reeling them in. The rod tip will be moving up and down much more so than with a sea bass. A much bigger fight!

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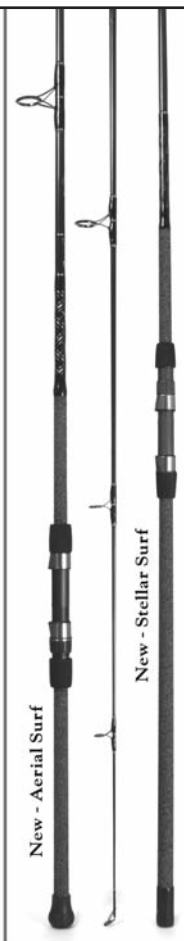
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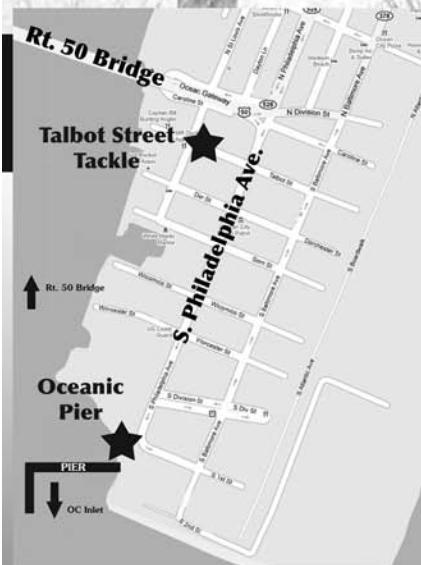


Emma Eshleman from East Berlin, PA caught her first keeper flounder, a 20-incher, while fishing on the "Bay Hunter" with her family, Kevin, Dawn, Cole and Mariah Eshleman. Emma hooked the flattie on a live peanut bunker in the bay behind Assateague Island, not far south of the Ocean City Inlet.

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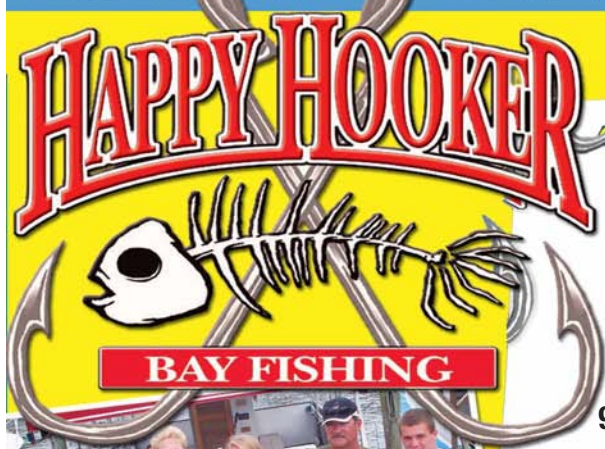


Megan Dodson from Baldwin, MD celebrated her 11th birthday with a trip on the head boat, "Happy Hooker" with Capt. Steve Whitelock and caught a 19-inch flounder. Megan used a squid and shiner combination for bait while drifting in the Fish Bowl. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



Ron and Dylan Jackson from Manchester, CT, Jeff Doyle from Amityville, NY and Juan Garcia from Ft. Lauderdale, FL ended their day with 5 keeper flounder in the box after fishing with Capt. John Prather on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service". The 5 flounder, along with 12 throwbacks, were hooked on live spot and Gulp! artificial baits in the East Channel. To escape the heat, the anglers spent part of their trip clamming, and went home with over 200 in their cooler. Pictured at Ake Marine.

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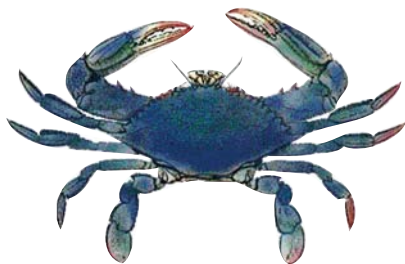
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Flounder fishing has been red hot this summer, as shown by the 10 flatties caught by Debbie, Tom, Steven and Matthew Zarzycki, Jared Gerbino and Jacob Rogowski, all from Rochester, NY. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Lizzy Brittingham in the Middle Channel, using live spot for bait. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Cale Mutter from Philadelphia, PA took a trip on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Jordan Stephenson and was rewarded with a nice 22-inch flounder caught in the Ocean City Inlet on a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet. Pictured at Frontier Town.

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Buddy Hindle from Bel Alton, MD caught a 20.25-inch flounder, the largest caught on this trip aboard the head boat, "Bay Bee" with Capt. Mike Walsh. Jerry Carpenter of Gaithersburg wasn't far behind with a 19.5-incher and Peggy Wheeler came in third with a 17.75-inch flattie. Two of the fish were caught around Harbour Island while the third was hooked in the East Channel. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Nancy Kohl from West Ocean City, MD, Alyssa Andreallo from Stevensville, MD, Laura Paletto from Montgomery County, PA, Keith Gilbert from Woodbine, MD and cameraman extraordinaire, George Kalwa had a great day chunking at the Hot Dog aboard the charter boat, "Rhonda's Osprey" with Capt. Joe Drosey and mate Rusty Reddish. The group ended their day with 17 yellowfins in the box. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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On the final day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, just after lines had to be out of the water, Dennis Brylewski from Bucks County, PA hooked into this 32 lb. mahi mahi while fishing on the charter boat, "Game Over" with Capt. Steve Pfeiffer and mate Nick Pfeiffer. The bull dolphin hit a ballyhoo near a weed line above the tip of the Washington Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Rob, Jennifer, Katie, R.J. and Alex Hass from DuPont, PA had a fun day fishing on the head boat, "Judy V.", returning with sea bass, flounder and bluefish. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Paul Cepko and Rich Holl caught some big flounder while fishing on the head boat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Tucker Colqhoun and Anthony Canulli. Rich's flounder led the way, measuring 25-inches and weighing 6 lbs. Paul's fish was not a slouch, coming in at 24-inches and an even 4 lbs. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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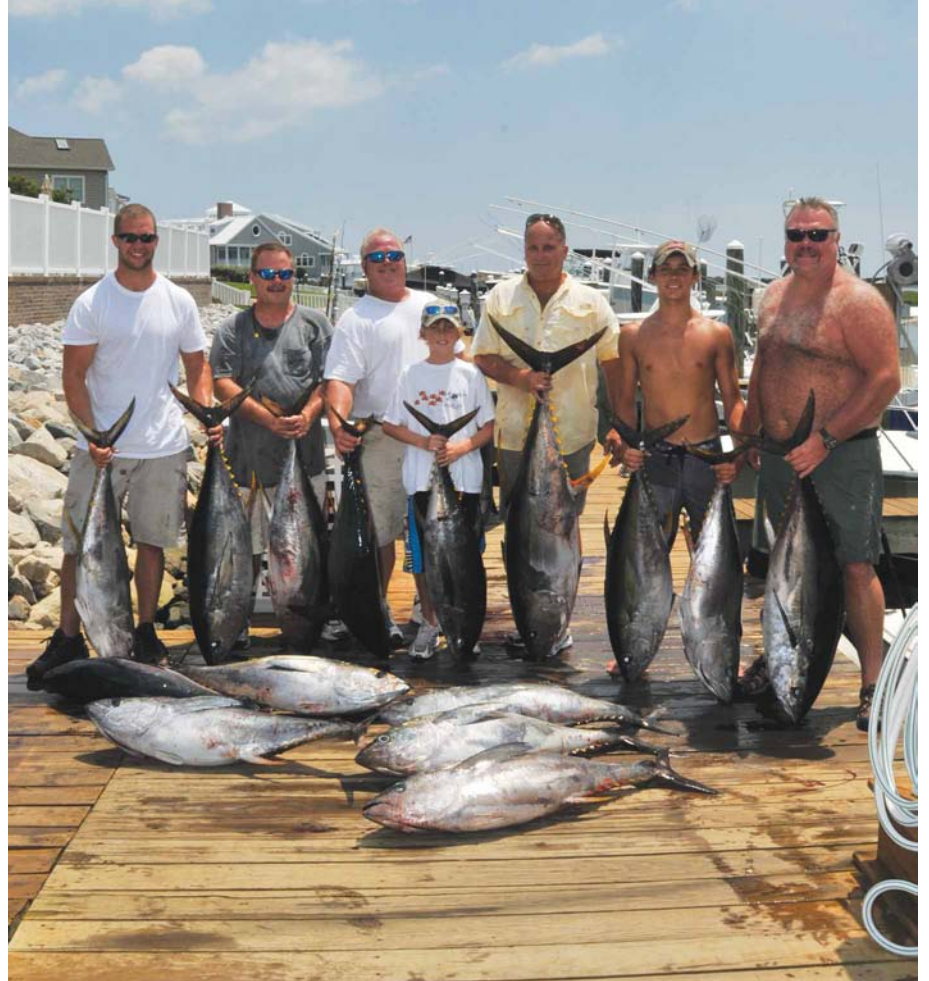
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Rachael Strawser and Riley Zimmerman teamed up to land these 2 yellowfin tuna while chunking with butterfish at the Hot Dog. The tuna weighed 48.5 lbs. each on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Ray, R.J. and Jacob Stuckey, Rob and Steve Ruth, Ron Hogg and Joe Fowler jumped on the good chunking bite at the Hot Dog, returning with 15 yellowwins while fishing on the "Grasshopper".



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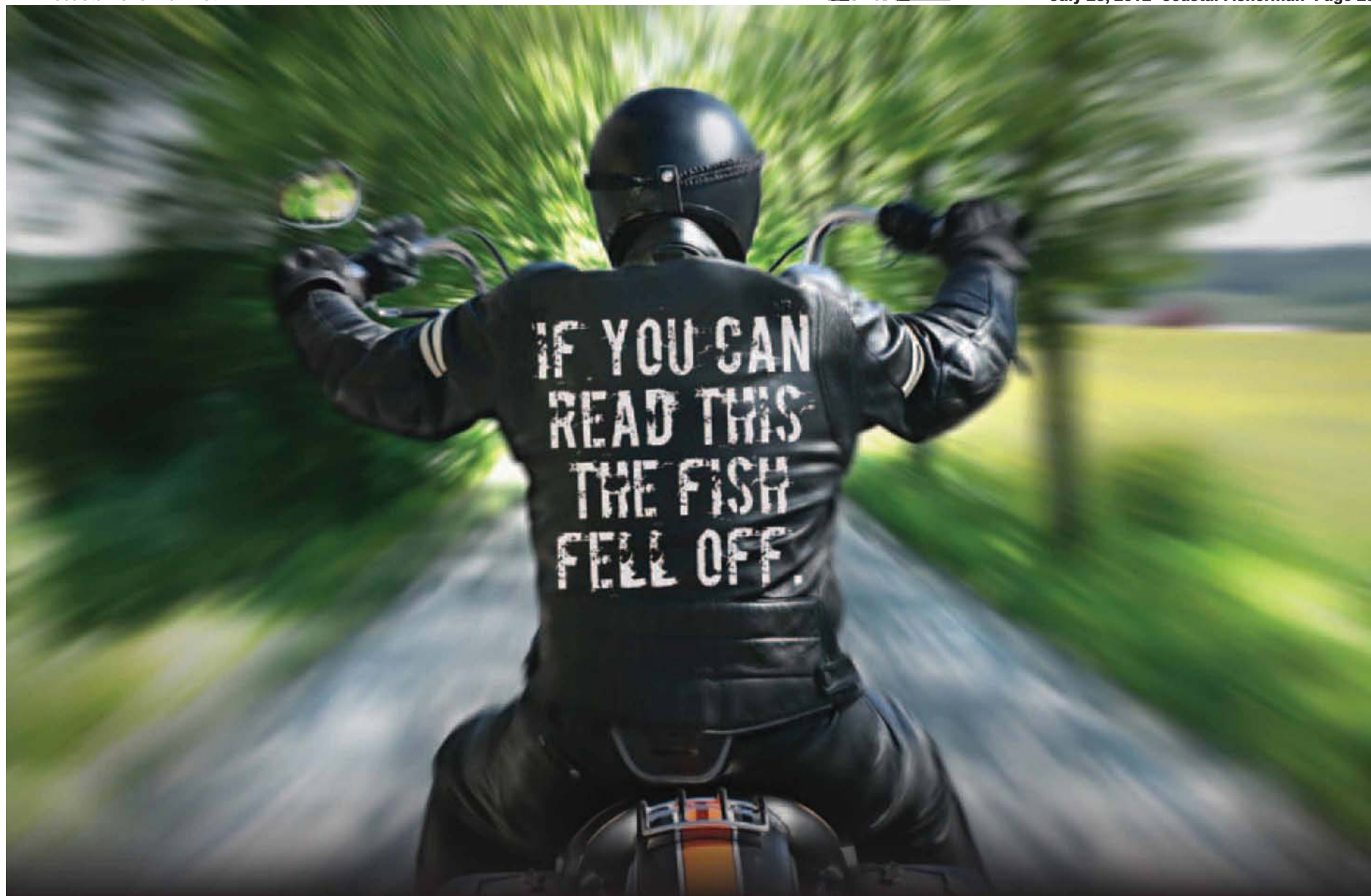
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Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



The good fishing we have seen this season just keeps rolling along for both inshore and offshore anglers.

Dolphin

You probably think we would be talking about catching dolphin offshore, but the real "news" are the dolphin being caught in the Indian River Inlet. You heard it right, in the Indian River Inlet. We are actually up to 5 mahi caught this season in the inlet. Pretty remarkable!

By the way, you can also find them offshore.

Tuna

The only people happier than tuna fisherman at the Hot Dog are the tackle shop owners who are selling butterfish. The chunking bite remained hot last week with several boats returning with double-digit catches. Fish are still averaging around 45 lbs. with the best bites happening right at daybreak. Capt. Joe Morris, inventor of the Lewes Harbour Stretch and owner of Lewes Harbour Marina reported that fish are often rising to the upper water column and could be seen cutting through the slick near the boat. Hand fed, weightless offerings got the most attention. Fluorocarbon leaders made a difference to keen sighted tuna with fishermen usually starting out with 50 to 60 lb. test, but dropping to a 40 or 30 lb. leader when fish could be seen but wouldn't take hook baits. The top catch out of Lewes was

aboard the "Quintessa" with 19 yellowfins weighing up to 55 pounds.

The first two bigeye tunas landed in Delaware came in from an overnight trip to the Spencer Canyon by anglers on the "Finominal" out of the Indian River Marina. The largest of the 2 bigeyes weighed 250 lbs. with the "smaller" tuna tipping the scales at 150 lbs. We still haven't seen a picture of this catch and hope that one will be coming to us soon.(hint, hint)

Flounder

Capt. Bert at Hook'em & Cook'em said that the flounder bite in the Indian River Inlet has been good for anglers fishing from the shoreline with the better bite coming off the north side. Those offering live spot and 6-inch Gulp Swimming Mulletts or Grubs have been catching some nice fish. The fish continue to hang on the edge of the rocks, so be prepared to lose some tackle.

Not a lot have been caught in the back bays. Joe at Whitetail Taxidermy & Outdoor Supplies did report that flatties were found in deeper holes and sloughs for anglers fishing with pink Gulp! artificial baits coupled with a long piece of squid.

Further north, flounder continue to be caught on the Old Grounds, between "DA" and "DB" Buoys, and reef sites 10 and 11 according to Capt. Joe. Bucktailers and those using traditional bottom rigs tipped

with cut bluefish, squid, smelts or shiners had success with flatties. The "Katydid" continues to crush the flat fish, this week returning from one trip with 23 keepers, including a 7.87 pounder in the box on Thursday. Delaware Bay structure also yielded some flatties, like around Site 7 where Matt Baker, Chip Graves and John Drury used live spot to catch their limit of fish up to 6.33 lbs. Jake Wiles also decked a 6.5 pounder on a separate trip.

Striped Bass

Most of the stripers caught in the Indian River Inlet has been at night by anglers tossing poppers during the incoming tide. If they aren't catching stripers, anglers in the Inlet have a shot at triggerfish, puppy drum and tautog along the rocks if they are baiting up with sand fleas or green crabs.

Capt. Joe reported that slot size stripers have been available in the Lewes Canal. Anglers drifting eels around the Drawbridge, bottom fishing with clams or casting Gulp! Swimming Mulletts and Storm shads has produced keeper linesiders in the 20 to 26-inch range.

Tautog

Since the reopening of Delaware's tautog season on July 17th, fishing has not exactly been on fire. Most feel that it is due to the warmer than usual water temperatures, which I would

agree with. The "Top Fin" did find some tautog in cooler water at an ocean wreck and put 25 keepers in the box.

Croaker

Capt. Bert mentioned that plenty of small croakers can be caught in the Indian River Inlet on Fishbites, clam and squid. Fish are in the 8 to 12-inch range.

Sea Bass

The sea bass bite for Indian River head boats has been decent with the keeper ratio varying day-by-day. When you can catch a drift, the flounder bite is good. When you can't get a good drift going, the sea bass bite improves. The good news is that the average size of fish being caught has continued to increase.

Bluefish

Anglers tossing anything metal and shiny are hooking bluefish during the incoming tide in the Indian River Inlet. Gotcha plugs, Hopkins lures, diamond jigs and sting silvers are all being gobbled up by snapper blues.

In the Surf

The bite from the shoreline is in it's normal, summer mode. Kingfish, bluefish and even some Norfolk spot are being hooked during the daytime hours. Paul at Rick's Bait & Tackle said that those using bloodworms or small pieces of finger mullet are finding good success with these small fish.

Night surfcasters continue to get into good size sand tiger and dusky sharks. Those dropping tuna belly strips from kayaks are having excellent results with larger species. One angler had 5 the other night, 4 sand tigers and 1 dusky.

Until next week, tight lines!

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These three stylish anglers caught some nice flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather. The fish measured between 21.5 and 23.5-inches and were caught on live spot in the East Channel. Pictured at the Castaway's Campground dock are JoJo and Jacob Laychak from Pittsburgh, PA and Kyle Morris from Rehoboth, DE.



Earlier this month, Mike Snedaker caught a pair of tautog while fishing with green crabs along the rocks on the north side of the Ocean City Inlet. Mike is pictured with his son, Colby.

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The Galley

by Mama Jock



Wahoo with Fruit Salsa

4-6 wahoo steaks
2 TBSP. butter
4 mangos
2 kiwi's
1 banana
1 large red onion
1 yellow bell pepper
Fresh basil

Peel and dice fruit into small pieces.

Chop onion and pepper.

Melt butter in a frying pan; place both mixtures in pan and cook until soft.

Set the salsa aside.

Brush wahoo steaks on one side with olive oil; cook until this side is nice and brown. DO NOT TURN FISH.

Place the grilled side down in a glass oven safe dish.

Spoon the salsa over the

uncooked side of the steak.

Top with the fresh basil and place in a 350 degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes.

Serve with rice and a salad.
Serves 4-6.

Seared Scallops and Herb Butter Sauce

¾ cup uncooked orzo
2 TBSP. chopped fresh parsley, divided
2 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil
⅛ tsp. kosher salt
1 ½ lbs. large sea scallops
⅜ tsp. kosher salt, divided
⅜ tsp. pepper, divided
Cooking spray
⅓ cup dry white wine
1 TBSP. chopped shallots
1 TBSP. white wine vinegar
3 TBSP. chilled butter, cubed

1 tsp. chopped fresh thyme

Prepare orzo according to package directions, omitting salt. Drain.

Return to pan; stir in 1 TBSP. parsley, 1 TBSP. chives, olive oil and ⅛ tsp. salt. Keep warm.

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat.

Sprinkle scallops with ¼ tsp. each of salt and pepper.

Coat fish with with cooking spray.

Add scallops to pan; cook 3 minutes on each side.

Remove from pan; keep warm.

Combine wine, shallots and vinegar in a saucepan; bring to a boil.

Cook 5 minutes or until liquid reduces to 1 TBSP.

Reduce heat to low.

Add butter cubes, 1 at a time, whisking after each addition until fully incorporated.

Stir in 1 TBSP. parsley, 1 TBSP. chives, 1 tsp. thyme, ⅛ tsp. salt and ⅛ tsp. pepper.

Serve scallops with sauce and orzo.

Serves 4.

Marinated Mahi-Mahi

1 lb. mahi-mahi fillets

Marinade:

½ cup olive oil
½ cup soy sauce
1 TBSP. onion powder
½ tsp. pepper
2 cloves garlic, crushed
½ cup finely chopped onion
8 oz. sliced mushrooms

Rinse fish and place in zip lock bag.

Pour marinade over fish, making sure marinade covers and surrounds fish.

Place in refrigerator for 1 to 4 hours.

Spray glass casserole dish with cooking spray.

Arrange sliced mushrooms on bottom of dish and place fish and marinade on top.

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Skillet-Grilled Flounder and Creole Salsa

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- 1 cup finely chopped tomatoes
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- 1/4 cup finely chopped celery
- 1/4 cup minced green onions
- 2 TBSP. minced fresh parsley
- 2 tsp. cider vinegar
- 3/4 tsp. dried thyme
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 to 1/2 tsp. hot pepper sauce

Flounder:

- 4 flounder fillets
- 1 tsp. steak seasoning or blackened seasoning
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 4 lemon wedges

For salsa, combine all ingredients in a small bowl and set aside.

Sprinkle one side of each fillet evenly with steak seasoning and 1/4 tsp. salt.

Heat large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot.

Coat skillet with nonstick cooking spray.

Add fish, seasoned side down; cook 3 minutes.

Turn and cook 3 minutes longer or until fillets are opaque in center.

Squeeze lemon wedges over fish. Serve with salsa.

Serves 4.

Tuna Stew

- 2 tuna fillets
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (15 oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1 lemon, juiced
- 1 cup white wine
- 1 (4 oz.) can sliced mushrooms
- 2 onions, sliced
- Oregano, dash
- 1 (8 oz.) can Ro-Tel

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Rocco DePaul of Gaithersburg, MD used live spot to fool this 24-inch flounder while fishing near the South Jetty. Rocco's flattie weighed in at an even 5 lbs. on the scale at Ake Marine.

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Southern Style Crab Soup

½ cup flour
1 TBSP. butter
Cooking spray
2 cups chopped carrot
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup chopped onion
¼ cup chopped red bell pepper
¼ cup chopped green bell pepper
1 garlic clove, minced
1 TBSP. Old Bay Seasoning
¼ tsp. each of salt and pepper
¼ tsp. dried thyme
1 bay leaf
4 cups clam juice

1 ½ cups whole milk
½ cup half and half
1 lb. lump crabmeat, picked clean
⅓ cup sherry

Place flour in a 9 inch cast iron skillet; cook over medium heat 15 minutes or until brown, stirring constantly with a whisk.

Remove from heat.

Melt the butter in a Dutch oven pot coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat.

Add carrot and next 5 ingredients; saute until vegetables are tender.

Add Old Bay, salt, pepper, thyme and bay leaf; cook 1 minute.

Sprinkle the browned flour over the veggie mixture; cook 1 minute, stirring frequently.

Stir in clam juice; bring mixture to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer until slightly thick, stirring frequently.

Stir in the half and half; cook 4 minutes.

Stir in the crabmeat and sherry and cook until the soup

is thoroughly heated.

Discard bay leaf before serving.

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Linguine with Clams and Scallops

1 lb. dry linguine
¼ cup olive oil, divided
½ cup sliced green onions
2 cans (14.5 oz. each) diced tomatoes undrained
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
1 lb. scallops
3 cloves garlic, minced
½ cup dry white wine or chicken broth
2 TBSP. finely chopped fresh parsley or 2 tsp. dried, crushed
16 fresh clams

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and keep warm.

Heat 2 TBSP. oil in large saucepan.

Add green onions; saute 1 minute.

Add undrained tomatoes, salt and red pepper flakes.

Bring to boil, reduce heat to low; simmer uncovered for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Add scallops; cook 5 minutes.

Heat remaining oil in medium skillet.

Add garlic, saute 2 to 3 minutes.

Add wine and parsley; bring to boil.

Add clams.

Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer for 5 to 8 minutes or until clams open.

Discard any that do not open.

Stir cooking liquid from clams into tomato mixture.

Toss pasta with half of tomato mixture in large mixing bowl.

Place pasta on a deep serving platter.

Spoon remaining sauce over pasta.

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by Pat Schrawder



WI-FI AND THE MARINE INDUSTRY

I frequently write that the computer industry and the marine industry are merging more and more over recent years. This is evident in many ways, but most particularly over the last two years in the area of Wi-Fi. So maybe it's time to take a closer look at this technology and what it means for you on your boat.

Wi-Fi is short for the words 'Wireless Fidelity'. It is a common word used to describe a network of computers that are connected wirelessly. It can also describe a network that can be accessed by using a wireless card.

Most often used in connection with your home and office computer or your

cell phone/smart phone, the term Wi-Fi refers to various means and methods of connecting to the Internet to get emails, search the web, etc. If you have wireless technology in your home or office, you have a modem from your Internet Service Provider (Comcast, Verizon, etc.) and a router that is connected first via wire from your provider and then wirelessly via its antenna to any wireless ready computer within vicinity. It is usually password protected so that your neighbors cannot access your Internet connection. If you look at your available wireless networks, you may see others listed, but you cannot access them without knowing their password.

In 1993 at a conference in

San Francisco, the concept of public access local area networks (LAN) was first introduced and was the beginning of what we know today as Wi-Fi Hotspots. A "hotspot" is a site that offers Internet access over a wireless LAN through the use of a router connected to an Internet link, just like you would have in your home or office. Hotspots can be found in many public places around the world and in your town. They are typically located in hotels, public libraries, coffee shops, Internet cafes, restaurants, hospitals and other locations. Some are free and some are not. Originally conceived as a sort of pay-as-you-go broadband service, public demand for the product has resulted in more free access points being provided as a service to customers. The biggest advance recently has been in the number of free municipal broadband wireless networks that cover entire cities. These are more likely to be found in large metropolitan areas.

Your cell phone or "smart phone" also has wireless access to the Internet but, in this case, you access the Internet via your cell phone provider which is connected to the LAN. You pay for the access in your monthly cell phone bill.

There are lists of places that offer Wi-Fi in your area and you can look up those locations via the Internet. Ocean City offers it at Somerset St. or Northside Park. Your computer will automatically recognize the wireless network. In case there are others in the area besides the free Ocean City one, you will need to select the "OCMDFreePublic" Wi-Fi network to connect to the appropriate access point. Only the "OCMDFreePublic" Wi-Fi name will work for Public Wi-Fi access, and no password is required.

Now how does all this relate to the marine industry? There are items of electronics

that now advertise wireless capability. In most cases they are referring to the ability of one item to "talk" to another item on your boat. That is a simple procedure and is controlled by the manufacturer of the equipment.

In some cases, however, the equipment is offering you the ability to access the Internet to accomplish some features. For that, you need access in some way to the Internet. If you have a cell phone, you may be able to access the Internet if you are not too far offshore. If you can make a phone call, you can access the Internet. The problem with that is the limited range of on-board equipment. Some of you may have satellite phones, either fixed or portable, that give you greater range since their signal goes straight up to satellites and forwards back to land based stations. However, fees for usage are charged and it can become expensive.

For free access, you must have an available free public "hotspot" and be able to reach it. With that in mind, several companies have emerged with equipment they manufacture that claims to boost your ability to transmit and receive signals. If I was going to invest in one of those, I would first research to see if any free "hotspots" are in my area and where they are located. Then I would read the guarantee of the signal booster carefully to see what additional range it claims to offer you and whether or not they back up that claim.

The final consideration to complete the process is to determine if your access to the Internet needs to physically connect to your item of marine equipment and, if so, how or does your equipment have its own Internal wireless capability.

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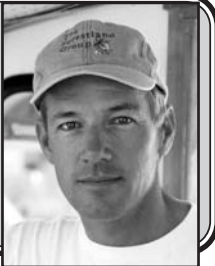
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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



We pulled up on the edge of the shoal and dropped anchor. Unfortunately I had miscalculated the current and before I knew it the anchor line slipped under the hull and got hung on the rudder. It was only midmorning but already it was in the mid 80's and expected to get even hotter. Looking for a way to cool-off, my mate said he'd be happy to go under the boat and clear the line. I gave him the "OK" and in a flash he was over the side and in just a few seconds I could see the line coming out from under the boat. He had accomplished his mission, but when he came out from under the boat he was like a penguin launching up onto an ice flow. He came out of the water so fast that his shorts were half way down to his knees and I swear it was like he just suddenly materialized on deck!

Wide-eyed and visibly shaken all he could say was "sharks everywhere!" Which had us all looking over the side wondering "where?" Then someone shouted "look there!" And we all looked over to see a group of about ten 4-foot long brown fish swimming just a few yards off the starboard side. I took one look at the fish, then turned to my mate and barked, "Those aren't sharks they're cobia, so snap out of it and get some baits in the water - quick!"

We just happened to have a livewell full of live bunker and spot which were promptly fired

out at the fish that were just milling about beside the boat. Normally cobia are reluctant to take any bait or offering you put in front of them, but that morning they were hungry and ate without hesitation. Over the next 15-minutes we managed to land six of the 20-35 pound bruisers. It's just as well that incident occurred before video cameras became so commonplace and YouTube gave us a way to broadcast to the world, because if anyone else had a chance to see the sheer mayhem that took place on deck during that 15-minutes, or the way the cockpit of my boat was transformed into something that looked like the bloodiest horror movie you could ever imagine, I'd be hard pressed to find anyone willing to step aboard my boat for a fishing trip ever again!

That little episode occurred about 20-years ago up on Fenwick Shoal, but it remains the most cobia we've ever caught on a single trip. Cobia just don't come that easy, they usually just make an appearance and stay only long enough for those aboard to figure out that they "aren't sharks" and then just fade away! However, if the crew is up on their cobia tactics and have baits, lures and rigs all made-up, on the rods, and ready for action, they "might" have a chance at hooking and landing one of these frustratingly finicky fish.

I guess that since we've had our share of (limited) success with cobia off Ocean City, I'm often asked by other local fishermen what they need to do to catch one for themselves. I've even had clients try to book my boat to go "cobia fishing." However, as much as I'd like to say that I know secret tactics that have allowed us to hook and land so many cobia over the years, the bottom-line is that around here, these fish just don't show up consistently enough that you can really go out and target them with any measure of success, such as can be done in more southern latitudes. The key to getting cobia off Ocean City is to fish the nearshore waters inside of the 20-fathom line a lot, and always be prepared to quickly put a decent bait or lure in front of a cobia when one or more decides to pay you a visit.

Since we're sharking the nearshore waters almost every fishable day from July 1st until the end of September, we're lucky to have the "fish a lot" part of the equation covered. But even those who can only fish once or twice a month, and choose to wreck or flounder fish, could be at the right place at the right time and get a shot, so it always pays to be ready. Sometimes cobia will arrive at a boat and stay for hours, but often they appear and are gone in less than a minute, so anglers need to act quickly or the opportunity will be lost. "Being ready" means having something rigged that can be tossed to the face of a cobia literally within 30-seconds of first seeing it, so that pretty much means having a dedicated rod (or rods) always set up for cobia that "probably" will not show up anyway. Then, you just go ahead and do whatever other kind of fishing you planned on doing and if old Mr. Coby shows up you drop what you're doing and have at him!

So what should you have on your line? Good question, because they'll eat just about everything but often won't eat anything. Around the planet, cobia have been caught on crabs, shrimp, cut bait, live bait and every kind of artificial lure you can imagine. I can only tell you that off Delmarva we've caught

them on live spot, eels, bunker and herring, cut bluefish, mackerel and tuna. We've also hooked them on surface poppers, bucktails, Storm Lures and once I was lucky enough to catch one on a Clouser fly. From July through September we keep two 20-pound test spinning rods rigged for cobia at all times. One has a circle hook with 30# fluorocarbon leader for live bait and the other has some sort of jig, such as a bucktail or Storm lure on it. A third spinner is kept ready, but only has a snap swivel on the line so we can quickly put whatever we want on it as needed.

One thing to keep in mind is that when cobia show up anglers are usually trying to hook them right under or beside the boat with less than 20-feet of line off the rod tip. That's why one of our rods is always rigged with a jig rather than some other sort of lure that needs to be cast and retrieved to properly work. If a cobia moves away from the boat, we can always cast the jig out to them, but you can't jig a crank type lure.

The final thing anglers need if they want to catch cobia is "persistence." Every summer we see FAR more cobia than we ever hook, but we keep our tackle ready just the same and never give up trying to get them to bite, even when it seems like all they are doing is teasing us. We've had fish swim around the boat for hours that just wouldn't touch anything we put in front of them, and then all of a sudden slurp down an offering that was refused when they first showed up. You've got to keep working them and working them if you're ever going to catch them! And if everything about cobia wasn't humbling enough, the killer is that every season, some kid fishing for spot off a dock or a guy on the beach trying for kingfish will show up in the paper after catching a beautiful cobia totally by accident. Challenging, humbling, frustrating, you've got to love those cobia!

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

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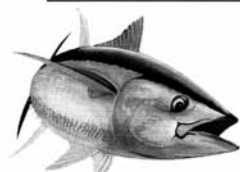
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Ashton Clarke won 1st place in the Rockfish Division of the 8th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic with a 12.6 lb. linesider caught while fishing on Ashy's Boat. Ashton was fishing with Cooper Clarke, Robert Clarke, Sr., Mike Wiggins, Robert Clarke, Jr. and Craig Clarke. Ashton also caught the heaviest sheepshead in the tournament, weighing in at 7.6 lbs. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Fishing on the "Git-R-Done" in the 2012 Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Haden and Gracie Barrett caught a stringer of croaker weighing 2.8 lbs. to win 1st place in the Croaker Division and Cole Barrett landed a stringer of spot weighing 1.4 lbs. to win the Spot Division. The anglers were fishing with Dawson Fields and Capt. Jimmy Fields in the Ocean City Inlet and used Fishbite bloodworms for bait. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



In the 2012 Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Olivia Beard landed a 5.4 lb. flounder and held on to win 1st place in the Flounder Division. Olivia hooked her winning fish on a live spot in the West Channel while fishing on the "Kimberly Ann" with Ella Beard, Nate Beard, Betsey Mihaly, Megan Foley, Troy Beard, Eric Mihaly and Kim Mihaly. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Caleb Bradford caught a 1.6 lb. sea bass to tie for 1st place in the Sea Bass Division and Madison Brinker landed a 3 lb. shark to win the Shark Divisions of the 8th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic. The anglers were fishing at the Bass Grounds on "Carol's Teakettle" with Mazie Brinker, Nate Bradford and Jim Brinker. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



8th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic

July 21-22, 2012



SEA BASS DIVISION

- 1st Place (Tie)
"Bertha"
Alex Morton
- "Carol's Teakettle"
Caleb Bradford
1.6 lbs.
- 2nd Place (Tie)
"American Lady"
Brooke Scubelek
- "Carol's Teakettle"
Mazie Brinker &
Caleb Bradford
1.0 lbs.

SPOT DIVISION

- 1st Place
"Git R Done"
Cole Barrett
1.4 lbs.
- 2nd Place
"Ocean City Guide Service"
Team Effort
1.0 lbs.
- 3rd Place (Tie)
From Shore
Jake Stuckey
- "Shark Tooth"
Team Effort
0.8 lbs.

TUNA DIVISION

- 1st Place
"Reel Joy"
Taylor McCart
54.6 lbs.
- 2nd Place
"Absolute Pleasure"
Amber Underwood
49.8 lbs.
- 3rd Place
"Four Eights"
Steven Johnson
46.6 lbs

WAHOO DIVISION

- 1st Place
"Espadon"
Ben Hild
57.6 lbs.
- 1st Place
"Carol's Teakettle"
Madison Brinker
3.0 lbs.

FLOUNDER DIVISION

- 1st Place
"Kimberly Ann"
Olivia Beard
5.4 lbs.
- 2nd Place
"Ocean City Guide Service"
Jack Burbage
4.6 lbs.
- 3rd Place
"Last Call" (Get Sum)
Andrew Healey
3.6 lbs.

CROAKER DIVISION

- 1st Place
"Git R Done"
Haden Gracie
2.8 lbs.
- 2nd Place
"The Stacey"
Team Effort
1.6 lbs.
- 3rd Place
"Drillin N' Billin II"
Team Effort
1.2 lbs.

DOLPHIN DIVISION

- 1st Place
"Reel Fantasy"
Emma Helwig
13.4 lbs.
- 2nd Place
"Reel Estate"
Connor Campbell
11.6 lbs.
- 3rd Place
"Absolute Pleasure"
Rilyn Romero
11.2 lbs.

BILLFISH RELEASE

- 1st Place
"Reel Chaos"
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Chandler Anderson
Leah Anderson
Sophia Anderson
400 points
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- 2nd Place
"Heavy Metal"
Jake Shenk
Colton Kenney
300 points
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ROCKFISH DIVISION

- 1st Place
"Ashy's Boat"
Ashton Clarke
12.6 lbs.
- 2nd Place
"Spring Mix"
Spencer Paquette
12.4 lbs.
- 3rd Place
"Ashy's Boat"
Cooper Clarke
8.8 lbs.

BLUEFISH DIVISION

- 1st Place
"Myra HT"
Hugh Thomas Cropper
1.2 lbs.
- 2nd Place
"Myra HT"
Hugh Thomas Cropper
1.0 lbs.
- 3rd Place
"Myra HT"
Hugh Thomas Cropper
1.0 lbs.

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In the 8th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Alex Morton muscled in a 1.6 lb. sea bass to tie for 1st place in the Sea Bass Division. Alex was fishing at the Bass Grounds on the "Bertha" with Alex Morton, Jillian Joyce, Steve Joyce and Sue Morton. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



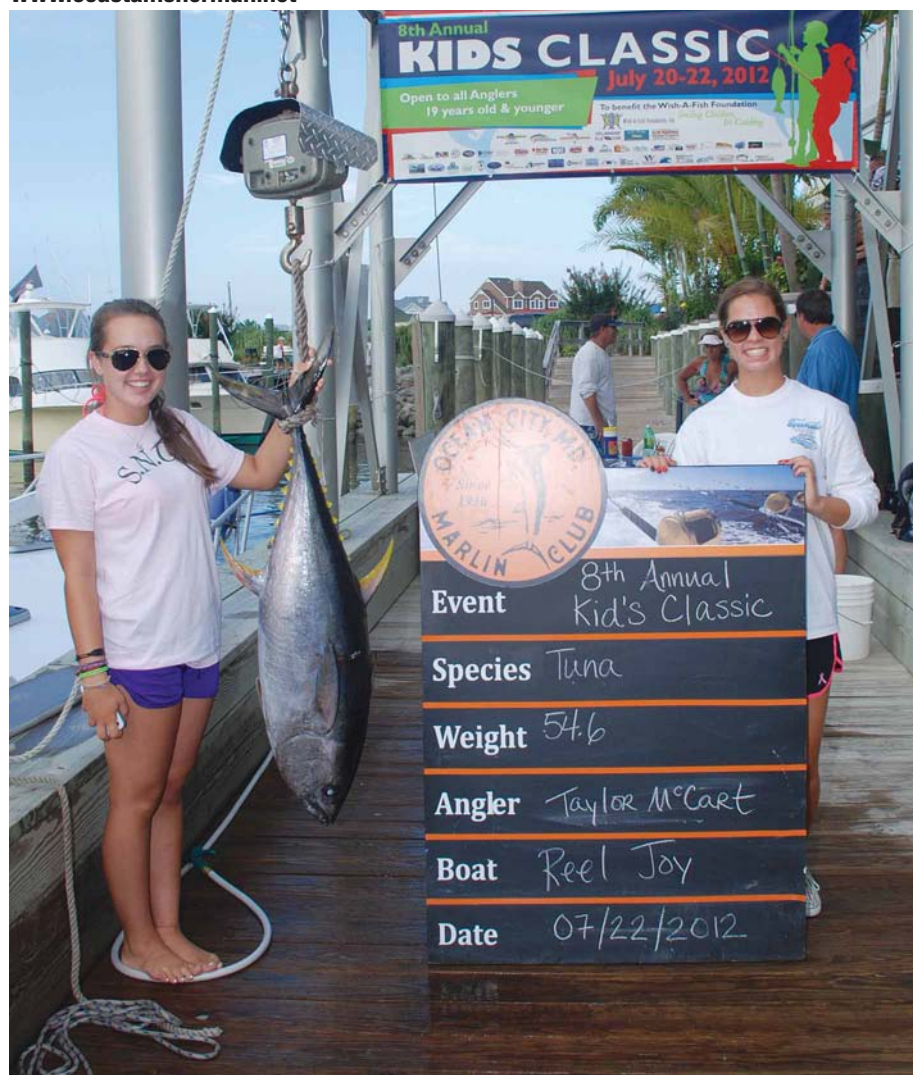
Hugh Thomas Cropper swept the Bluefish Division of the 2012 Marlin Club Kid's Classic with snappers weighing 1.0, 1.0 and 1.2 lbs. He also landed the heaviest triggerfish of the tournament, with a 3.4 pounder. Myra Cropper caught a 2.6 lb. black drum, the heaviest caught in the tournament. The anglers were fishing on the "Myra HT" with Hugh and J.L. Cropper. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



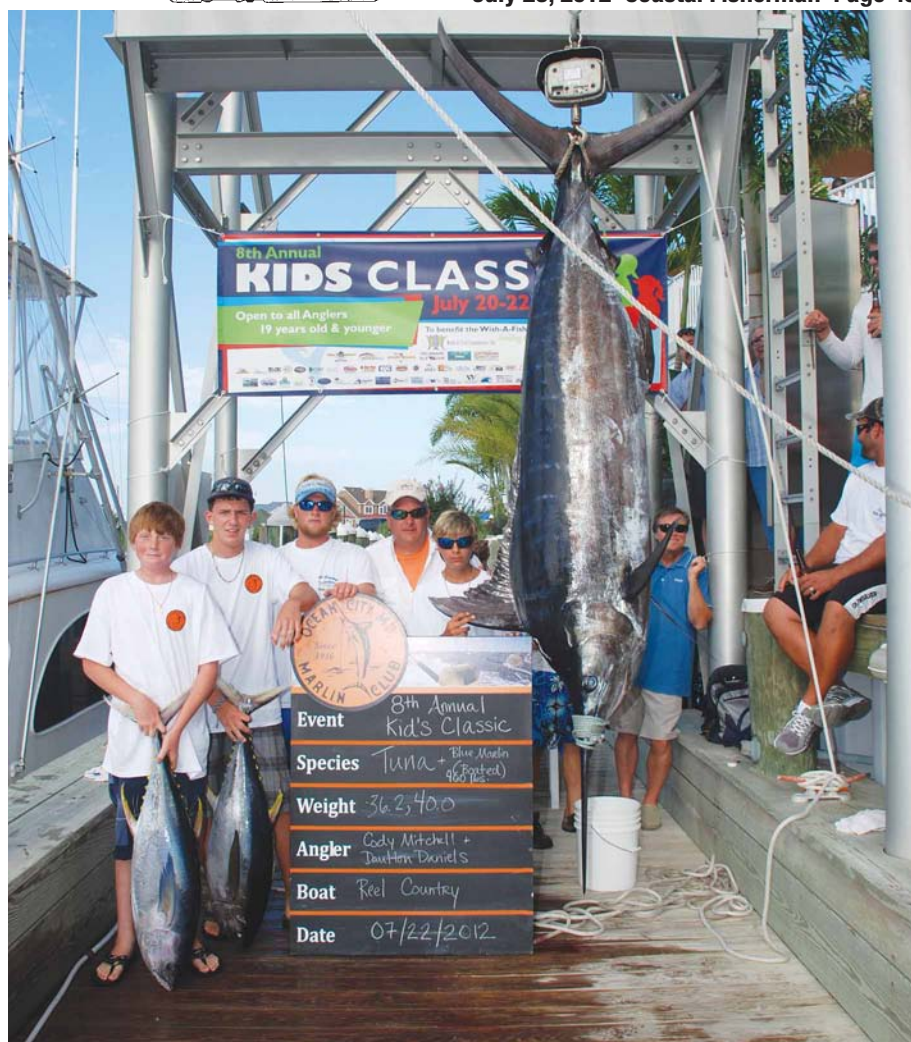
On the final day of the 2012 Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Emma Helwig landed a 13.4 lb. dolphin to win the Dolphin Division. Emma was fishing on the "Reel Fantasy" with Courtney Grady, Amy Ewen, Ashton Cherivitch and Capt. Al Rittmeyer. The winning fish, along with a 36 lb. yellowfin and more dolphin, were caught on trolled ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



James Doerzbach and Sophie Anderson each released a blue marlin and Chandler Anderson released a white marlin to win 1st place in the Billfish Division for the team on the "Reel Chaos". The fish were hooked on ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. Also on the "Reel Chaos" were Nate Doerzbach, Leah Anderson, Makaela Mitchell, Hayden Hanberry, Capt. Anthony Matarese and mate Mike Matarese. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



First place in the Tuna Division of the 8th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic was won by Taylor McCart with a 54.6 lb. yellowfin tuna caught in the Washington Canyon. Taylor was fishing on the "Reel Joy" with Hannah Showell, Capt. Dale Gurgo and mate Andy Helms. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



In the 2012 Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Daulton Dannels weighed a 460 lb. blue marlin, caught while fishing on the "Reel Country" with Cody Mitchell, Tyler Dannels, Capt. D.J. Churchill and mates Jake Graves and Pat Mitchell. Daulton's blue marlin was brought to the scale due to it dying during the fight in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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Keith Calvert, Ron DePaul, Ryan Mayer, Shane Townsend, Greg Callaway, Norman Short and Dave Hamrick returned to Lewes Harbour Marina with 23 flounder and some sea bass after fishing at the Old Grounds on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Weist and mate Dave Walker. The fish were caught using squid, smelt and shiners for bait. The largest flounder weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz.



Jack Campbell from Nazareth, PA caught this 19-inch flounder on a live spot near Harbour Island. Jack was fishing with his brother, Cade (pictured), Mike Orchulli and Craig Campbell. Pictured at Ake Marine.



Noah Vari of Newark, DE caught his 1st flounder while drifting a shiner and squid combination in the East Channel. Noah's fish weighed 4 lbs. 4 oz. on the scale at Bahia Marina.



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Virginia Fishing Report

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The recent cold front brought rain and some mild relief from the heat, but stand by for the effects on the fishing front.

Plenty of cobia are around, but the majority of the fish are still small. The folks at Ocean's East 2 report that dozens of cobia pups are cruising in small pods, offering consistent action for sight casters, but few keepers. Chummers are finding better luck with larger fish pushing to over 50 lbs. recently. Boats are setting up successful chum slicks near Bluefish Rock, York Spit, the Nine Foot Shoals and the Inner Middle Grounds. Red drum are also still providing topwater action as they school around the mouth of the Bay, especially near the Baltimore Channel. Sightcasters are also reporting schools of tarpon within the lower Bay, along with schools of Jack Crevelle in the same areas.

The flounder scene experienced an upswing in the abundance of fish last week. Many boats limited out with nice sized flatties, with many averaging around 4 lbs.

or more. The hot spots for drifting with strip baits are the edges of the Baltimore Channel, the eastern section of the Thimble Shoal Channel and the Cell and Buoy 36A areas. Those dropping live bait and jigs on lower Bay structures and inshore wrecks are also getting a good response, especially around the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Islands of the Bay Bridge Tunnel. Within Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets, flounder enthusiasts are experiencing good catches of fish ranging to 23-inches.

Sheepshead action is still very good, with fish ranging between 10 and 13 lbs. taking fiddler crabs presented along the Bridge Tunnel complex, with a few sheep coming from the Seagull Pier last week.

Plenty of greedy triggerfish are also available in these same areas, with some fish weighing over 3 lbs.

Spadefish are still schooling on nearshore wrecks and most of the span of the CBBT. Most of these fish are ranging between 3 and 5 lbs. Inshore wrecks are also harboring seabass, triggerfish, and flounder.

Spanish mackerel continue to hit very well off the oceanfront, from Cape Henry to Sand Bridge. Captain Steve Wray, skipper of the "Ocean Pearl" from Lynnhaven Inlet, reports the fish are holding in anywhere from 15 to 30-feet of water. Some of the Spanish are big, pushing to over 2lbs. Tailor bluefish are also mixed in with the Spanish.

King mackerel are available in the same areas, with scattered rumors of catches, especially from the Little Island Fishing Pier. Captain Jake Hiles aboard the "Matador" out of Rudee Inlet reports that big sharks are not uncommon lately, with black tip sharks, bull sharks, and hammer heads taking fresh and live baits presented off the beach.

Croaker are everywhere from the HRBT to the CBBT. The best hauls are coming from the backwaters of Oyster and Area 262 in Magothy Bay, where the folks at Chris' Bait and Tackle claim hardheads are ranging now to around a pound. Good reports of puppy drum are coming from both Lynnhaven and Rudee

Inlets lately, and speckled trout are taking off again in the Elizabeth River.

The word on the tarpon scene on the Eastern Shore is that it is good. Plenty of silver kings are being sighted, with some hook-ups and jump-offs reported recently.

Amberjack are a no-brainer at the Southern "A" and "B" Towers, with some fish pushing to over 50-inches caught lately. Deep droppers are still pulling in good numbers of tilefish, rosefish, wreckfish and grouper along with a smattering of sea bass near the Canyon edges.

Offshore, billfish encounters are still on the rise. White marlin, with scattered sailfish and blue marlin, honored boats with several flags flying last week. Boats are also reporting lots of cutters in mostly 30 to 45 fathoms of water. Yellowfin tuna are around, with some fish pushing to around 60 lbs. hitting the docks lately. Wahoo and gaffer mahi are also possibilities.

Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A. representative for Virginia Beach, VA. For information, go to www.drjball.com.

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Jake Wiles landed this 6 lb. 8 oz. flounder while over structure with squid aboard the charter boat, "Lil' Angler II" with Capt. Brian Wazlavek. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Walter Moore from Oyster Bay Tackle was fishing in the Thorofare when he hooked his limit of flounder while using squid for bait. The fish measured between 17 and 23-inches. Walter was fishing on the "Moore or Less".

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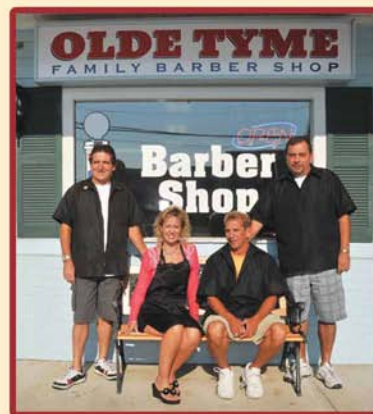
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Flounder fishing has been incredible this season and on this day Anthony, A.J. and John DiOrio boated 7 keepers while fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Lizzy Brittingham. The flatties, measuring up to 23-inches, were caught on live spot, bunker and Gulp! artificial baits in the bay behind Assateague Island and in the Commercial Harbor. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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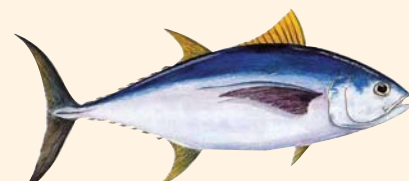
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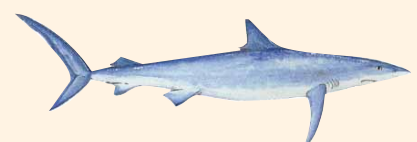


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Frank "Fluke Killer" Zeccola from Fenwick Island, DE inflicted punishment on his limit of flounder (2 pictured) while drifting live bait north of the Rt. 50 Bridge in the Fish Bowl.



Bob Henry, Bud Fogg and Tony Waterer tagged teamed this 373 lb. thresher after hooking it on a whole mackerel at "B" Buoy. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Cody Lowe from Millsboro, DE, Eric Sarver from Seaford, DE and John and Sane Kucyk from South Bethany, DE caught 3 yellowfin tuna and released a white marlin while trolling in the Washington Canyon aboard the "American Ambition" with Capt. Vernon Lee. The largest yellowfin tipped the scale at 67 lbs. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Danny Cox from Ocean City, MD had a great day flounder fishing south of the Rt. 50 Bridge, landing 3 beauties on live spot. The fish measured between 22.5 and 25.5-inches with the heaviest weighing in at 6 lbs. 2 oz.



Ray Streib from Severn, MD, Steve Benney from Mt. Airy, MD, Tim Flanagan from Davidsonville, MD, Curtis Hall from Elkton, MD and Tom Taylor from Sharpsburg, MD teamed up to land 5 yellowfin tuna while fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bonz" with Capt. Mark Radcliffe and mate Greg Beard. The yellowfins were caught on the troll in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Straight from the Maryland DNR Fisheries Service

Licensing Requirements for Coastal Sportfishermen

The opportunities for sportfishermen in and around Ocean City are almost endless. From the great fishing in the back bays for flounder, croaker, blues and sea trout to the offshore canyons and the chance to catch marlin, tuna and wahoo and many other opportunities in between, great fishing is available for all skill levels. Among the frequently asked questions of bait and tackle store employees, and for us here at DNR is....What type of license do I need to go fishing?

By now, most fishermen know that Maryland's saltwater fishing license was extended to include Maryland's coast in 2011. But they also know the requirements to fish offshore and inshore can differ. This week's article will focus on a variety of scenarios and what license you'll need to fish in each one.

Surf Fishing

After 5 PM, when the life guards have left the beaches in Ocean City, fishermen are allowed access to the surf. On Assateague Island, fishermen are allowed access to the surf in

Maryland's State Park portion (the northernmost part of the island) anytime, but must stay outside the lifeguarded areas. The policy is the same in the National Park section (from the lower boundary of the Maryland State Park to the Virginia State line), where fishermen are allowed access 24 hours per day, unless there is an area closure for nesting birds.

In all locations, fishermen 16 years of age or older will need a Maryland Chesapeake & Coastal Sportfishing license. An annual or short-term license (7 days) is available. Maryland honors Virginia's Saltwater Fishing License if the angler registers in Maryland, but does not honor Delaware's Saltwater Fishing License.

Fishing from Shore in the Back Bays and Inlet Jetties

There are many locations that are publically accessible for sport anglers without a boat. These include: the north jetty of the Ocean City Inlet, Rt. 50 bridge, Convention Center promenade, Chicago Avenue bulkhead, Northside Park and many others. Anglers 16 years of age or older will need a Maryland Chesapeake and Coastal Sportfishing License.

Maryland honors Virginia's Saltwater Fishing License if the angler registers in Maryland, but does not honor Delaware's Saltwater Fishing License.

Fishing from a Boat in the Coastal Bays and Inlet Jetties

From the Delaware line at the Rt. 54 bridge south to the Virginia line in Chincoteague Bay, there is plenty of room and many possibilities for anglers who are fishing by boat. Again, for anglers 16 years of age or older, a Maryland Chesapeake and Coastal Sportfishing License is required. Maryland offers a \$50 Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sportfishing Pleasure Boat decal that satisfies our State's license requirement for all registered passengers of the vessel on which the decal is placed. It is very popular, and allows individuals to fish for free from your decal vessel if they have registered with the State. It is a great way to introduce others to the sport of fishing. The boat decal also comes with a complimentary individual license for the purchaser who may use the license to fish elsewhere in Maryland's tidal waters off the boat. If a boat has a pleasure boat decal, all passengers, 16 years old and

older, that are fishing on the boat but do not possess an individual Maryland Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sportfishing license must register with the State of Maryland. Registration is free, and can be done online or over the phone at 1-855-855-3906 or online

at: <https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/dnrcompassportal>

Registered anglers are e-mailed a registration, which they print out and carry with them aboard vessels with a Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sportfishing Pleasure boat decal.

If a vessel is fishing without a Chesapeake Bay & Coastal Sportfishing pleasure boat decal, then all passengers 16 years of age or older will need to have an individual sport fishing license.

Fishing Offshore out to Three Nautical Miles

Maryland has jurisdictional responsibility for the waters from its coastal shoreline out three nautical miles. Within 3 miles of the Maryland shore, boat fishermen can fish Russell's Reef for black sea bass and tautog, and Great Gull Shoal or Little Gull Shoal for croaker, flounder and sea trout along with other options close to the shore. The same requirements listed above for boat anglers in the coastal bays and inlet apply in these waters.

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Anglers, 16 years old or older, fishing in the EEZ either need a Highly Migratory Species Permit, be registered with NOAA or have a saltwater fishing license from an exempt State (all except Hawaii, Puerto Rico & the U.S. Virgin Islands).

Anglers are responsible for reporting all Atlantic bluefin tuna (ABT) and billfish on board their vessel when they return to port. All recreationally landed ABT and billfish in Maryland must be tagged prior to landing and must be reported by vessel owners to the State-operated reporting station via catch card. Boats cannot be pulled from the water until the tag is in place. A tag is provided for each completed catch card and the angler is required to place this tag around the tail of the fish before removing it from the vessel.

Nine marinas in the Ocean City area qualify as a Recreational ABT/Billfish Reporting Station. Marinas distribute and collect catch cards, issue tags, and return leftover supplies to the Maryland DNR at the conclusion of the fishing season. In addition

to the marinas, an after-hours kiosk is available at the Maryland DNR field office at 12917 Harbor Road in West Ocean City. Anglers that use the kiosk must complete the catch card and deposit it into the locked box at the kiosk. The receipt attached to the catch card replaces the tag.

As of October 17, 2007, anglers who recreationally land swordfish and billfish outside of tournaments can report their catches to the NMFS using the HMS Non-tournament Reporting website. The fish must be reported within one day of being landed. However, if these fish are landed in either Maryland or North Carolina, they must still be reported using a catch card. For a listing of the reporting stations, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/7u7akl2>

Are there places to Fish without Purchasing a Fishing License?

Yes. Passengers aboard party and charter boats are not required to purchase an individual license or register with the State. Passengers aboard a private vessel with a Chesapeake & Coastal Sportfishing license pleasure boat decal are not required to purchase an individual license (but must register - see above). Waterfront property owners and their non-paying guests are not required to purchase an individual fishing license, but must register with Maryland (see registration section above).

There are three privately run fishing piers that have a commercial license which cover those that fish on the piers. An individual license or registration is not needed. All three piers charge admission. The piers are:

- Oceanic Pier at the Ocean City Inlet
- Ocean Pier on the Boardwalk
- Frontier Town pier on the Chincoteague Bay

Do Senior Citizens Get a Discount?

Residents of Maryland who are 65 or older can purchase a Senior Consolidated license that allows them to fish in tidal and non tidal waters of the State of

Maryland. Senior citizens that are residents of Virginia are exempt from a license in Virginia, but that exemption is not reciprocal in Maryland. They must buy a Nonresident Chesapeake & Coastal Sportfishing license or purchase a Virginia Resident Saltwater license and register in Maryland in order to fish in the tidal waters of Maryland.

Recreational Crabbing & Clamming in Maryland's Coastal Bays

There is no license required to recreationally crab or harvest hard clams in Maryland's coastal bays. Please reference the following link for regulations on minimum sizes, harvest limits and gear restrictions: <http://tinyurl.com/73dxwaw>

If you have any questions regarding fishing or fisheries management in Ocean City and Maryland's Atlantic coast, please contact Keith Lockwood: klockwood@dnr.state.md.us or call 410-226-0078.



Tom Monaco from Logan Township, NJ was fishing from the Rt. 50 Bridge when he hooked this 21-inch flounder on a flounder spreader rig baited with a minnow and squid combination. Photo courtesy of All Tackle Ocean City.

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 Tautog	January 11, 2012 Charlie Donohue "Morning Star" 23 lbs.	April 21, 2012 Clark Koehn Delaware Bay Reef 17 lbs.	 Thresher Shark	June 1, 2012 Dave Nolan Fingers 576.5 lbs.	 July 14, 2012 Bob Henry "B" Buoy 373 lbs.
 Striped Bass	February 10, 2012 John Rogowitz Little Gull 41 lbs.	May 18, 2012 Chris Long Upper DE Bay 42 lbs. 14 oz.	 Bluefin Tuna	June 29, 2012 John Conrad "Marli" 137 lbs.	June 19, 2012 Dave Cook & Sean Herlihy 19 Fathom Lump 162.6 lbs.
 Weakfish	No Weights Reported	May 12, 2012 Adam Ford Broadkill Beach 6 lbs. 2 oz.	 Yellowfin Tuna	June 23, 2012 Anthony Shanz Baltimore Canyon 70 lbs.	 July 14, 2012 Cody Lowe "American Ambition" 67 lbs.
 Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	May 7, 2012 Tony Diesel Indian River Inlet 2 lbs. 10 oz.	 Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Flounder	June 21, 2012 Bob Gummer 1st St. Bulkhead 12 lbs. 6 oz.	July 14, 2012 Bob Bryant Inshore Wreck 10 lbs. 15 oz.	 Bigeye Tuna	July 15, 2012 Jamie Romero Washington Canyon 257 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Bluefish	June 24, 2012 Hugh Thomas Cropper Tea Cup 15 lbs. 4 oz.	July 4, 2012 Ryan Corsiatto Indian River Inlet 10 lbs. 15 oz.	 Dolphin	July 13, 2012 Mike Glyphis 461 Lump 35 lbs.	July 7, 2012 Jake Piezynski Baltimore Canyon 29.7 lbs.
 Sheepshead	May 27, 2012 Robert Remo African Queen 11 lbs. 13 oz.	No Weights Reported	 Wahoo	June 24, 2012 Nunzio Litterio Hot Dog 77 lbs.	July 14, 2012 Mike Fleming Baltimore Canyon 57.4 lbs.
 Golden Tilefish	May 25, 2012 Sam Gass Washington Canyon 48 lbs.	June 14, 2012 Dave Collins Baltimore Canyon 19 lbs. 6 oz.	 White Marlin	Most Releases in One Day July 8, 2012 "Billfisher" Baltimore Canyon 4 releases	 July 14, 2012 "Boy's Toy" Poor Man's 2 releases

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Nineteen yellowfin fell at the hands of these anglers on the “Quintessa” with Capt. Chris Thurman and mates Evan Falgowski and Dave Popovich. The fish were caught while chunking with butterfish and sardines at the Hot Dog. Fishing on the “Quintessa” were Bert Long, John Furbush, John Gudknecht, Mike Holland, Guy Townsend and John Driscoll. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Rob Singer from Butler, PA caught this 28-inch, 8 lb. 6 oz. flounder on a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet while fishing off of the 2nd Street Bulkhead.

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Fourteen yellowfin tuna fell at the hands of these anglers while fishing on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mates Jason Norton and Jimi Fickling. The fish were caught while chunking butterfish at the Hot Dog. Pictured are Garrett Romel from Easton, PA, Luis Esperanca from Elizabeth, NJ, Sergio Agostinho from Elizabeth, NJ, Jim Romanuski from Lansdale, PA and Allison Kenderdine from Lansdale, PA.

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Matthew Williamson's flounder is bigger than it looks, coming in at 25-inches and weighing 6 lbs. on the scale at Oyster Bay Tackle. Matthew hooked the flattie on a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the West Channel.



George Fradiska of York, PA landed this 36-inch striper while fishing with live eels in the Indian River Inlet. The fish weighed 14 lbs. 4 oz. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.

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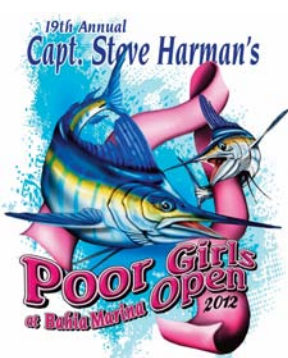
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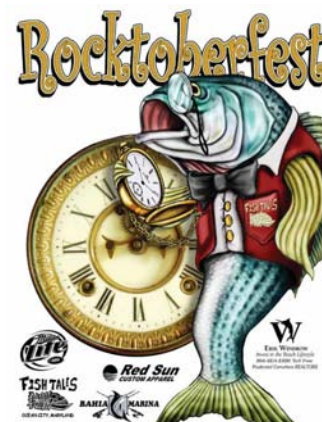
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John Davis from Lewes, DE must have been wearing his lucky hat when he caught this 3 lb. 4 oz. speckled trout in the Indian River Inlet. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Steve and Nicole Castagna from Lancaster, PA took their girls, Sydney, Norah and Delany out for some flounder fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" and ended up with 4 keepers in the box, the largest measuring 21.75-inches. The fish were caught on live spot and Gulp! artificial baits in the West Channel. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Joe Aita from Salisbury, MD caught his limit of flounder while fishing on charter boat, "Skip's Charter & Guide Service" with Capt. Skip Maguire and mate John Morton. Joe hooked the flatties on live spot and Gulp! artificial baits in the bay behind Harbour Island.



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Bill Winkler from Frankford, DE, along with Rylie and Chad Tingle from Dagsboro, DE caught their limit of flounder while fishing with live spot in the Indian River Inlet. Pictured courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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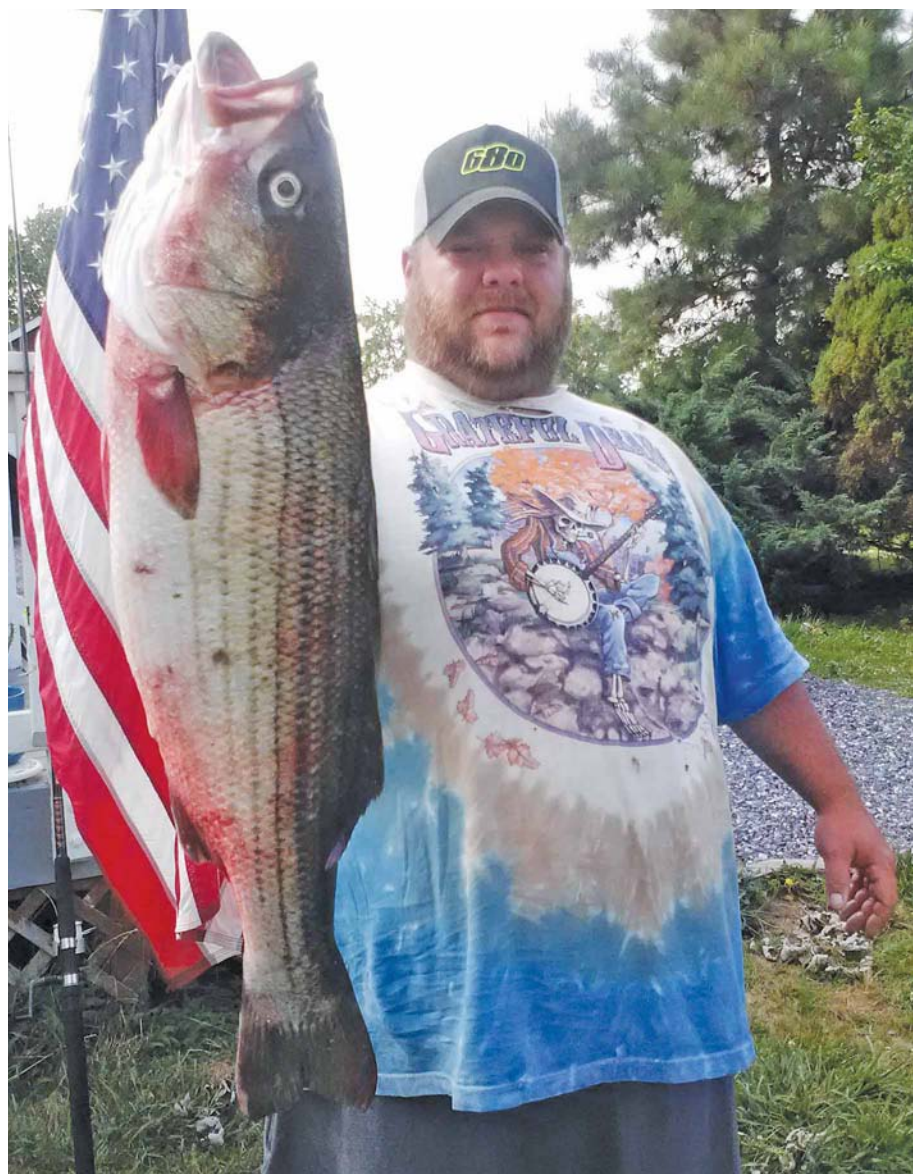
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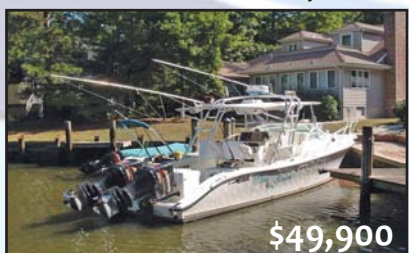
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