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With water temperatures increasing into the mid-50's, flounder fishing improved in the Lewes Canal where Melanie Bowden of Ocean View, DE caught this 27-inch flounder on Saturday while drifting a custom, Psaroudakis rig tipped with a shiner. The fish weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Barry Barlow was fishing off Broadkill Beach when he hooked into this 37-inch, 26 lb. 2 oz. black drum. Barry used bloodworms for bait and weighed his fish at Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE.



Shane Schaffer caught this 39-inch striper while fishing with fresh bunker from the beach on Assateague Island. Shane was fishing with George Snerr and is pictured at Buck's Place on Rt. 611.

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Matt Powell of West Ocean City, MD is pictured with his dad, Jim Powell just before he released this black drum. The anglers were fishing with clams off a Virginia barrier island with Dave Warren.



Rudy Sorrentino from Havre de Grace and Bob Jago from Joppa, MD caught 6 keeper flounder (4 pictured) on Saturday while fishing with live minnows in the Thorofare. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Jim Powell from West Ocean City, MD was fishing from the surf of a Virginia barrier island when he caught and released this nice size black drum after hooking it on a chunk of clam. Jim was fishing with his son, Matt Powell and Dave Warren.



Never without his favorite floppy hat, John Davis captured this 4 lb. 6 oz. flounder while casting a chartreuse Gulp! artificial bait from the Roosevelt Inlet rocks. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It was a tough week for fishing with Mother Nature bringing us windy and rainy weather right up until Thursday afternoon when something called the "sun" popped out and improved everyone's attitude along with the bite in the bay and off our coast.

Flounder

In the bay, anglers continue looking for the elusive flounder, but they had much better luck than at any time so far this year. The best location was one that is common for this time of year and that is the flats, north of the Thorofare. When you make the westward turn from the East Channel to the Thorofare, and you get to the houses on your left, you want to look towards your starboard for a channel that runs north. That channel will lead you up to the flats where flounder fishing is typically good in early May. Your boat needs to be able to drift in 2-3 feet of water because it gets awfully shallow in this area. On Saturday, the flats produced a 25-inch flounder for junior angler, Sadie Peters while she was drifting Gulp! artificial baits.

Anglers also caught flounder in the Thorofare over the long weekend. Bob O'Malley fished the Thorofare on Friday and caught a 24-incher on a live minnow in 64-degree water at the



On Saturday, Capt. Chris Mizurak on the headboat, "Angler" is all smiles after boating this 15 lb. tautog on a green crab at the African Queen wreck. The "Angler" is docked at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock in Ocean City.

bottom of the tide. On Saturday, Rudy Sorrentino and Bob Jago landed 6 keepers on live minnows.

On Sunday morning, Charles Jenkins stopped by the office to have his picture taken with the 22-inch flounder he caught while dangling shiners off a float launched from the Rt. 50 Bridge. Later in the day, we saw striper sniper Pat Hurley bring back his limit of 4 flounder measuring 17, 18, 19 and 20-inches after drifting minnows in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport.

Tautog & Sea Bass

With nice seas on Saturday, we saw a lot of boats venture outside the inlet to ocean reefs and wrecks, looking for tautog to fill their coolers and sea bass to catch and release, since the season doesn't open until May 19th.

The Great Eastern Reef, the Jackspot and Russell's Reef were all productive locations for tog. On Saturday, Dave Walker and Bill Brown had 8 tog at the Great Eastern Reef with their largest weighing in at 15 lbs. 6 oz. On the same day, anglers on the "Jezebel" also headed to the Great Eastern Reef where they returned with a couple of tog weighing up to 12 lbs 9 oz. Capt. Chester Sadowski reported that they had all the sea bass they wanted while fishing over the rubble.

Not to be outdone by any of his mates or customers, Capt.

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Chris Mizurak on the headboat, "Angler" boated a personal best 15 pounder while fishing at the African Queen wreck. Capt. Chris said that they were catching mostly small tog throughout the trip until the beast attacked his green crab.

Walter Moore, Sr. and his son, Walter, Jr. released a load of tautog at Russell's Reef on Saturday before heading to the Thorofare where they boated a 19-inch flounder in 58-degree water.

On Sunday, John Johansen boated an 11.3 lb. tog during a trip inshore of the Jackspot aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound".

Anglers are still picking at tautog in the Ocean City Inlet around the South Jetty and along the rocks off Martha's Landing, on the west side of the bay. The charter boat, "Lucky Angler" had a group of junior anglers on board and ended up catching tog at both locations on Saturday.

In the Surf

Action off Assateague Island and the beaches in Ocean City remains slow with the occasional black drum and striper biting in the suds. Surfcasters continued to battle more skates than they care to and now have to contend with an influx of pufferfish in water that has just broken the 50-degree mark.

Upcoming Tournament

The first local tournament on the schedule is the Ocean City Marlin Club Bluefish Tournament scheduled for May 24th & 25th. If you need more information you can call the Marlin Club at 410-213-1613.

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Local pharmacist, Adam Dudley muscled in this 40 lb. striped bass while trolling tandem rigs off Deal Island. Adam caught the 47-incher during a trip with his wife, Erin Dudley and his father-in-law, Ed Senkbeil.

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Scott Peters and his daughter, Sadie had a good day of flounder fishing on Saturday, ending up with 5 keepers caught on Gulp! artificial baits on the flats, north of the Thorofare. Sadie led the way with a 25-inch, 5 lb. 8 oz. flattie. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Paul Weckerly landed a 3 lb. 2 oz. weakfish and Bruce Carlson boated a 4 lb. 3 oz. weakie, both while drifting Gulp! artificial baits in the Lewes Canal on Saturday. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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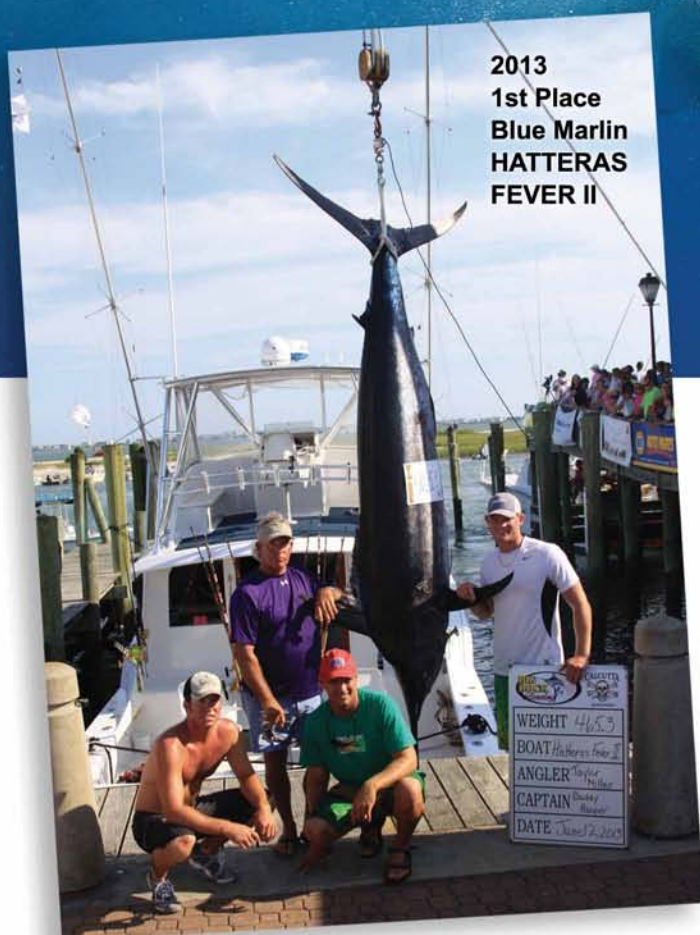
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A View From The Bridge

by Capt. Monty Hawkins



Who's Being Robbed?

I've written a great deal about sea bass management over the years. Now I believe we've come to a place where we must either affect repair of sea bass management, or accept the fishery as "restored" while nearly 50% below its 2003 population.

I would far prefer to base it on an increasing population from that time, rather than accept a laggard's win.

as close to pristine as we could hope for. It's what happens to their reports at the head office where our troubles begin. We must have and continue to get those field reports, how they're made into our estimates is what must change.

It was initially reported to me that 33 sea bass had actually been observed to form the 510,141 pound estimate. Taken from raw data, it turns out there were 73, not 33.

Accuracy is vital to me. I

economic burden upon the recreational fishing industry - perhaps for years to come.

I've heard nothing concerning the NY estimate being wrong by hundreds of thousands of fish, but I heard back when I was off by a mere 40 fish, "Hey, you got that wrong on the 33 sea bass data point."

As I've demonstrated previously, catch-estimate spikes used to occur in the For-Hire fisheries. Though still not perfect, we fought for and

out, there some's bad science ahead.

Management sees the decline in sea bass too. Aside from "Uncontrollable Recreational Fishing Effort From Private Boats," there's also a lot of arm-waving over the scary warming-water monster. There was even a presentation using only Mid-Atlantic & Southern New England sea bass data about a year and a half ago. It conclusively showed sea bass were moving north - FAST. But that movement of an entire population of fish was MRFSS/MRIP based - found almost exclusively in recreational catch estimates. Looking at commercial landings alone would not lead to a similar conclusion.

In this particular case, it seems like no attempt was made to see if sea bass even existed below Cape Hatteras. It happens that at about the same time that the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council was announcing to the world "Sea Bass Restored", the NOAA/NMFS' Northeast Regional Office was simultaneously concerned that sea bass were fleeing southern reaches of the Mid-Atlantic due to suddenly warmer water.

With sea bass still abundant along both Florida coasts, I think concern for Mid-Atlantic sea bass was somewhat premature. Because the assertion "sea bass are moving north" is no longer included in that specific work, I've asked NOAA/NMFS for other supporting studies. I've heard John Bullard, Northeast Regional Administrator for NOAA Fisheries, say in Council

Estimate Status	Year	Wave	Common Name	Total Harvest (A+B1)	PSE	Harvest (A+B1) Total Weight (lb)	PSE	Raw "Observed Harvest" And Actual Number Sea Bass Witnessed
FINAL	2011	JULY/AUGUST	BLACK SEA BASS	53,740	52.5	79,974	50.5	?
FINAL	2012	JULY/AUGUST	BLACK SEA BASS	127,871	59.1	246,010	60.7	?
PRELIMINARY	2013	JULY/AUGUST	BLACK SEA BASS	236,779	33.1	510,141	34.7	33 Raw — 73 Actual

I've recently learned that catch estimates can be based on remarkably few fish being seen. The 2013 New York - July/August - Private Boat - Sea Bass estimate of a half-million pounds (shown above), for instance, shows 116,000 more pounds of sea bass caught by strictly recreational boats in two months than the whole East Coast's Party/Charter fleet caught all year. This fantastic assertion that NY private boats had their best-ever summer sea bass season post-Sandy is based on interviewers witnessing 73 sea bass!

Make no mistake, spikes in our recreational catch estimates have no bearing on field interviewers work. Their data is

firmly believe that science must be testable, repeatable, verifiable and falsifiable.

I want to point out that while I've heard concern expressed from the scientific community over my use of raw data that wasn't true in its strictest sense, I've not heard back concerning my many requests for more data, for similar data and for management's use of such data; nor has anyone expressed scientific outrage to me over the NY Private Boat estimate or any of the many other estimates I've pointed out. It's much more likely those NY anglers caught between 95% to 98% fewer fish than reported. Its a bad estimate that will create measurable

demand their repair.

Now, and sometimes oh-so conveniently, the private boat estimates are often seen leaving earth's atmosphere instead.

It's not just recreational fishers who are being robbed by bad estimates, it's the entire system.

When a fishery is closed, but accusations of being over quota stem from an estimate without foundation, we're being robbed.

When regulations are tightened, & tightened-again, based upon bad estimates; the robbery can go on for over a decade, and it has.

When a fishery is disappearing and the only place anyone sees it going is into Private Boats Estimates - look

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session, "Sea bass are moving north." I just don't know what that statement is based on now.

It is true that sea bass are expanding north into warming water. It is not true that sea bass are contracting in the southern Mid-Atlantic.

Assertions of overfishing by recreational private boats cannot and will not withstand rational investigation. Recreational For-Hire data, however, very clearly shows a steep decline in sea bass catch which is testable & verifiable.

Commercial fishers are, by and large, operating within their regulatory boundaries. There is no secret market worth more than their present reported landings.

Neither warming nor commercial and recreational overfishing are to blame for the decline of sea bass. When catch restrictions and regulations were much looser, the sea bass biomass grew from approximately 15 million pounds to 39 million pounds. Now, with incredibly greater restrictions in place, the population has not grown. In fact, it has shrunk - by half!

Had we not suffered MRFSS catch-estimate craziness, I believe we might have instead continued the trend of population expansion.

Management's use of catch estimates as a singularly important tool in recreational management is responsible for this fishery's decline.

With "Inherited Comfort" from whatever catch-estimate rests upon a computer screen blocking scientific curiosity, no NOAA/NMFS biologist can say conclusively whether sea bass "age at maturity" has or has not shifted. That comfort's also why natural nearshore coral habitats remain a mystery.

Please remember, Marine Fisheries Restoration is a very young science. It wasn't long ago that any regulatory action, any at all, resulted almost instantly in a higher population of fish. That's where management's comfort stems from - Why worry with exactness of the estimates? What does it matter if reef habitat is increased? Tightening regulation always increased populations before.

It is precisely true that from the regulatory tightening of 2003, our sea bass population has declined. Soon regulators will have to face their Pogo Moment - "We have met the enemy."

It remains true that where I used to see hundreds of under 9-inch male sea bass per trip from pre & early regulation days into the very early 2000's, I now see just 3 in an entire year (all of 2013).

That sea bass change sex does not complicate their management, it simplifies it. A kindergartener can be taught to determine the sex mature sea bass.

It's perfectly obvious we've shifted their age at maturity and that the population has declined steeply as a result. Our Mid-Atlantic sea bass are behaving as though their population is at habitat capacity. Sea bass are holding their own population in check and I believe that's only

hand column. It's the same sort of raw data that recently drew ire from my friends in the statistical world since these are not the actual numbers they would have used. But I've asked & asked. Maybe I'll get the real data a month from now. Maybe. OK good. I'll write about the exact numbers then, after I get them. For now, I bet this raw data's really close. Incredibly closer than their estimates..

I'm hitting MRIP with everything I've got. I'm writing & visiting DC. I'm writing to state & federal management officials all the time and I'm writing and speaking with the scientific and statistical community.

This is a period of minor regulatory upheaval. We're "only" losing 5 fish off our bag limit and 15 or so days of the season. It is not going to get better, and it is going to get worse if we don't demand repair.

May 7, 2014 Coastal Fisherman Page 13 Managed Fishing Pressure, otherwise known as "Fishery Management," should result in greater fishery production.

It really is true that an unfished population will be in balance: Births = Deaths. It is because we can exploit the tendency toward increased production from a population under stress that we can remove any fish, at all, yet still grow a population. Without increased production our only choice would be to leave all populations alone..

Sea bass have simply had the sad fate of being the first marine species where we've discovered how to slow production. Instead of making them spawn young and giving them lots of habitat, we are forcing them to spawn 2 or more years later and remain ignorant of habitat. A perfect recipe for reducing a population.

In the table below, the "Observed Harvest" could be off

Estimate Status	Year	Wave	Common Name	Fishing Mode	Total Harvest (A+B1)	PSE	Harvest (A+B1) Total Weight (lb)	PSE	Raw Data: Fish Seen In Field Interviews AKA - "Observed Harvest."
FINAL	2008	MAY/JUNE	BLACK SEA BASS	SHORE	0	.	0	.	0
FINAL	2008	MAY/JUNE	BLACK SEA BASS	PARTY BOAT	607	17.1	745	21.9	96
FINAL	2008	MAY/JUNE	BLACK SEA BASS	CHARTER BOAT	61,922	85.6	102,097	86.0	3
FINAL	2008	MAY/JUNE	BLACK SEA BASS	PRIVATE/RENTAL BOAT	54,678	65.6	97,874	64.7	9
FINAL	2009	MAY/JUNE	BLACK SEA BASS	SHORE	0	.	0	.	0
FINAL	2009	MAY/JUNE	BLACK SEA BASS	PARTY BOAT	25,768	38.6	34,249	39.4	159
FINAL	2009	MAY/JUNE	BLACK SEA BASS	CHARTER BOAT	13,523	82.3	18,837	81.0	0
FINAL	2009	MAY/JUNE	BLACK SEA BASS	PRIVATE/RENTAL BOAT	34,493	51.3	69,954	51.5	12
FINAL	2010	MAY/JUNE	BLACK SEA BASS	PARTY BOAT	25,455	30.0	32,444	30.2	130
FINAL	2010	MAY/JUNE	BLACK SEA BASS	CHARTER BOAT	15,633	65.9	22,964	63.7	2
FINAL	2010	MAY/JUNE	BLACK SEA BASS	PRIVATE/RENTAL BOAT	448,181	68.6	644,913	71.1	2

because of the recreational size limit.

Habitat capacity is a "just a theoretical" to scientists, but I think we were there in 2003, just 6 years into management.

It's not how tightly packed sea bass are on a reef, it's how big they are that controls what age they join the spawning class.

Management's response to spikes in the MRFSS recreational estimates is why our size limit grew so large. Even though the population climbed straight up with smaller size limits & far higher removals over a decade ago, now tighter & tighter regulation stemming from estimate spikes drives the age at spawning higher still - making spawning production that is so necessary for continued extraction, taper away.

To fix it we must first unglue management from bad estimates.

Shown above is a table with "Fish Observed" in the right-

Readers should write to their DC representatives and State Fisheries Directors and tell them to fix the estimates! It wouldn't hurt to throw in, "Find, protect and repair the corals" also.

I'm convinced we cannot possibly re-restore sea bass as long as this vulgar cloud of misinformation lingers over the entire process. I believe our situation will grow far worse with sea bass if we do not act now.

The "Warming Water Monster" should be management's best friend. In my experience, habitat expansion ought to lead to fantastic population growth. An understanding of habitat production, if management possessed one, would sound another loud klaxon over our region's sea bass population dip.

Instead, no one wants to be the first to grapple fishery management's strange twist:

by a lot. Instead of two sea bass becoming 645,000 pounds of Massachusetts Private Boat Catch, there may even have been an order of magnitude higher. Maybe there were even 20 or 30 sea bass "observed" that became 645,000 pounds of MAFMC Recreational Quota.

By whatever means these statistical calculations are being done; denying management honest catch estimates is undoing the whole restoration process.

This needs to get fixed and we could be well on our way by the fall of 2014 if we begin soon. Washington, DC is your complaint department. Get your pen out and write a letter telling them to fix the recreational catch estimates before it is too late.

Capt. Monty Hawkins is captain of the headboat, "Morning Star" out of the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Driftin' Easy

—by Sue Foster



Buy and register Your Boat in Tax Free DelawareI want a new surf rod but just not sure what to get!

When anglers come into our shops looking for a new surf rod, I always ask them what time of year do they plan to fish the most. Summertime fishing is quite different from fishing in the spring and fall. Anglers tend to go a little heavier and longer in the early and late seasons since the fish tend to be larger and the surf more turbulent. Migratory fish such as large stripers can be further off the shoreline, making a longer cast critical in the spring and fall.

In the summertime, we have a lot of panfish such as kingfish, spot and croaker. The fish are in close and aren't that big. A lighter, sensitive rod makes fishing more fun and productive. Even the anglers targeting larger fish such as drum and stripers find that these fish can be "close

in", feeding in rips and troughs during the summer months. Hardcore Assateague anglers like to have along a quality 9-foot combo for these times.

I'm going to fish now!

OK, May is the month we see migratory stripers and May is the month we sell a lot of 11 and 12-foot rods. Look at the suggested weight that you can throw on the rod. This is generally located just above the grip where the model number of the rod is inscribed. There can also be suggested line weight and action of the rod. Take all these things in stride, as every rod has a different feel and manufacturers sometimes rate them differently. Just because a rod says the suggested weight is 3 to 7 oz. does not mean you can't throw an 8 oz. sinker. It just means the rod is most suited to throw 3 to 7 oz. lead. Some companies, like St. Croix, put suggested lure weights on the surf rod. This is very confusing to the customer and really frustrates me as well!. Many St. Croix surf rods rated for 1 to 4 oz. lures can easily throw 6 oz. In those cases you just have to feel the rod and compare it to others!

In the spring and fall, look for an 11 or 12-foot rod rated at 4 to 7 or 4 to 8 oz. for normal fishing conditions. Some anglers who own several rods, want a rod rated for up to 10 oz. You can find a few of these very heavy rods and they work great for throwing a large chunk of bunker and an 8 to 10 oz. sinker.



Jack Kaeufer from Ocean Pines, MD boated this 20-inch flounder while drifting a Timmons' Tempter in the bay behind Harbour Island. Jack hooked the fish in 59-degree water at the end of the outgoing tide.

It's definitely "over-kill" in the summer (way too heavy) unless you are into catching big sharks and rays.

Some manufacturers, like Daiwa, will have 11 and 12-foot rods in different weights. For example, the Emcast Series has one 11-foot rod rated for 3 to 6 oz. and another 11-foot rod rated for 4 to 7 oz. Choose the 4 to 7 oz. model for spring and fall fishing and the 3 to 6 oz. rod for summertime fishing!

Fishing rods always look longer in the store. When you stand in front of the pounding surf, the rod suddenly seems

shorter! If you want to really get a feel for a longer rod, ask the clerk to let you take it outside and whip it around. If you have a reel you plan on putting on the new rod, take it with you and mount it on the rod. Rods feel different without a reel mounted on it. Ask the clerk if you can put the reel on to get a more normal feel.

If you've never surf fished before, it's really hard to know what is normal!

If you are a first time surf angler and not sure what to get, don't go overboard on a real heavy rod. Pick a rod in the middle, such as a 10 or 11-footer somewhere in the 2 to 6 oz. range. If you fish primarily in the summer, choose a 8, 9 or 10 foot rod anywhere in the 1/2 to 3 or 4 oz. range. Don't go heavier than 2 to 6 oz. Like in most sports, the more you pay for a rod, the better quality it will be and the lighter in the hand it will feel. You can buy a rod for less than \$30 if you are on a budget or you can spend a couple hundred dollars! Believe me, there's plenty rods in between those two price ranges!!!

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If you are a female or an adolescent with a smaller frame, I'd suggest an 8 or 9-foot rod, especially for the summertime. The butt on the 8's and 9's are shorter as well, making them easier to handle, especially if you are short in stature. Another thought is this. An 8-foot rod is the best all-around length rod you can buy. You can also fish with it in the inlet, off a pier or even from a boat! A 9-foot rod is also good from the pier or in the inlet, but it's really too long to take on a boat. So if you are looking for versatility, don't go over-board in length! You can buy a rod as long as 15-foot, but it's just way to awkward to cast unless you are really, really good!

Every tackle store around has different brands of surf rods. One brand is not necessarily better than another, and each brand may have different levels of quality. I'm going to name a couple of my favorites, just to give you an idea of what you might want to buy. Bear in mind, there are plenty of good rods out there! Pick it up mount your reel

on the rod for the best feel.

Spring and Fall
Heavier Surf Rods

- Tica - 12 foot - UEHA Series - 4 to 10 oz.
- Tica - 11 foot - Dolphin or Surge Series - 3 to 8 oz.
- Penn - 12 foot - Prevail Series - 4 to 10 oz.
- Penn - 11 foot - Prevail Series - 4 to 6 oz.
- Penn - 12 foot - Torque Series - 4 to 10 oz.
- Penn - 11 foot - Torque Series - 2 to 6 oz.
- Sea Striker - 11 foot - Beachrunner Series - 4 to 8 oz.
- Daiwa - 11 foot - Emcast Series - 4 to 7 oz.
- Daiwa - 12 foot - Emcast Series - 4 to 7 oz.
- St. Croix - 11 foot - Mojo Series - 3 to 8 oz.
- St. Croix - 10 1/2 foot - Triumph Series - 2 to 6 oz.

Summertime
Lighter Surf Rods

- Daiwa - 10 foot - Emcast Series - 3 to 6 oz.
- Daiwa - 11 foot - Emcast Series - 3 to 6 oz.

- Daiwa - 9 foot - Emcast Series - 1 to 4 oz.
- Sea Striker - 10 foot - Beachrunner Series - 2 to 5 oz.
- Sea Striker - 9 foot - Beachrunner Series - 1 to 4 oz.
- Sea Striker - 8 foot - Beachrunner Series - 1/2 to 3 oz.
- Tica - 8 foot - UEHA Series - 3/4 to 3 oz.
- Tica - 9 foot - UEHA Series - 1/2 to 3 oz.
- Tica - 9 foot - Surge Series - 1/2 to 3 oz.
- Tica - 9 foot - Surge Series - 2 to 6 oz.
- Tica - 8 foot - Surge Series - 1/2 to 2 oz.
- Penn - 10 foot - Prevail Series - 1 to 5 oz.
- Penn - 9 foot - Prevail Series - 3/4 to 3 oz.
- St. Croix - 9 foot - Mojo Series - 1 to 4 oz.
- St. Croix - 10 foot - Mojo Series - 1 to 4 oz.

Get yourself a nice surf rod and have fun fishing!

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



The bulkhead that runs along the bay between 2nd and 4th Streets in Ocean City has been a good spot to catch tautog this spring and was exactly where Dave Beach landed this 16-incher after hooking it on a green crab. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.



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Species	2014	2013	Species	2014	2013
Sea Bass 	None Reported	January 8, 2013 Mike Behney Cape May Rocks	Mako Shark 	None Reported	May 10, 2013 Wayne Mull "Restless Lady" Baltimore Canyon
Tautog 	January 1, 2014 Si Chiarizia "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	January 1, 2013 Mike Acito "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	White Marlin 	None Reported	June 15, 2013 Tim Hawn "No Quarter" Poor Man's Canyon
Striped Bass 	January 2, 2014 Karl Hoelper 130th Street Surf Ocean City	January 1, 2013 Charlie Sitskorn "Slack Grabber" Little Fenwick	Blue Marlin 	None Reported	June 21, 2013 Adam Waddell & Keith Cook "Muff Diver" Baltimore Canyon
Weakfish 	April 22, 2014 Tom Burke Broadkill Beach	April 28, 2013 Joel Robinson Lewes Beach	Bluefin Tuna 	None Reported	May 12, 2013 Chris Gaba "Hook'n Up" Baltimore Canyon
Flounder 	January 3, 2014 Stanley He "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	April 1, 2013 Kevin Weber "Patty Wagon" Sinepuxent Bay	Yellowfin Tuna 	None Reported	May 17, 2013 Kenny Twilley "Muff Diver" Baltimore Canyon
Bluefish 	None Reported	April 21, 2013 Noah Graulich Cape Henlopen State Park	Longfin Tuna 	None Reported	June 14, 2013 Tom Ciconte "Tressa Lynn" Baltimore Canyon
Black Drum 	April 9, 2014 Bill Powell Assateague Surf	April 11, 2013 Bill Powell Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna 	None Reported	June 10, 2013 Phillip Seidenstricker "Reel Addiction" Baltimore Canyon
Sheepshead 	None Reported	June 10, 2013 Capt. Chase Eberle "Flounder Pounder" Ocean City Inlet	Dolphin 	None Reported	May 13, 2013 DJ BK "Salty Sons" Norfolk Canyon
Thresher Shark 	None Reported	May 26, 2013 Charlie Lutes "Shark Killer" Fingers	Wahoo 	None Reported	June 23, 2013 Brandon Cassady "Ridin' Thirty" Baltimore Canyon

For a copy of this page or to report your catch, call the Coastal Fisherman at 410-213-2200

BAY FISHING CHARTERS



Butch Hicks and Justin Reynolds were fishing off Broadkill Beach when they captured a 35-inch striper and a pair of black drum weighing 30.95 and 31.40 lbs. The striper was caught on bloodworms and the black drum were fooled with pink Gulp! artificial baits. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.



Josh Loose of Hockessin, DE was drifting around the Rt. 90 Bridge in 53.5-degree water when he caught this pair of flounder measuring 20 1/2 and 22-inches. Josh was fishing on the "Lucky Catch" with his father-in-law, Randy Nowell. Both flatties were hooked on skirted hooks with Gulp! artificial baits.

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Tim Auman from Harrisburg, PA was flounder fishing last weekend and hooked this 22-inch, 3 lb. 10 oz. flattie on a homemade fly in the Indian River Inlet at the entrance to the Indian River Marina. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



On Saturday, Charles Jenkins from Westover, MD was fishing off the Rt. 50 Bridge when he hooked into this 22-inch flounder that weighed 3 lbs. 14 oz. The flattie was caught on a shiner during the incoming tide.

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Steven Thompson and his fishing partner, "Duke" were flounder fishing with light tackle in the Lewes Canal when they were surprised by this 24 lb. striped bass. The linesider ate a minnow and pink Gulp! combination and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



Jocelyn Shirey from Orangeville, PA caught this 19 3/4-inch tautog while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with her dad, Todd Shirey, Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Jake Knox. Jocelyn hooked the 5 lb. 4 oz. tog on a green crab. Pictured back at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Good things happen when you fish with Paul Turner of PT's Marine as Bob O'Malley found out when he landed this 24-inch flounder while drifting a live minnow in 64-degree water in the Thorofare. Bob hooked the big flattie at the beginning of the incoming tide and was also joined on the trip by Gene Palese and Shawn Gray.

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On Saturday, Dave Walker and Bill Brown, both from Berlin, MD returned to Ake Marine with 8 tautog in the box after fishing with green crabs at the Great Eastern Reef. Dave caught the heaviest tog of the day, tipping the scale at 15 lbs. 6 oz.



Walter Moore, Sr. caught this 19-inch flounder on a squid and minnow combination in 58-degree water in the Thorofare on Saturday. Walter and his son, Walter, Jr. started the day tog fishing at Russell's Reef where they hooked 15 short tog in 54 degree water. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Bill Horvatch from Whitehouse Station, NJ (right) muscled in a 17 lb. oz. tautog during a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Mike Kinder. Bill is pictured with Jim Cobb who landed himself a 9 lb. 13 oz. tog. Both fish were caught on an ocean wreck with Bill's being fooled by a white leg crab and Jim's falling for a green crab. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



This group of anglers are all smiles after boating this 35-inch striper while trolling in the Chesapeake Bay with Mike Vaughan on the "Canyon Hunter". Pictured are Bob Elder, Peyton Elder, Garrett

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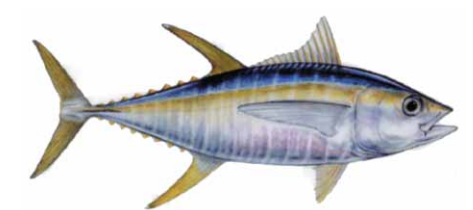
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During a tog trip last week with Capt. Kane Bounds, Kevin Twilley, mate on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" caught and released this 5 lb. 8 oz. sea bass in 51-degree water at the Jackspot. The charter customers ended their day with 16 keeper tautog weighing up to 8 lbs. All were caught on green crabs.

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Paul Pergeorelis, Brandy Timmons Parker, Suzanne Martin and Jonathan Masten were fishing on the charter boat, "Lil' Angler II" with Capt. Brian Wazlavek when they boated their limit of tautog weighing up to 6 lbs. The fish were caught at Reef Sites 6 and 7 on clams and crabs. Picture courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Larry Frati was togging at Site 10 on the "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest when he battled this 10 lb. 5 oz. tautog to the death after hooking it on a chunk of clam. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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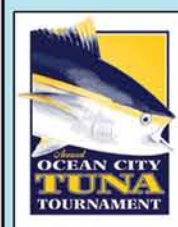


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Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It's amazing what happens when you finally get some sunny, warmer weather on a weekend... folks go fishing!! You could tell this past weekend that anglers were itching to get out on the water and as a result some nice fish started hitting the scales.

Capt. Bert Adams at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina told me that tautog were caught by anglers fishing with green crabs under the Indian River Bridge. Other anglers fishing in the Indian River Inlet saw short stripers, with the occasional keeper caught from the rocks by anglers tossing shads. The only keeper flounder Bert saw was caught right at the entrance of the marina. The night bite hasn't been much in the Indian River Inlet.

Further north, Mike Behney at Ricks' Bait & Tackle reported good tautog fishing at Site 10 in the ocean. Mike told me that he weighed in a nice 8 pounder from that location on Saturday. Mike also said that a few founder were caught off Massey's Landing. He was most excited about the surf bite with pufferfish showing up along with a few 24-inch bluefish, small stripers (15") and kingfish at 3R's Road. Mike said that surfcasters at Broadkill Beach have been hammering black drum



Rodney Jones was drifting a flounder rig dressed up with a pink teaser and tipped with a live minnow when he hooked this 23 1/2-inch flounder in the Indian River Bay. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said rain and wind made it tough for area anglers during the week, but conditions straightened out for the weekend. Lewes Canal anglers caught flounder through tides with clean water. Gulp!, minnows and shiners were favored baits. Melanie Bowden boated the biggest fluke of the season thus far from the Lewes Canal on Sunday, weighing in at 7 lbs. 5 oz.. Ed Yingling checked in a

21-inch flattie and a 4 lb. 3 oz. flounder he also pulled from the Canal. Ron Roark reeled in a 3 lb. 5 oz. flounder and Mike Cannon captured a 4 lb. 6 oz. mat. Steven Thompson had quite a surprise while drifting the Canal for flounder on Sunday afternoon. He and his dog "Duke" were fishing in a small aluminum boat when something heavy grabbed the pink Gulp! and minnow combo Steven was using. After quite a battle on light gear, he had the big fish splashing at boatside.

Guys on another nearby boat noticed Steven didn't have a net, and they pulled up close so one of them could hop aboard and dip the catch with their net. The fish turned out to be a 24 lb. striper, and after congratulations were exchanged and cheers went up from spectators on the dock at Lewes Harbour Marina, the Good Samaritan dipper got back in his boat and motored away.

There's always a chance of more surprises like that during the upcoming Canal Flounder Tournament on Friday May 16th. Entry fee is \$25 per angler, payable in advance at Lewes Harbour Marina. Five dollars of the entry fee is donated to the Camp Awareness Youth Program. Cash prizes will be awarded for the seven heaviest flounder caught by entrants during the event. Complete details can be found on Lewes Harbour Marina's Facebook page or by calling 302-645-6227.

John Davis was tossing Chartreuse Gulp! on a jighead from the rocks at Roosevelt Inlet Friday when he tied into a 4.38 pound flatfish. Flounder were also taken at night by anglers on the Cape Henlopen Pier. Casting speck rigs and other small jigs tipped with fresh bunker, cut shad or shiners worked well there.

Pier casters encountered numerous small stripers that pounced on lures meant for flatfish.

Tog action has been good on Reef Sites 6 and 7 in the Delaware Bay and around the Inner and Outer rock breakwaters off Lewes. Best

bites took place with clean water for toggers deploying green crabs, shrimp and clams as bait. Pitching a jighead tipped with crab to warmer shallow areas along the Inner Wall resulted in some nice sized blackfish. Joe Jelks and Joe Ryan used that method to cull their limit of tog weighing up to 7 lbs. 15 oz. from the 30 fish they caught on Saturday morning.

Captain Brent's charter on the "Katydid" took a 30 fish limit in short order at the Wall on Saturday. Brandy Timmons Parker, Suzanne Martin and Paul Pergeorelis joined Capt. Brian on the charter boat, "Lil' Angler II" for a tog trip to the Brown Shoal reef sites, and returned with their limit of nice fish. The limit of 3 tautog with a 15-inch minimum per person remains in effect until the Spring season closes May 11th.

Commercial netters in the Delaware Bay had plenty of black drum over recent days. Surfcasters on Broadkill Beach caught drum between 15 and 50 lbs. on Friday and Saturday evenings, along with a few keeper stripers on bloodworms and clams. Harold and Dan Martin, and Dave and Lois Rehkamp fished the beach on Saturday evening for their limit of 12 black drum weighing up to 35 lbs. John Goode got a 35-inch, 18 lb. 10 oz. rockfish using fresh bunker off Broadkill Beach on Saturday night. Bob Zak and Cecil Bailey anchored in 14 feet of water near the tip of Broadkill Slough on Saturday afternoon, where they caught 11 drum, keeping a limit of 6 fish between 20 and 24 lbs.

Drum should be caught soon by boaters soaking clams on the Coral Beds and the pilings off Slaughter Beach as well.. The ocean surf at Herring Point yielded some short stripers, plus an occasional kingfish or blowfish to anglers baiting with bloodworms. Curt Stephens was soaking fresh bunker there during the beginning of flood tide on Friday morning when he connected with a 23.7 lb. keeper rockfish.

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New Acoustic Tagging Study to Evaluate Atlantic Striped Bass Migratory Patterns

Understanding anadromous fish migration patterns (migrate from sea to freshwater to spawn) and the frequency with which fish return to the tributaries where they were born is important for developing regional stock assessments and management strategies. A long standing question in the assessment and management of coastal striped bass is the migration rates and residency of striped bass produced in the Chesapeake Bay.

Past tagging and aging studies demonstrated that

residency and migration fluctuate widely with size, gender and season. However, the data are not detailed enough to be used in stock assessment models designed to analyze trends for multiple regions of the coast (Chesapeake, Delaware, Hudson & New England). Migration and residency pattern studies using conventional fish tags are influenced by tag reporting rates and also fluctuate by year-to-year tag reporting due to environmental conditions in the Chesapeake Bay. Telemetry tagging studies, however, do not rely on tag reporting and use the latest acoustic technology to independently track migrating fish.

Acoustic tags transmit unique sound signals, or pings, that are detected and stored by acoustic telemetry receivers deployed in the water. A unique and timely opportunity exists to utilize telemetry arrays recently deployed at the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay by the U.S. Navy, within the Chesapeake Bay by a NOAA-funded study on Atlantic sturgeon, and broader sharing of tagging data through the new Atlantic Coastal Telemetry Observing System (MATOS). Striped bass, Atlantic sturgeon and other fish outfitted with acoustic tags can now be tracked as they move into and out of the Chesapeake Bay and migrate seasonally in coastal waters, 6 to 10 miles from shore. A new study starting this spring and led by Dr. Dave Secor's research team at the University of Maryland's Chesapeake Biological Laboratory (CBL) will place acoustic tags in 100 striped bass, 75 in the spring and 25 in the fall, tracing them for a 2 1/2-year period within the Potomac River and across major regions and tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic coast.

In cooperation with ACT and MATOS, the CBL study will exchange acoustic received and transmitter data collected in the Chesapeake Bay, as well as request from cooperating investigators recapture data from Potomac fish detected in acoustic arrays set-up in the South Atlantic Bight, North Carolina sounds, the Chesapeake, Delaware and Hudson estuaries and the coastal waters from New England through Virginia.

Based upon recapture data,



This 7 lb. 3 oz. fell at the hands of Dan McGovern while fishing at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay. Dan was fishing with Capt. Brent Wiest on the charter boat, "Katydid" and used a green crab to fool the big tog. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

the research team will evaluate a set of hypotheses related to seasonal migration patterns and degree of residency within the Chesapeake Bay including:

- Expected size and sex-specific patterns of outmigration.
- Seasonal timing of outmigration and the influence of temperature and water flow.
- Segregation of resident striped bass in the Potomac River, Chesapeake Bay regions and other tributaries.

- Degree of visitation of outmigrating striped bass to non-natal estuaries (e.g. Delaware, Hudson, North Carolina sounds) and coastal regions.
- Incidence and timing of anadromous spawning runs and the role of temperature and water flow.

The proposed work addresses the key assessment issue of how Chesapeake Bay striped bass contribute to coastal stocks. Within the Chesapeake

Bay, the behaviors of tagged fish will be compared to models of available habitat during the summer and fall months. Broader impacts also include predictions of how climate variables (warming water temperatures and flow) influence seasonal striped bass migrations and how fishing seasons may be modified to reflect the migratory patterns of Chesapeake Bay striped bass.

For additional information on the Potomac River striped bass acoustic tagging study, you can contact Dr. Dave Secor at 410-326-7421 or secor@umces.edu. For information and updates on this tagging program visit <http://fishconnectivity.cbl.umces.edu/research/connectivity>. For information on a variety of Atlantic coast fish tagging programs, visit the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission tagging website at www.fishtag.info.

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An electronics trend this boating season is the "Glass Bridge". This is a helm station that is comprised of multiple large touch screen displays. The resulting appearance is smooth, clean and intuitive. A system like this is easily customizable to the needs of each individual operator.

The Glass Bridge is derived from aircraft terminology (Glass Cockpit) for airplanes that have only electronic gauges (LCD style). This aerospace industry approach began in the early 80's and was rapidly accepted by pilots worldwide by the late 90's, primarily due to the efficiency, reliability and legibility of the displays.

In our marine industry, we are in the beginning of the Glass Bridge platform. Furuno, Garmin, Raymarine and Simrad all offer products that allow you to "build" a glass bridge on your boat. These manufacturers are also working with the boat builders to integrate all on-board systems early in the design stage to incorporate the full Glass Bridge

functionality.

One boat builder, Scout Boats, is working closely with Garmin and Mastervolt to provide multi-system integration on new boats. Using a Garmin touchscreen display, all switching and system monitoring can be accomplished from the Garmin touchscreen displays. The electronic switches are operated on-screen through Mastervolt's C-Zone hardware and software products. This system was first integrated into the Scout 350LXF.

Simrad has a similar system, which seamlessly integrates with the Mercury Marine VesselView engine monitoring system, (the Mercury VesselView 7 display is actually the same hardware as a Simrad NSS display). The Simrad systems also integrate with the Mastervolt C-Zone, allowing all switching through the multifunction display. If you saw the 39' Under Armour Fishing Team Yellowfin at the 2013 White Marlin Open, that boat was one of the first with this fully integrated

Simrad/Mercury/C-Zone Glass Bridge.

In case you were wondering, the Mastervolt C-Zone system does have a mechanical manual back-up capability in the event of a malfunction. In addition to a multifunction display, the C-Zone system can be operated by a dedicated display, consumer tablet or key fob to control and monitor the operation of shipboard systems such as bilge pumps, live wells, navigation lights and deck lighting.

Most of these Glass Bridge systems also include the ability to control a music entertainment system on the same multifunction screens, when connected to a compatible stereo such as Fusion, Simrad Sonichub or Garmin Meteor.

These modern displays are also capable of displaying engine data on the screen in addition to or in place of traditional engine gauges. Often the multifunction display is brighter and easier to read than the original engines gauges. If you have an electronically controlled engine, chances are that you can connect the engine to the display with a special black box, referred to as a gateway. Modern marine engines use the automotive common area network (CAN) standard of

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J1939, a similar protocol to NMEA2000 and a proper gateway can easily exchange data between the two. Most outboards engines from 2006 and newer have this capability and the hardware is readily available to add this feature. Don't be tempted to start twisting wires together from your engine to your marine electronics, you want to be sure each system is isolated properly and using the recommended gateway is the proper way to interface an engine into a navigation network.

If you have an older engine, there are products from manufacturers such as Actisense (the EMU-1) and Maretron that can convert traditional analog sending units, such as water temperature and oil pressure, to the NMEA2000 digital format. Whichever method you use to convert the engine data, the result is a NMEA2000 PGN (Parameter Group Number) for that specific engine data field, broadcast onto the NMEA2000 network for interpretation by a modern display. Not all the multifunction displays have the same functions and display capabilities for engine data, so be sure to research the various systems before you purchase the hardware.

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While this may sound difficult and expensive, it is not necessary so! A basic multifunction display, even a few years old, is often capable of displaying numerous NMEA2000 data. You can build your own system by adding the appropriate NMEA2000 sensors as your budget allows and displaying that data on the multifunction display. This is not only for large boats, a small center console helm can get crowded quickly with multiple displays, switches, indicators, controls, etc. A large, single display that can control the function of hidden "black boxes" and be used as the

engine gauges may often make the best use of space and keep a clean and simple look that is also easier to operate.

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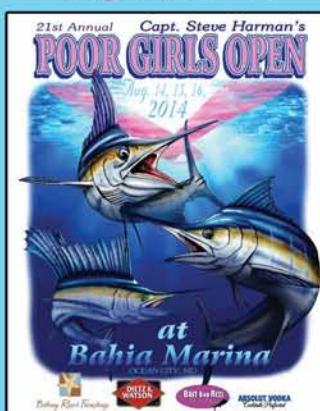
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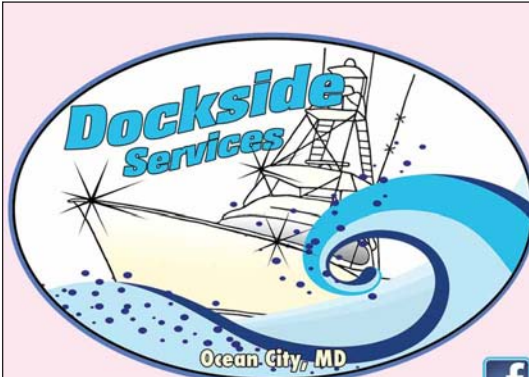


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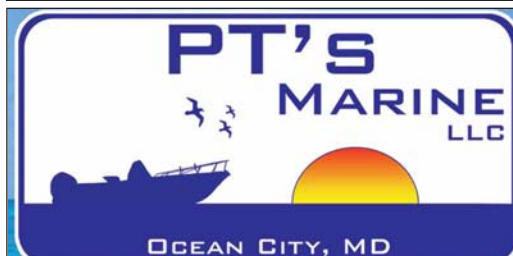
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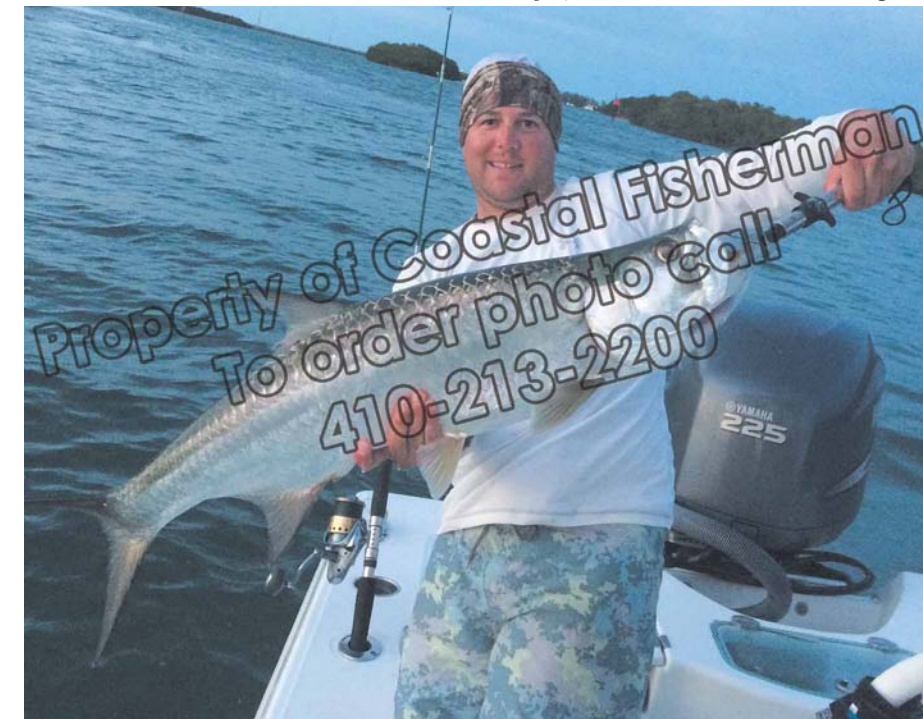
Jessica Blatt, Laurie Harper and Tim King (not pictured) from Ocean City, MD spent the day fishing with Capt. Alan Fields on the "Ship's Cafe" out of Boca Raton, FL. The angles caught tuna and dolphin with Laurie landing the largest mahi of the trip.

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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



Although sharks are available to Delmarva anglers all season long, May and June are the two months when they are heavily pursued by local anglers. In most cases "shark fishing" involves "shark chumming" where the goal is to stream out a long chumline (or scent-line) that traveling sharks will intercept and choose to follow to its source, where they encounter the anglers baited hooks.

If the boat is anchored, the direction and distance of the scent-trail is determined primarily by the current. The stronger the flow, the farther the scent will travel during a given period. If the boat is drifting, the actual direction of the chum flow is more difficult to figure out because it's a result of the direction of the current as well as the course the boat is drifting, which is usually determined by the direction of the wind. Even though the boat will travel far and fast when the wind and current are moving in the same direction, the scent-trail might not extend as far from the boat as when wind and current are going in opposite directions. Therefore, what to some anglers might seem like a

"good drift" could actually just be them drifting with their chum all day rather than away from it.

It's safe to say, however, that in most cases when a boat shuts down and starts leaking chum, the scent will be carried away in such a manner that anglers will have a shot at tempting in some sharks.

Since most chum is made from fish that have been ground-up to the consistency of burger, after leaving the chum bucket, the bits of chum drift down and away from the boat and, unless they get eaten by some small fish along the way, eventually hit the seafloor. As the bits of chum sink, they release their scent, which is carried along by the current. Because the bits of chum are always sinking downward, the scent fans out from the boat and can eventually cover the entire water column from the surface to the bottom.

I provide this description because anglers commonly make the mistake of thinking that the scent trail leaves their boat in a line directly opposite from the way they're drifting and that it stays in the upper water column close to the surface.



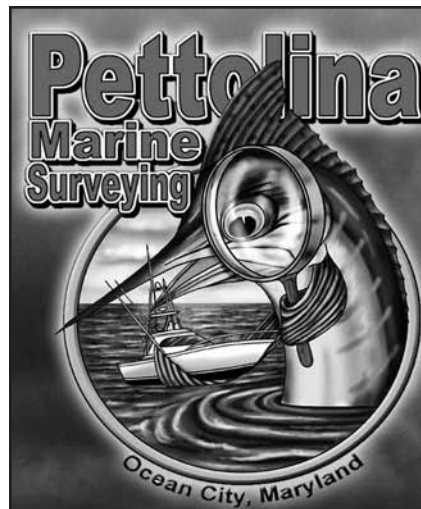
Back in June 2009, Jim Hughes landed the current Maryland state record mako shark while fishing on the "Nontypical" with Tim McGuire, Bobby Layton, Ray Thompson and Capt. Terry Layton. Jim caught the 876 lb. mako on the final day of the Ocean City Shark Tournament on a bonita fillet in 500 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons and took 1 hour to get to the boat. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Knowing what's really going on with the chum should help anglers plan out their strategies and choose the right place to anchor their boat or start their drift.

Knowing that their scent trails cover not just the surface, but the entire water

column, should help anglers keep their cool when another skipper doesn't follow proper fishing etiquette and runs his vessel across their chumline, because, contrary to the prevailing thoughts of many, running across someone's chumline does not

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Chum Lines, cont'd.
“break the line” and minimize its effectiveness. Detouring around someone else’s chumline shows common courtesy to other fishermen, but it’s not the end of the world if someone doesn’t do it for you.

What actually can be a problem for sharkers is when another boat sets up a chumline too close to another boat. Think of the chumline flowing from the boat as a long fence. Sharks traveling from the left or right will swim into the fence, become interested in the scent, then turn and follow the fence to

the boat. So what happens if another boat sets up their own chumline on one side or the other from you? With now “two” parallel fences, any shark traveling in from the side of the other boat is going to encounter that chumline first and very possibly go to that boat instead of yours. By setting up close to you, the other boat may have reduced the potential number of sharks in your chumline by 50%. Needless to say, that could be the difference between having a “great” day or a “slow” day of fishing.

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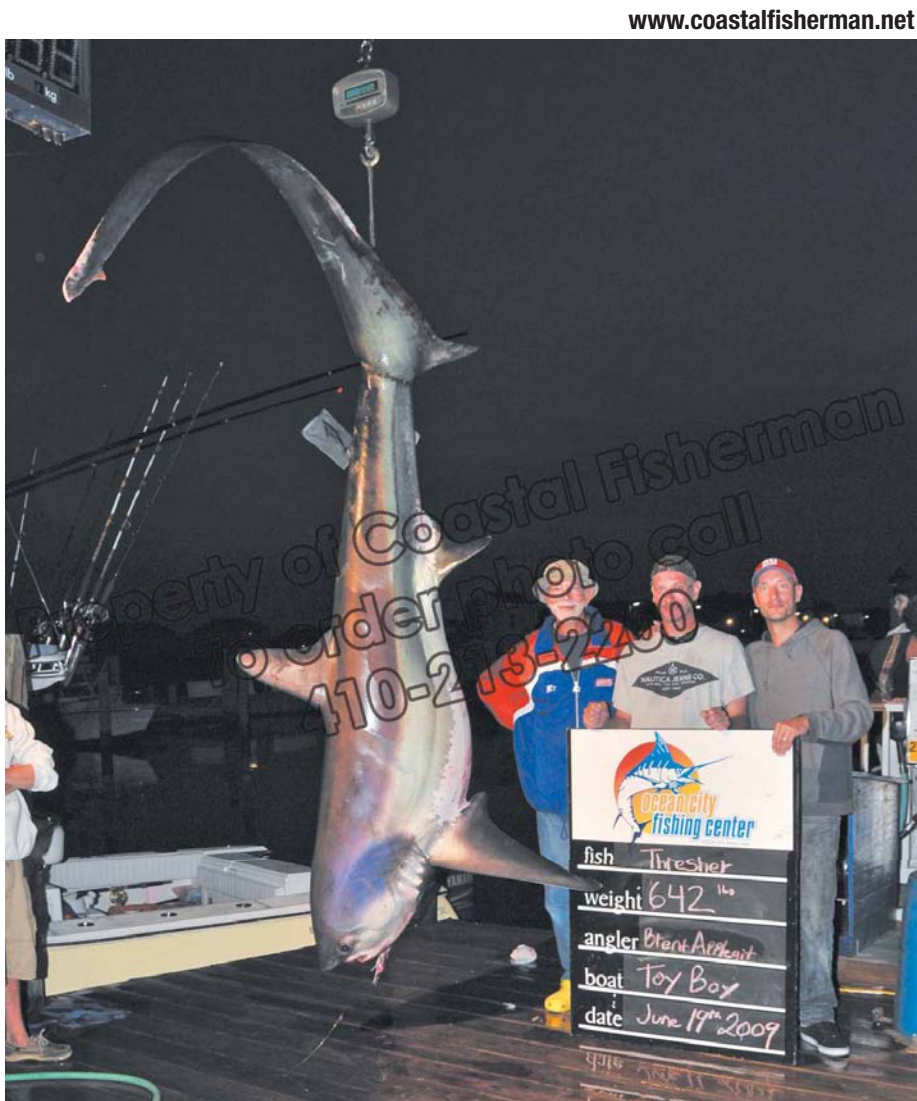


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On June 19th, 2009, Brent Applegit from Boulder, CO set a new Maryland state record for thresher sharks, landing this 642 pounder while fishing on the “Toy Boy” with his dad, Russel Applegit of Ocean Pines, MD and his brother, Todd Applegit of Buffalo, NY. The record setting thresher was hooked on a mackerel and squid combination while drifting at the Fingers and took Brent 1 hour and 40 minutes to get to the boat. This fish was a fighter and was still alive after being towed 20 miles back to the dock. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

The answer to that question probably depends a lot on the location and the prevailing winds and currents. But as a rule of thumb, I like to be at least two-miles from any other shark fishermen to feel somewhat confident that we’re not competing for the affection of the same sharks. But whenever possible, I like to fish where I have a shot of not seeing another boat

anywhere on the horizon. Of course, places like that can be tough to find on a nice day in prime season.

Even if they are able to stay more than two miles apart, anglers who have to set up within sight of another boat should avoid choosing a starting location that is up or down current from the other boat, otherwise the two scent-trails might eventually merge

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into one long stream and, again, have them vying for the same sharks.

With the offshore shark season coming up fast, it won’t be long before anglers are heading out of the inlet with hopes of hooking up with some of the biggest and baddest fish in the ocean. Armed with a good understanding of what happens from the time the chum leaves their boat until a shark picks up on it’s scent, anglers should be able to not only choose a proper and productive place to start fishing, but also to keep their blood pressure at a reasonable level, even if a boatload of “yahoos” (who didn’t read this article) pass through their chumline.

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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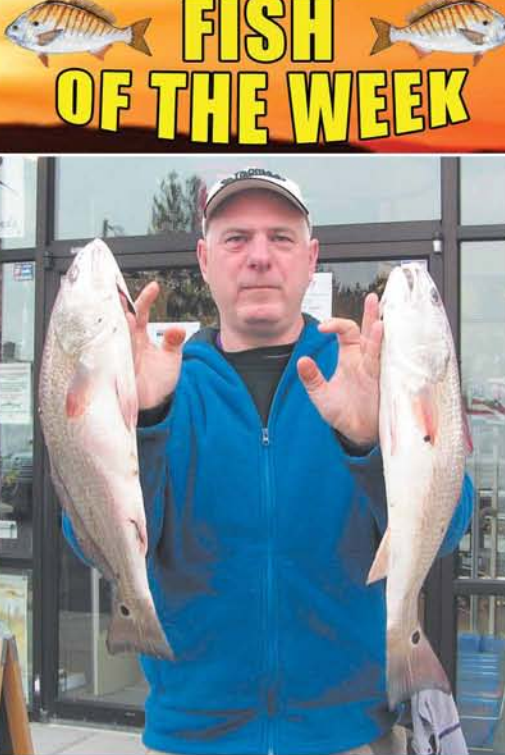

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The Galley

by Mama Jock



Fish Bites with Romesco Sauce

Sauce:

- 1 slice crusty Italian bread
- 1 plum tomato, quartered
- 3 TBSP. whole blanched almonds
- 3 cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 TBSP. chopped pimento, drained
- 1 TBSP. red wine vinegar
- 1/4 tsp. paprika
- 1/8 tsp. salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease 2 baking sheets; set aside.

Place bread, tomato, whole almonds and garlic on 1 baking sheet.

Bake 12 to 15 minutes or until almonds are slightly browned.

Transfer ingredients to food processor; use on/off pulsing action just until ingredients are coarsely chopped.

Add pimento, vinegar, paprika and 1/8 tsp. salt.

Process until almost smooth.

Place sauce in small bowl; set aside.

Fish Bites:

- 1 egg white
- 2 TBSP. flour
- 1/2 tsp. ground red pepper
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/3 cup ground almonds
- 4 flounder fillets

Beat egg white lightly in small bowl.

Combine flour, red pepper and 1/4 tsp. salt in shallow bowl.

Place ground almonds in second shallow bowl.

Cut fillets into pieces and coat in flour mixture, shaking off excess.

Dip into egg white; roll in ground almonds until evenly coated.

Arrange fish on second baking sheet.

Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until fish begins to flake when tested.

Serve immediately with sauce.

Serves 4.

Scallop Piccata over Angel Hair Pasta

- 1 lb. dry sea scallops, tough muscle removed
- 1/4 tsp. each of salt and pepper
- 1 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil
- 8 oz. whole-wheat angel hair pasta
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 1/2 cup clam juice
- 2 tsp. cornstarch
- 1/4 cup garlic, chopped
- 3 TBSP. lemon juice

- 1 TBSP. capers, rinsed and chopped
- 3 tsp. butter
- 2 TBSP. fresh parsley, chopped

Bring a large pot of water to a boil.

Sprinkle scallops on both sides with salt and pepper.

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

Reduce heat to medium and add the scallops; cook, turning once, until browned on both sides, about 6 minutes total.

Transfer to a plate.

Cook pasta about 4 minutes.

Drain and rinse.

Whisk wine, clam juice and cornstarch in a small bowl until smooth.

Cook garlic in the pan over medium-high heat, stirring often, until softened.

Add the wine mixture; bring to a boil and cook until thickened.

Stir in lemon juice, capers and butter; cook until the butter

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melts.

Return scallops to the pan, add the pasta; cook, stirring gently, until heated through and coated with the sauce.

Stir in parsley and serve immediately.

Serves 4.

Oysters Baked with Buttered Spinach

- 5 TBSP. butter
- 1 cup onions, minced
- 8 to 12 oz. fresh spinach, stems removed, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Grated nutmeg to taste
- 1 cup light or heavy cream
- 2 tsp. minced garlic
- 24 oysters, shucked
- 1/2 cup fresh toasted bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Melt 2 TBSP. butter in a large skillet over medium heat.

Add the onion, cook, stirring until soft.

Add the spinach; turn the heat to high, cook, stirring, until it wilts.

Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg.

Turn heat to low and add the cream.

Cook, stirring for 2 minutes.

Add the garlic; stir in 1 more TBSP. of butter.

Transfer the spinach to a buttered baking dish.

Nestle the oysters in the

spinach and top with bread crumbs.

Dot with the remaining butter.

Bake until the oysters are cooked through, about 15 minutes.

They are done when their ends curl.

Serves 4.

Indian Spiced Rice with Shrimp and Peas

- 1 TBSP. olive oil
- 1 large onion, finely chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 TBSP. fresh ginger, grated
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 TBSP. curry powder
- 1 cup long-grain white rice
- 1 lb. medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 1 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- Lemon wedges for serving

Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onion, season with 1/4 tsp. each salt and pepper. Cook, covered, stirring occasionally until tender, 6 to 8 minutes. Add the ginger and garlic, cook, stirring for 2 minutes. Add the curry powder, cook for 1 minute.

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Cas Hans from Lewes, DE caught this 20-inch flounder on a live minnow in the Lewes Canal over the weekend. The fish weighed 2 lbs. 13 oz. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.

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The Galley, cont'd.

Add the rice, stir to coat in the onion mixture. Stir in 2 cups water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer, covered for 15 minutes. Fold the shrimp and peas into the partially cooked rice and cook, covered, until the shrimp is opaque throughout and the rice is tender, 4 to 5 minutes more.

Remove from heat and fold in the cilantro.

Serve with lemon wedges.

Serves 4.

Farfalle Pasta with Tuna

12 oz. farfalle pasta

1/2 lb. green beans,
trimmed and cut into
1-inch pieces

1 lb. tuna steaks

Salt

3 tsp. olive oil

1 medium onion, chopped

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1 can (14.5 ounce) diced
tomatoes

2 TBSP. capers, drained

and chopped
2 tsp. grated fresh lemon
peel
1/4 tsp. crushed red
pepper
1/4 cup fresh parsley
leaves, chopped

Heat large saucepot of salted water to a boil.

Add pasta; cook as label directs.

Add green beans to saucepot 2 minutes before pasta is done.

Reserve 1/4 cup pasta water.

Drain pasta and green beans; return to pot.

Sprinkle tuna with 1/4 tsp. salt to season both sides.

In a large skillet, heat 2 tsp. oil on medium-high until hot.

Add tuna and cook for 2 minutes on each side.

Reduce heat to medium; cover skillet and cook until tuna is almost opaque throughout, turning once halfway through cooking.

Transfer tuna to plate.

To the same skillet, add remaining 1 tsp. oil.



Jeff Griffin from Lancaster, PA hooked this nice size striped bass while fishing near the DE/PA border. Jeff fooled the linesider with a bloodworm at the end of the incoming tide in water temperatures that hovered in the high-50's.

DINING ON DELMARVA

Reduce heat to medium; add onion and garlic; cook until lightly browned and tender, stirring occasionally.

Stir in tomatoes, capers, lemon peel and crushed red pepper.

Heat to boiling; boil 1 minute.

Flake tuna with 2 forks into bite-size pieces.

Stir the vegetable mixture from skillet into pasta pot, add the flaked tuna, chopped parsley and reserved pasta water; toss to coat.

Serves 6.

Grilled Paprika Shrimp Quesadillas

1 lb. large shrimp, shelled and deveined

Extra virgin olive oil

1 tsp. sweet smoked paprika

1 tsp. onion powder

1 tsp. garlic powder

Salt and pepper

1 lime, juiced

1/2 cup parsley or cilantro

leaves, finely chopped

1 slightly under ripe

avocado, pitted, skin removed and very thinly diced

1/2 lemon, juiced

8 large tortillas, heated to soften slightly

2 tomatoes, seeded and diced

4 scallions, thinly sliced

2 1/2 cups shredded

Monterey Jack cheese

Cooking spray

Preheat an outdoor grill, indoor grill or grill pan to medium-high heat.

Sprinkle the shrimp lightly in the oil, then season with the smoked paprika, onion powder and garlic powder.

Thread the shrimp onto metal skewers.

Grill until pink and firm, about 2 minutes on each side.

Douse with the lime juice, then remove the shrimp from the skewers and chop.

Sprinkle with the cilantro or parsley.

Dress the avocado with the lemon juice.

On one half of each tortilla, arrange the shrimp, tomatoes,

scallions, avocado and cheese.

Fold over the other tortilla half, then spray lightly with cooking spray.

Grill, turning once until crisp and the cheese has melted.

Cut into wedges and serve.

Serves 4 to 6.

Blackened Sea Bass with Creole Vegetables

2/3 cup smoked barbecue sauce

1/3 cup Frank's Red Hot Cayenne Pepper Sauce

2 TBSP. chile or Cajun seasoning

2 TBSP. olive oil

4 skinless sea bass fillets

Creole Vegetables, recipe follows

Salt and pepper, to taste

Combine both sauces with oil.

Reserve 1/2 cup mixture for Creole Vegetables.

Season fish with salt and pepper to taste.

Baste fish with remaining barbecue mixture.

Cook fish on a well greased grill over medium direct heat, 5 minutes per side or until fish is opaque in center, turning once.

Serve with the veggies.

Creole Vegetables:

1 red bell pepper, cut into quarters

1 large green zucchini or summer squash, cut in half, then in slices

1 large white onion, slices 1/2-inch thick

Vegetable cooking spray

Arrange vegetables on skewers.

Coat vegetables with cooking spray.

Grill over medium heat until lightly charred and tender, basting often with reserved 1/2 cup barbecue sauce mixture.

Serves 4.

If you would like to share your favorite seafood recipes with fellow Coastal Fisherman readers, you can email them to MamaJock@comcast.net. All of Mama Jock's past recipes can be found at www.coastalfisherman.net.



Fish cleaner extraordinaire, Christopher Adams of Hook'em & Cook'em took a trip to Marathon in the Florida Keys over the winter and caught a parrotfish and a surgeonfish.

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 Tautog	February 9, 2014 Bob Rochelle "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 2 oz.	April 12, 2014 Cho Seunghyun Site 10 12 lbs.	 Thresher Shark	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Striped Bass	No Weights Reported	<div>NEW</div> April 27, 2014 Steven Thompson Lewes Canal 24 lbs.	 Bluefin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Weakfish	No Weights Reported	April 22, 2014 Tom Burke Broadkill Beach 6 lbs. 3 oz.	 Yellowfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Flounder	<div>NEW</div> May 3, 2014 Sadie Peters Thorofare 5 lbs. 8 oz.	<div>NEW</div> May 3, 2014 Melanie Bowden Lewes Canal 7 lbs. 5 oz.	 Bigeye Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Bluefish	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Dolphin	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Sheepshead	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 Wahoo	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
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Ryan Mayer (left) caught this 5 lb. 6 oz. summer flounder in the Indian River Bay and Ed Yingling landed a 4 lb. 3 oz. flattie in the Lewes Canal this past weekend, both while using shiners for bait. Note the eyes on Ryan's flounder never migrated to the left side of the fish, commonly found in winter flounder which are smaller in size and identified by their rounded bodies and flat mouths. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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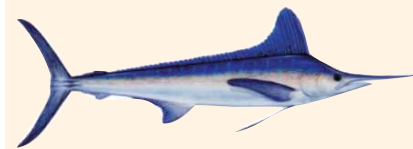
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Tautog fishing was good at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay over the weekend where on Saturday, Brian Seglem and Sean Kane caught 4 keepers weighing up to 6 lbs. The anglers used green crabs for bait and weighed their catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Local angler, Schrader Grady took a trip with Bill Pino to Guatemala this past winter and caught this 25 lb. dolphin.

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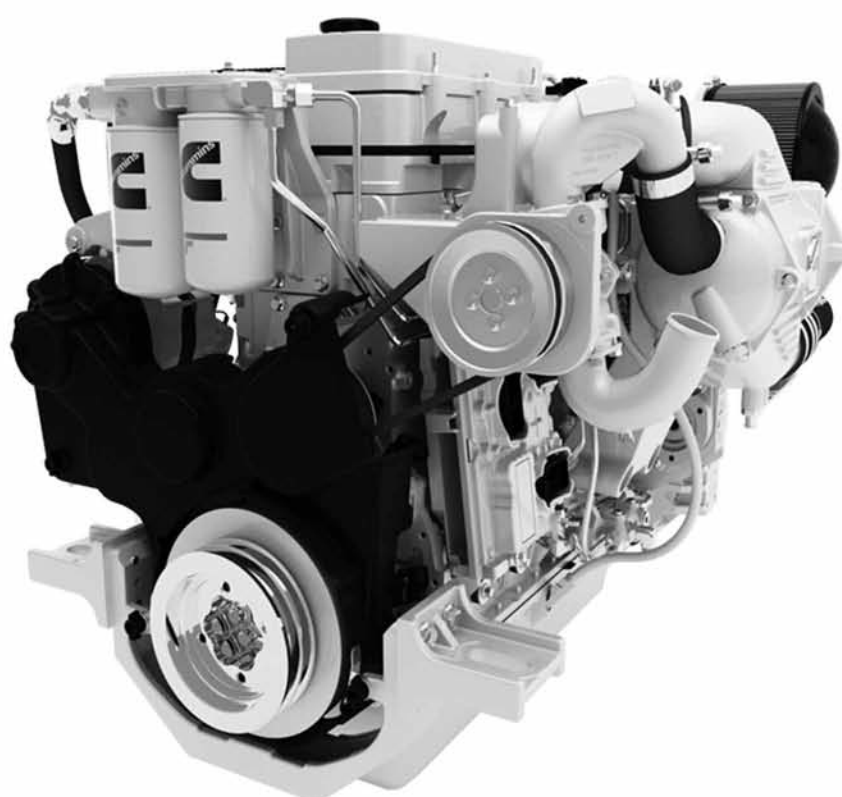
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Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball
I.G.F.A. Representative



Spring is here, and the local saltwater fishing scene is taking off a little behind the curve. With some challenging weather keeping many boats at the dock lately, anglers are ready to get out and test the waters. A promising short-term forecast should provide folks with that opportunity this weekend.



The tautog season went out with a bang. Just before the season closed on May 1st, anglers were loading up with respectable fish from structures all over the lower Bay. The best catches were coming from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel proper,

where multiple limits were the norm. Now you will have to wait until the fall to get back in on the tog action. But in the meantime, anglers can look forward to the black sea bass season reopening on May 19th. These fish must measure at least 12.5-inches, and you can hold on to 15 fish per person this year. Sea bass can be found closer to shore, but the best selections will continue to come from near shore and deeper water wrecks.



Most attention seems to be oriented towards the emerging flounder bite. As is the usual trend, the action

from the shallows and backwaters off the Eastern Shore is providing the leading edge of this fishery. Folks trying their luck out of Oyster and Wachapreague are finding willing takers, with some flatties pushing to around 5 to 7 lbs. last week. Drifted strip baits and gudgeons are still the mainstay bait combination for this popular species.



Speckled trout are still around for catch-and-release action in the Elizabeth River and inlets, but most are losing interest with the newly arriving line-up.

Inshore anglers are racking up on spunky puppy drum from most any protected

water location off the lower Bay right now. Folks can keep up to three fish per person, stretching from 18 to 26-inches. Casting lures or presenting cut bait within Rudee, Little Creek or Lynnhaven Inlets has been effective lately. Anglers are eagerly anticipating the arrival of the larger version of the puppy drum, the bull red drum. Once these aggressive hunters crash the Eastern Shore barrier islands, they will be hungry. Their close cousin, the black drum, is also making a quiet showing as they feather in along the Eastern Shore seaside inlets from Great Machipongo Inlet down to the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay.



Pier anglers are content with a decent showing of croaker along the lower Bay shorelines, with a smattering



Paul Turner of PT's Marine was fishing in Marathon, FL when this black group attacked the live pinfish Paul was using for bait while fishing with Frank Goodhart and Ryan Freese.



Terry Koshi and David Rayne took a trip down to Gargatha, VA and had 6 keeper flounder, including this 20 1/2 inch.



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TIDES & MOON PHASES		
OCEAN CITY INLET		
Wed. May 7	Low 08:51 am Low 08:55 pm	High 02:36 am High 03:03 pm
Thurs. May 8	Low 09:37 am Low 09:52 pm	High 03:33 am High 04:03 pm
Fri. May 9	Low 10:22 am Low 10:49 pm	High 04:26 am High 04:57 pm
Sat. May 10	Low 11:06 am Low 11:43 pm	High 05:15 am High 05:46 pm
Sun. May 11	Low 11:50 am Low -----	High 06:00 am High 06:32 pm
Mon. May 12	Low 12:33 am Low 12:32 pm	High 06:45 am High 07:17 pm
Tues. May 13 Full Moon	Low 01:20 am Low 01:16 pm	High 07:30 am High 08:03 pm
Wed. May 14	Low 12:05 am Low 01:59 pm	High 08:16 am High 08:49 pm

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