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Pete Hesson from Frankford, DE muscled in this 39-inch, 18 lb. 8 oz. bluefish after hooking it on a bucktail tipped with a white worm by the Indian River Bridge. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



On Saturday morning, Steve Flohr from Dover, PA landed this 24-inch, 5 lb. 12 oz. flounder while drifting minnows over the flats, south of the Rt. 90 Bridge.

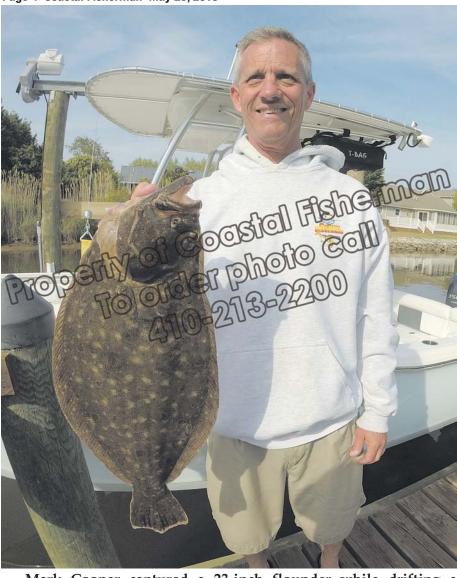








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Mark Cooper captured a 23-inch flounder while drifting a minnow in the Thorofare on Saturday. Mark was fishing in 12-feet of water on his boat, "Unsupervised" during the outgoing tide.



It's black drum time for anglers in the Delaware Bay and Jack Ostroski and Mason Newsham each muscled in a boomer while fishing with surf clams at the Coral Beds. Jack caught a 63.2 lb. black drum and Mason landed a 34.3 pounder, both while fishing on the "Local Girl" with Capt. Mike Newsham.

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John, Jenny and Hunter Mitchell celebrated Mother's Day with a fishing trip to the Broadkill River where they captured a hat trick of flounder weighing up to 3 lbs. 6 oz. All of the flatties were caught on Nick's Rigs tipped with minnows. "Nick's Rigs" are made by local angler, Nick Psaroudakis. Nick ties a hi-lo flounder rig with an 1/8 oz. custom jig on a short leader at the top and a long leadered, gold wide hook at the bottom. "Nick's Rigs" are available at Lewes Harbour Marina.





6th Annual Memorial Day Tournament

To Benefit the Catherine & Charles Kratz Memorial Foundation and Scholarship Fund

Chairmen: Franky Pettolina & Terry Layton Registration: May 22, 6:30pm Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm Fishing Days: (1 of 2) May 23 & 24 Weigh Ins: May 23 & 24, 4:00-6:30pm Awards Banquet: May 24th 6:30-9:00pm

7th Annual OCMC Ladies' Tournament "Heels & Reels"

To benefit the OCMC Auxiliary Scholarship Fund Chairmen: Franky Pettolina & Amanda Shick Registration: July 30, 6:00pm Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm Fishing Days: (1 of 2) July 31 & August 1 Weigh Ins: July 31 & August 1, 5:00-7:30pm Awards Banquet: August 1, 6:30-9:00pm

36th Annual Small Boat Tournament

Chairmen: Bill Regan, Boz Jefferon & Colin Campbell Registration: June 19, 6:30pm Fishing Days: (1 of 2) June 20 & 21 Weigh Ins: June 20 & 21 3:00-6:30pm Eastern Shore Style Crab Feast: June 21, 6:30-9:00pm

33rd Annual Canyon Kick-Off

Chairman: Dave Birkett & Franky Pettolina Registration: July 2, 6:30pm FREE TO PAID OCMC BOAT MEMBERS Fishing Days: (2 of 3) July 3,4 & 5 Weigh Ins: July 3,4 & 5, 5:00-7:30pm Awards Banquet: July 5, 6:30-9:00pm

11th Annual Kid's Classic

To benefit the Wish-A-Fish Foundation Chairmen: Dale Withers & Gerard Ott Registration: July 17, 6:30pm Fishing Days: (1 or 2 of 2) July 18 & 19 Weigh Ins: July 18 3:00-6:30pm,July 19 3:00-6:00pm Sunday Carnival & Awards: July 19, 5:00-8:00pm

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Chairmen: Franky Pettolina, Steve Poore, **Bob Wimbrow & Bill Fenwick** Registration: September 3, 6:30pm FREE TO PAID OCMC BOAT MEMBERS Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm Fishing Days: (2 of 3) September 4,5 & 6 Weigh Ins: September 4,5 & 6, 5:30-7:30pm Awards Banquet: September 6, 6:30-9:00pm

37th Annual Charles Kratz & Scott Smith Challenge Cup

Chairmen: Jon C. Duffie & Andy Helms Registration: September 17, 7:00pm Fishing Days: (2 of 2) Sept. 18 & 19, No weigh-ins Italian Night: Sept. 18, 6:30-9:00pm Awards Banquet: Sept. 19, 6:30-9:00pm **Invitation Only**

3rd Annual OCMC Rockfish Tournament

To benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Chairmen: Colin Campbell & Jeremy Blunt Registration: December 4, 6:00pm Fishing Days: (5 of 9) December 5-13 Weigh Ins: December 5-13, Time: 3:00-5:00pm Awards Banquet: December 13, Time: 5:00-7:30pm

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How nice is it to see the 2015 fishing season finally kicking into gear? Striped bass, flounder, bluefish, sea bass, cod, yellowfins and sharks. We had them all!

Striped Bass

Big stripers cruising into the Ocean City Inlet early Thursday evening had anglers scurrying to their boats to get in on the bite that ended up lasting only a couple of hours. The fish were big, in the 40 to 45-inch class, and were seen rolling on top chasing schools of bunker. Tossed Rat-L-Traps and bucktails did the trick. The charter boat, "Lucky Break" was one of the first on the scene and caught 3 stripers with fish up to 30 lbs. Anglers on the "Happy Hooker" also had a good trip, ending up with 5 stripers up to 41.5 lbs. Their smallest fish measured 38-inches with the rest being over 40-inches.

By the next morning, the stripers were out of the Inlet but it appears that a few stragglers were left behind, which was a good thing for Chuck Wenzel who landed a 48-incher on Sunday while flounder fishing in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. The old saying goes, "Elephants eat peanuts" and this was the case with Chuck's big linesider that was hooked on a 1/2 oz. jig head tipped with a 4-inch Gulp! Swimming Mullet. It took Chuck 20-minutes to land the fish.

The largest striper we have seen caught this year came in on Saturday when Phillip Gray stopped by the office to have his picture taken with the 50-inch striper he caught while soaking cut bunker from the beach in mid-town Ocean City. Phillip's fish weighed 42 lbs. 8 oz. and was caught at 2:00 PM during the incoming tide.

Although lures and fresh bunker fooled most of the linesiders last week, we did see a couple of nice stripers caught on Friday by J.L. Cropper while fishing with peeler crabs at the



J.L. Cropper of West Ocean City, MD landed a beautiful 45-inch striped bass while fishing at the mouth of the Ocean City Inlet. J.L. was fishing with her husband, Hugh Cropper, IV when she hooked the 30 lb. linesider on a peeler crab. Hugh's striper measured 36-inches. The duo also released an additional striper during their trip. Pictured at Atlantic Tackle in West OC.

mouth of the Inlet. J.L's largest fish measured 45-inches.

Since then, anglers have been catching quite a few short stripers around the Rt. 50 Bridge.

Bluefish

Chopper bluefish were caught all week by anglers fishing around the Rt. 50 Bridge. water With temperatures threatening the 60-degree mark, conditions are right and we have seen an epic bluefish run for the last several weeks. In addition to being found around the bridge pilings, both choppers and snappers were caught regularly in shallow water just north of the Rt. 50 Bridge and in the Fish Bowl, located north of the Bridge between the East and West Channels.

On Thursday, while fishing on the "PitBoss", Matt Peel captured a 13 lb. 9 oz. slammer around the island south of the Rt. 50 Bridge.

Metal lures and bucktails did the trick last week with action so fast and furious at times that anglers didn't even bother to tip their bucktails with any type of artificial bait.

Yellowfin Tuna

With a nice shot of water in the Wilmington Canyon on Friday, boats out of Indian River www.coastalfisherman.net

headed out to 66 degree water where they found yellowfins in the 45 to 70 lb. class. Local boat, "MateTrix II" decided to go to the Baltimore Canyon on Friday where they went 6 for 9 on yellowfins in 120 fathoms where the captain found a 64 to 66-degree temperature break.

On Saturday, a few boats headed back to the Wilmington Canyon in search of yellowfins, but many struck out. The "Sea Prowler" did return with 4 yellowfins caught in 300 fathoms where they found water temperatures between 68 and 70-degrees.

On Sunday, the charter boat, "Boss Hogg" went to the Baltimore Canyon and caught 12 yellowfins weighing up to 55 lbs. and an 84 lb. bluefin. They also caught some bonitos during their trip. Capt. Brian Porter found a 62 to 66-degree temperature break and found the fish on the cold side in 65 fathoms. The bite occurred between 10:00 AM and 2:30 PM.

Sea Bass & Cod

With the opening of Maryland's sea bass season on May 15th, numerous boats were seen heading to ocean reefs and wrecks.

The Great Eastern Reef was a top producer over the weekend with several boats coming back with incredible catches. On Friday, the "Jezebel" returned with 102 sea bass in the cooler along with 7 cod. Clams and squid were used for bait. The charter boat, "Fish Bound" also had a good day, with 110 sea bass weighing up to 4 lbs. They also boated 6 tautog and 10 cod during their trip. Also on Friday, the headboat, "Angler" had sea bass up to 4 lbs. and cod up to 7 lbs. while fishing with squid and clams at a natural reef.

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It's funny how fishing is though. Anglers headed back out on Saturday, many to the same location, and the fish just weren't snapping.

The headboat, "Judy V" out of Indian River reported that their anglers had luck catching flounder on coral bottom, so if you enjoy flounder fishing in the ocean, now may be the time to go.

Sharks

On Friday, we heard that a large mako shark was caught in 40 fathoms at the tip of the Baltimore Canyon, but we haven't seen any concrete evidence of the catch.

Also on Friday, a group of anglers arrived at Sunset Marina with a thresher shark, estimated at around 250 lbs. The shark was caught at the Sausages while the group was trolling for bluefish in 57-degree water.

In the Surf

It has been a rough spring for striper fisherman soaking bunker in the suds, but on Thursday stripers were migrating up the coast and surf fishermen were able to land several over 40-inches. Action was not limited to Assateague late this week, as we highlighted 50-incher caught Saturday from the beach in midtown Ocean City. Fresh bunker is always a top bait for big, springtime linesiders but if you can get peeler crabs you may find them to work even better.

Upcoming Tournaments

This weekend is the first local tournament of the year. The 6th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 23rd and 24th. The club has made some changes this year, adding calcutta categories for tuna and mako sharks. This tournament used to be a bluefish only tournament, which in a typical year, made it tough for anglers. This year, with big bluefish still being caught, yellowfins and bluefins in the canyons and sharks on the inshore lumps, this could be one exciting tournament. Weigh-ins are at Sunset Marina from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

See you at the scales!







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Mary Jane Adkins was soaking cut bunker in the Broadkill River early last week when she hooked into this 34 3/4-inch, 18 lb. 12 oz. chopper bluefish.



This 23-inch flounder made the mistake of eating a live minnow offered by Monica Hellbaum of Arlington, VA while fishing by the Duck Blind behind Assateague Island. Monica was on the "Got Issues" with Mike Orchulli, Jr. (pictured), Bill Hardy, Jack Arblaster and Mike Orchulli, Sr. who landed himself a 17-inch flattie.

<u>MD</u>	<u>DE</u>
24"	-
48"	50 lbs. or 45"
34"	14 lbs. or 33"
Any Size	Any Size
44"	-
18"	3 lbs. or 19"
45"	15 lbs. or 41"
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35"	35 lbs. or 40"
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40"	10 lbs. or 36"
36"	45"
Any Size	-
20"	3 lbs. or 17"
20"	8 lbs. or 22"
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24"	-
40"	30 lbs. or 40"
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	<u>MD</u>	<u>DE</u>
Shark:		
Blue Shark *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Hammerhead *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Mako *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Thresher *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Tiger *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Tuna:		
Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lbs. or 32"
False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"
Bigeye ***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Bluefin ***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Yellowfin ***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
White Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size

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One of the largest bluefish we have seen so far this year is the 18 lb. 8 oz. slammer caught by Steve Hong while tossing bucktails off Cape Henlopen aboard the "Lil' Angler II" with Capt. Brian Wazlavek. Steve is pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina with Charles Jung who landed himself a 17.4 pounder.



Anglers on the flounder headboat, "Bay Bee" had some good outings last week and on Saturday, this group ended up with 6 flounder and a big bluefish in the box. Rob McDaniel, Zack Mays, John Roberts and Paul DiForte each caught their flounder in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge which was the same location that Fran Roberts landed her 29 1/2-inch bluefish. Paul's 18 3/4-inch flounder was the largest flattie caught on the trip. The anglers were fishing with Capt. Cale Layton and mate Heather Dabroski. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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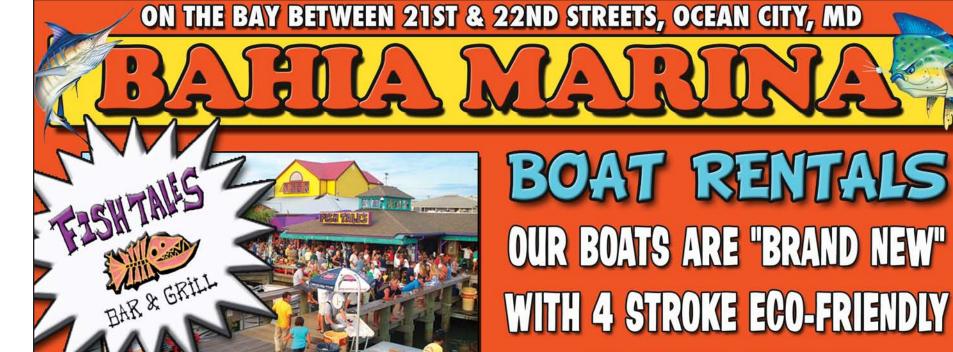


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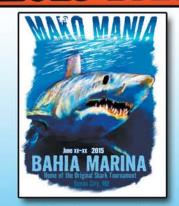
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Last Thursday, anglers who were fishing in the Ocean City Inlet and the Indian River Inlet were treated to some insane striper fishing, with 40+ inch fish seen rolling on top and chasing schools of bunker. Quan Nguye from Laurel, DE fished the Indian River Inlet and muscled in this 47-inch, 36 lb. linesider after hooking it on a bucktail. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.







Chopper bluefish were roaming the waters in the Ocean City Inlet and Seth Woods was there to land this 34-inch, 10 lb. 8 oz. gator while fishing off the Oceanic Fishing Pier. Seth hooked the bluefish on a finger mullet during the outgoing tide.





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CHUM LINES BY CAPT. MARK SAMPSON

Years ago while working in a tackle shop, I had a customer come in and announce that he was rigging up for an offshore shark fishing trip and asked me to strip the 12-pound line off the spinning reel he'd been using for flounder in the bay and replace it with 100-pound test mono. despite But explanation that neither his rod or his reel was designed to handle such heavy line, and that something bad was sure to happen if he actually hooked a shark with it, he insisted that I put the thick line on the reel. And so I did - all 35-yards of it because that's all the little spinner would hold! He left the shop content in the thought that he was now prepared for his shark fishing adventure.

I never saw that fellow again, but someone else who worked in the shop said that he returned a few days later and bought a new spinning rod and reel and had a bandage on one hand. When asked if he caught anything his only response was "I'll never go shark fishing again!" I can only imagine what happened...!

Just as advanced preparation of our boats will help ensure a safe and successful fishing season, proper setup and maintenance of our rods and reels can spell the difference between ending the season with a photo album full of fish or a just a bunch of memories of missed opportunities. Anglers know that on most days it can be difficult enough just to find the fish and get them to bite, the last thing anyone wants to do is to have to worry about losing a fish due to a tackle malfunction. From the time they first get hooked-up until the fish is to hand, the angler should have no concerns other than properly

playing the fish and enjoying the moment. A tackle malfunction should not even be a consideration.

Whether under-gunned or over-gunned, going out with the wrong tackle is usually a recipe for failure. It works both ways in that just as my customer made the mistake of trying to catch a shark on a flounder rod, he would have been equally handicapped if he were trying to cast for flounder with a 50pound stand-up conventional Though we might accidentally get a bite from the wrong fish on the wrong tackle and still end up with a favorable outcome, there's very little wiggle-room for the cross-use of tackle, therefore, anyone who wishes to pursue species that range in size from minnows to monsters is simply going to have to cough up the extra bucks to purchase an array of appropriate tackle for the different sizes of fish and type of fishing they'll be engaged in.

It used to be more difficult to mismatch line and tackle because when anglers tried to put on line that was heavier than the rated capacity of their reels, they would find that the reel would barely hold enough line to adequately fish with, as was the case with my shark fishing customer whose reel would only hold 35 yards of the thick 100pound line when it would normally hold 250-300 yards of 12-pound line. But thanks to the new generation of braided lines these days it's not always so obvious when the wrong line is put on a reel. We all know that an advantage of braided line is its ultra thin diameter which allows someone to pack a lot more line on a reel than if they spooling up with monofilament. This is great until someone abuses it by loading a reel designed for 8-12 pound line with 50 or 80-pound braid. Anglers must remember that the reel and the rod can only withstand so much force by the line before something is going to break. Usually that weak link would be the light line, but with heavy line - hook a really big fish that takes off on a run and "look out!", the reel could very well break off the rod and rip the guides right off the blank!

Besides making certain that

they have the proper size line on their reels, anglers should also give their drags a preseason checkup to ensure they will slip smoothly without any jerky startups. A lot of drags these days are made of some pretty high tech stuff and can take a lot of abuse but keep working just fine. Some of them are even sealed from water intrusion if the reel is totally submerged. However, there are also a lot of high tech and low tech drags that work great under ultimate conditions, but add a little moisture or salt to their surface and it's all over. They'll stick and stutter and do everything they can to break a line or pull a hook.

Regardless of the price or quality of the reel, each one should get a preseason check of the drag system. Personally, I like to open up every reel and visually inspect for any crud or corrosion that might have worked its way in among the drag washers. Anglers who don't feel comfortable taking apart their reels should, at the very least, test their drags by putting the rod in a holder, adjusting the drag to a good working tightness, and then take a fast walk down the dock while holding the end of the line. As line is pulled from the reel the rod should stay bent over in a steady arc and the tip NOT bounce up and down. A bouncing tip indicates a sticking drag, which probably needs to be cleaned or possibly replaced. Either way, someone is going to have to open up the reel for service.

Reels should also be given checkup an overall corrosion, which will usually show up as a white powdery substance or some form of pitting. Much of this can be cleaned away with an oily rag or maybe a light 3M pad. It's also best to remove the reel from the rod to inspect and clean the reel foot, as the underside of the reel is a location where a lot of salt and corrosion will accumulate. Those who properly serviced their reels at the end of the last season will usually find this preseason check to be little more than a formality, but they should still go through the motions in the spring just in case something went amiss over the winter.







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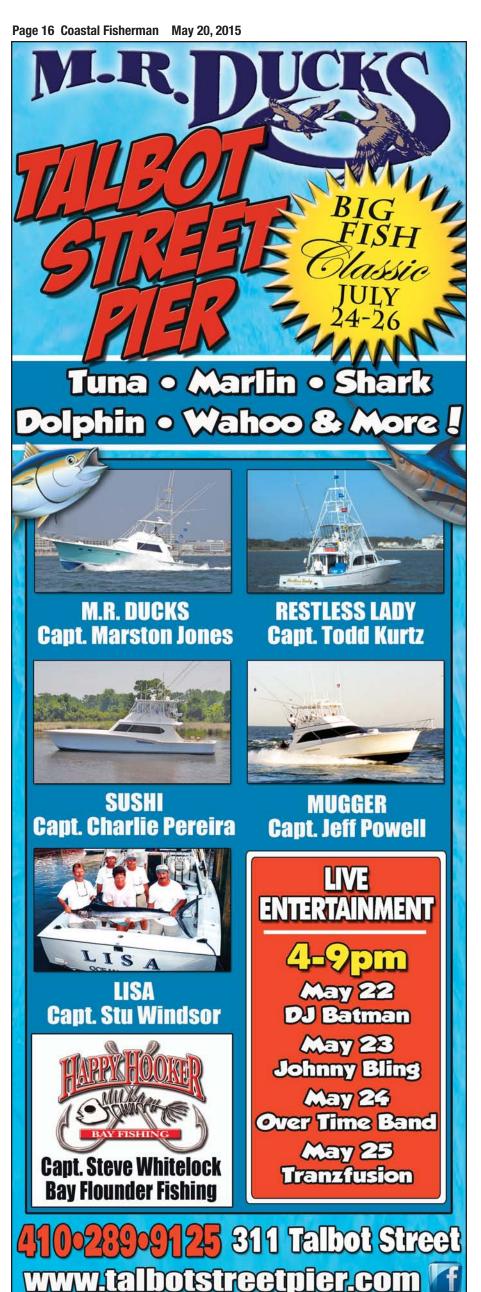
If you don't have a boat, the Oceanic Pier is a great place to take advantage of the excellent bluefish bite in the Ocean City Inlet, where Barbara Ward of Fallowfield, PA captured this 37-inch, 13 lb. chopper while fishing with finger mullet.

Anglers would also do well to give each of their rods a thorough inspection prior to starting their season. Check the reel seat and locking rings for cracks or corrosion and that all parts that "should" move will do so freely. Guides should be inspected to ensure that all rollers will roll and all ceramic rings are free of grooves or cracks - particularly the rod tips. Stuck rollers can often be loosened with some penetrating oil and a pair of needle-nose pliers. If they're really in a bad way, they might need to be disassembled and cleaned or even replaced. Replacement "Aftco" rollers are available at some local tackle shops.

Proper setup and preseason inspection of tackle to make sure everything is in good working order can be as critical to success as not forgetting to put the bait cooler in the boat before leaving the dock.

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







Last Friday, Chris Pusey from Rehoboth Beach, DE got in on the good striper bite in the Indian River Inlet and caught this 46 1/2-inch, 34 lb. 11 oz. linesider on a Bomber lure. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.









Mike Surowiec took full advantage of the "Lewes Harbour Stretch" when showing off the 8 lb. 3 oz. tautog caught while fishing on an ocean wreck with Capt. Brent Wiest aboard the charter boat, "Katydid". Mike hooked the blackfish on a green crab and weighed it at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Anglers fishing from the beach on Assateague Island have had plenty of opportunities to land black drum this spring as shown by Ryan Townsend's 27.5-incher caught on sand fleas.







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Bill Frinder from Ocean View, DE boated this 4 lb. flounder while drifting minnows down the middle of the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



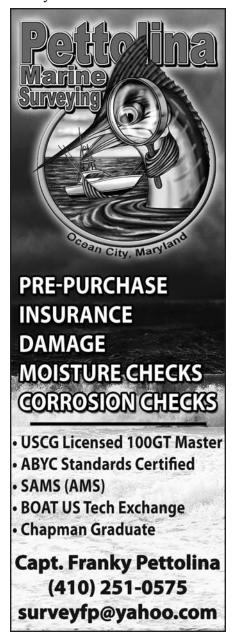


Chuck Wenzel from West Ocean City, MD was flounder fishing in the bay near the Ocean City Coast Guard Station when he hooked into this 48-inch, 38 lb. 13 oz. striper while fishing on the "Martini Time" with Dean Pecunes from Nashville, TN. Chuck hooked the big linesider with a 1/2 oz. jig head tipped with a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet and fought the fish for 20 minutes before getting it into the boat. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





Ashley Beardsley from Long Neck, DE slayed this 30-inch bluefish, her first ever, while trolling in the Rehoboth Bay on the "Reel Lokey" with Dean Lokey.









It looks like the body of water in the Wilmington Canyon that anglers pulled yellowfins out of on Friday moved down to the Baltimore Canyon where, on Sunday, the crew on the charter boat, "Boss Hogg" found 62-degree water and captured 12 yellowfins, an 84 lb. bluefin tuna and some bonitas. The bite lasted from 10 AM to 2:30 PM where Capt. Brian Porter found a 62 to 66-degree temperature break in 66 fathoms. The yellowfins weighed up to 55 lbs. on the scale at Sunset Marina. Pictured with Capt. Brian are Bob McClanahan, Jeff Kauffman, Mike Hiemenz, Howard Berger, Jeff Maule, Mike Runk and mate Rich Tshudy.



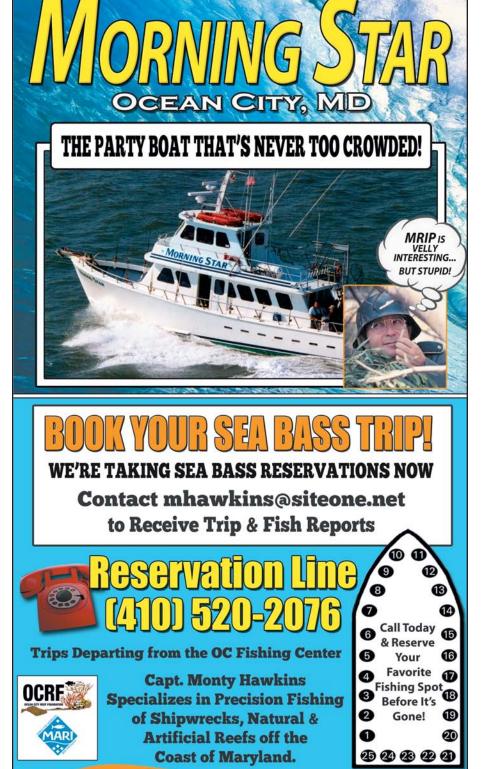
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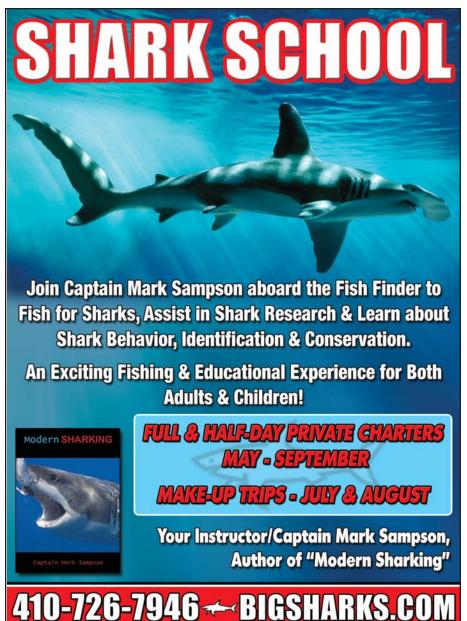
Bob Ewers joined Josh, Corbin and Austin Ensor for a trip on the "MateTrix II" to 120 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon where they boated 6 of 9 yellowfins hooked at a 64-66 degree temperature break. Their heaviest, caught by Josh, weighed 41 lbs.



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Devyn Shutak, Brandon VanHorn and Shane VanHorn caught some tautog while fishing on the charter boat, "Karen Sue" with Capt. John Nedelka. The blackfish were fooled with shrimp at Site 10. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.





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OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



Trampas Henderson from Newport, DE muscled in this 38-inch, 19 lb. 3 oz. slammer bluefish while fishing in the Indian River Inlet with a bucktail near the Coast Guard Station. The chopper had a 28-inch girth and was weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



On opening day of sea bass season, Kevin Twilley, mate on the charter boat "Fish Bound" and future star of the TV show "Fish Dynasty", made a few drops of his own and came up with this doubleheader of 4 lb. sea bass while fishing with a Gulp! and squid combination. The charter of 6 anglers ended their day with 110 sea bass, 10 cod and a half dozen tautog. All of the fish were caught at an artificial reef with Capt. Kane Bounds at the helm.









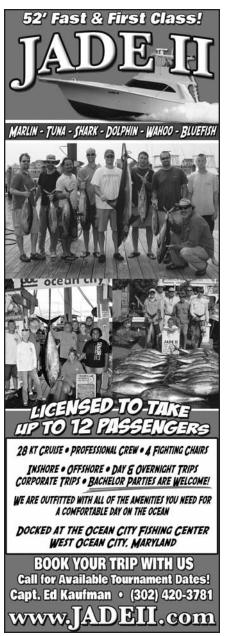
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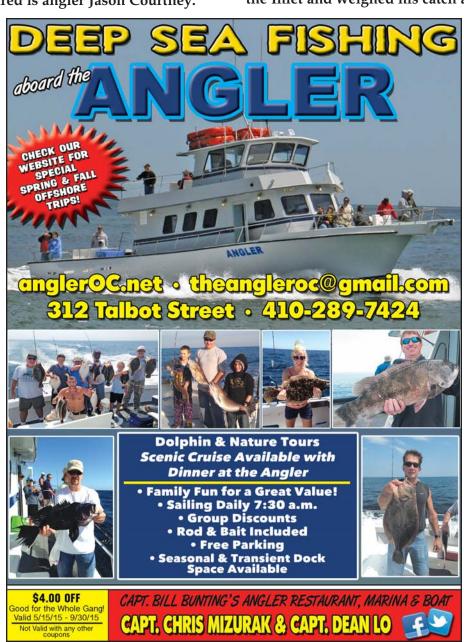


If it is the first day of sea bass season, then you know where to find the crew on the "Jezebel". On Friday, they ventured out to the Great Eastern Reef where they ended up with 102 sea bass and 7 cod in the box, all caught on squid and clams. Pictured at Sunset Provisions are Don Riggins, Keith Hines, Rick Shaffer, Leo Monfredo, Chester Sadowski, Jr., Capt. Chester Sadowski, III and mate Frank Steuernagle. Not pictured is angler Jason Courtney.



John O'Leary from Ocean View, DE jumped on the good striper bite in the Indian River Inlet and landed this 47-inch, 34 lb. 3 oz. cow. John hookedthe big linesider with a plug on the north side of the Inlet and weighed his catch at Hook'em & Cook'em.









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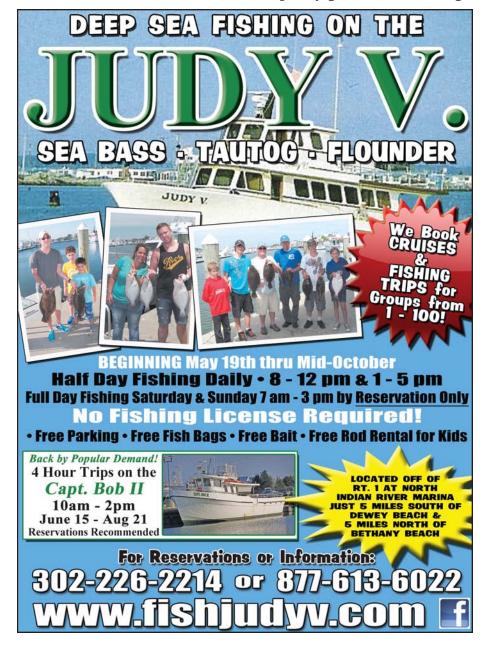


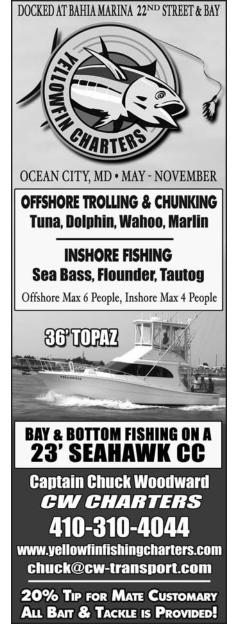
Capt. Roger Meekins and mate Chris Adams ended their trip with limits of tautog during a full day outing on the headboat, "Judy V". Capt. Roger's largest tog measured 24-inches and weighed 8 lbs. while Chris' tipped the scale at an even 6 lbs. All were caught on sand fleas at Site 10. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Jeff Drury, Matt Baker and Chip Graves must have had precise GPS numbers because they returned to Lewes Harbour Marina with 27 quality golden tilefish weighing up to 27 lbs.











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Jim Hitchens was fishing in the Indian River Inlet when he caught this 38-inch, 15 lb. 8 oz. bluefish. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.





On Sunday, Ayrton Pryor, Jacob Lewis, John Lewis, Scott Carstairs and Paul Lebling (not pictured) teamed up to land this 107 lb. mako in addition to releasing 3 other makos and 8 blue sharks. The anglers were fishing on the inside edge of the Baltimore Canyon with fresh bunker and mackerel aboard the charter boat, "Spring Mix II" with Capt. Chris Watkowski. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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Roger Northcraft took some time off from Alltackle Ocean City to go fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts and was rewarded with a 7 lb. cod caught on salted clams at the Jackspot.



With Capt. Bert Adams at the helm on opening day of sea bass fishing, Khaled Abdulla and Zubair Ali from Vienna, VA, Raquel Sosnowski from Gaithersburg, MD and Lucas Rogers from Dagsboro, DE had a good trip on the headboat, "Judy V", returning with sea bass and flounder from Site 10. The anglers used shiners and clams for bait. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.





Patrick Townsend was fishing from the surf on Assateague Island when he tangled with this 34 1/2-inch bluefish after hooking it on fresh bunker.



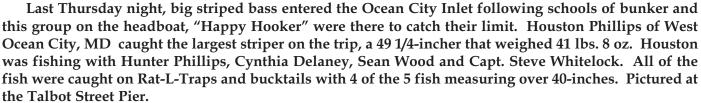




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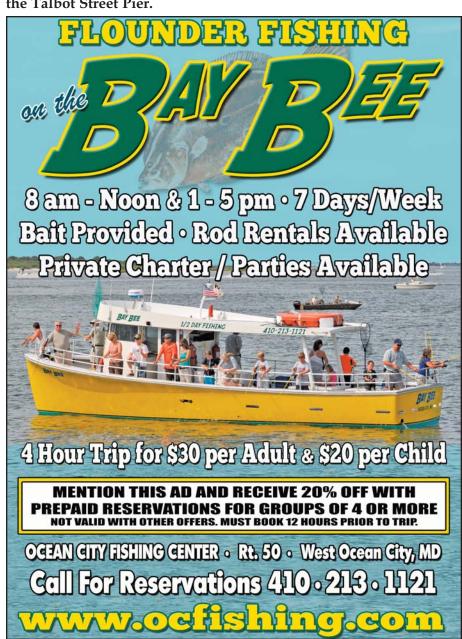
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Big Bird Cropper took some time off from his burgeoning television career to do some casting on the south side of the Rt. 50 Bridge and caught 5 blues (2 pictured) weighing up to 10 lbs. 11 oz.



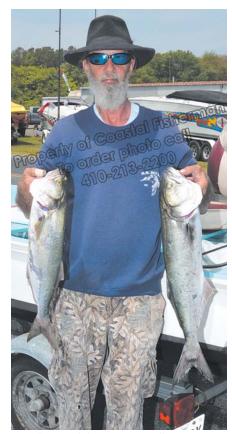




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"Neighbor Dave" Leizear from Powellville, MD broke in his new boat, "Shark Bait" with a trip to the Rt. 50 Bridge where he boated a pair of bluefish and released 6 striped bass, all after hooking them on Roy Rigs.



On Saturday, Ed Hollenbach from Fredericksburg, PA, Darryl Bear from Harrisburg, PA, Scott Zechman from Reading, PA and Jeff and Tyler Sheffy from Jonestown, PA returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with 7 keeper flounder in the box after fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Brian Behe. The fish were caught at the South Jetty on jig heads tipped with minnows and white Gulp! artificial baits during the outgoing tide in 56-degree water. Their largest fish, caught by Tyler, measured 22-inches and weighed 4 lbs. 2 oz.

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Last Thursday. when big stripers rolled into the Ocean City Inlet during the early evening, the crew on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" were there to hook 3 beauties on jig heads tipped with white Zoom artificial baits. The fish were caught during the last of the incoming tide. Fishing with Capt. Jason Mumford was Allison Tritt, who caught the largest fish of the trip, a 45-incher that weighed 30 lbs., Christina Thompson, who caught a 44-inch, 29 lb. 6 oz. linesider, Doug Tritt and Bruce Thompson. Pictured at Captain's Galley Restaurant in West Ocean City.



Tim Auman from Harrisburg, PA captured this 34-inch, 14.3 lb. bluefish in the Indian River Inlet on a bucktail tipped with a white worm. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em



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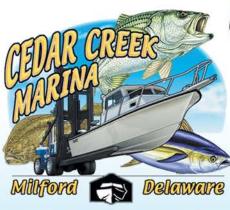




The crew on the "Sea Prowler" ventured to just north of the Wilmington Canyon and boated 4 yellowfin tuna while trolling in 300 fathoms. The anglers went 4 for 8 after finding water temperature between 68 to 70-degrees. Their largest fish weighed 44 lbs. on the scale at the Ocean City Fishing Center. Pictured are David Bradley from Demascus, MD, Aaron Colegrove from Salisbury, MD, Bob Rambo from Solomons Island, MD and Steve Hoover from Boonesboro, MD.

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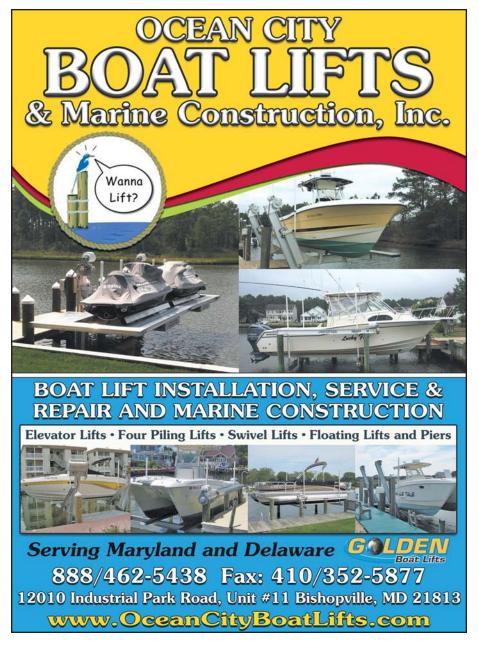
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Payne wins Lewes Canal Flounder Tournament.



Over 400 anglers participated in the Lewes Canal Flounder Tournament last Friday, the largest turnout ever, and Mikey Payne (far left) took top honors with a 6.2 pounder caught on an Electric Chicken group at the Roosevelt Inlet. Second place went to defending champ, Chad Mitchell with a 5.29 lb. flattie and 3rd place was won by Brian Beebe with a 4.3 pounder. Rounding out the top 7 finishers were Chris Huk (3.81 lbs.), Matthew Mitchell (3.64 lbs.), Bob Brullo (3.63 lbs.) and Shane Townsend (3.63 lbs.). More than \$2,000 from entry money will be donated to Camp Awareness. Organizers Joe and Amanda Morris from Lewes Harbour Marina and the Dewey Beach Lions Club thank all participants for making the tournament a great success. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.







Maryland to change fishing license from calendar year to 365 days

Governor Larry Hogan signed into law a bill that authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to issue recreational fishing licenses for 365 days from the date of purchase, rather than for the calendar year. The new law takes effect October 1st.

Currently, recreational fishing licenses are good for a calendar year. As a result, Marylanders who purchase fishing licenses late in the year often buy short-term three- or seven-day licenses, which cost less, but limit their options for going out. The new law will encourage these anglers to buy annual licenses.

Sport Fishing Advisory Commission Vice Chairman Sikorski, David who championed the legislation, said, "This is a win for the recreational fishing community. Maryland now joins a handful of states leading the movement to offer the increased value and flexibility of 365-day a license."

The new law covers recreational tidal and nontidal fishing licenses.

In 2013, Maryland sold 47,086 "Bay and Coastal Fishing Boat" licenses, 122,122 "Bay & Coastal Fishing" licenses, 24,516 "7-Day Bay & Coastal Fishing" licenses and 25, 985 "Senior Consolidated" licenses.

In addition, over 17,000 "Recreational Crabbing" licenses and over 5,900 "Recreational Crabbing Boat" licenses were also sold in 2013.

Anglers will be able to purchase these licenses through the online COMPASS license system, compass.dnr.maryland.gov/d nrcompassportal.







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D.J. and Dylan Churchill celebrated Mother's Day with a flounder fishing trip in the Lewes Canal and ended their day with 4 keepers, measuring up to 20-inches. All were caught on Nick's Rigs. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Two-year old, Christian Jackson accompanied his grandfather, Richard Crosariol for a day of surf fishing off Fenwick State Park and they walked away with this 35-inch bluefish caught on finger mullet. Richard also caught 3 other bluefish, measuring between 28 and 35-inches, during their outing.







Last Friday afternoon, anglers on the charter boat, "Get Sum" ended their day with 8 flounder and a bluefish in the box after drifting around the South Jetty and the Rt. 50 Bridge. The fish were caught on jigheads tipped with minnows and Gulp! Swimming Mullets. Their largest flounder measured 20-inches. Fishing with Capt. Nick Clemente (pictured) and mate Brian Behe were Charlie Tamburelli from Seltzer, PA, Charise Tamburelli from Mohnton, PA, Luigi Giugliano from Mohnton, PA and William Schleppy from Sinking Spring, PA. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Howad Mei used a jig head tipped with a 6-inch Gulp! Swimming Mullet to fool this 27-inch bluefish while fishing off the Oceanic Fishing Pier.

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NMFS Changes Bluefin Tuna Regulations

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Angling Category (Private, HMS Angling Category-permitted vessels)

1 BFT 27" to less than 47" - May 15th to December 31st
1 BFT 47" to less than 73" - May 15th to December 31st

Angling Category (HMS Charter & Headboats when fishing recreationally)

2 BFT 27" to less than 47" -May 15th to December 31st 1 BFT 47" to less than 73" -May 15th to December 31st

General Category (HMS Charter & Headboats when fishing commercially)

4 BFT 73" or greater - June 1st to August 31st

In deciding these retention limits, NMFS considered the regulatory determination criteria regarding in-season adjustments, which include available quota, fishery performance in recent years,

availability of BFT on the fishing grounds, and the effects of the adjustment on the stock and on accomplishing the objectives of the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and amendments. These should provide opportunities to harvest the available U.S. BFT quota without exceeding it; prevent over harvest of the 2015 quotas; and collect a broad range of data for stock monitoring purposes.

Parking restrictions put in place on Delaware beaches

Delaware State Parks Director Ray Bivens announced today that recreational surf fishing management changes that include parking restrictions are in effect immediately for all state surf fishing beaches. Vehicles bearing surf fishing (meaning permits their occupants must be actively engaged in recreational surf fishing) will now be required to park in single-file, with a ban on vehicle stacking that enables better enforcement of the actively-engaged rule and also addresses safety concerns for beachgoers and park staff.

Director Bivens cited Delaware code and DNREC Division of Parks & Recreation regulations that authorize his office to limit or close public use areas – authority that applies to both land and water – when such action is necessary for proper management and stewardship of the resource, in this case the state's surf fishing beaches.

Bivens noted that surf fishing vehicle permits issued by DNREC rose 30 percent over the last five years - from 11,380 in 2011 to a projected 15,000 for the current year. "Over the past several years, the Division of Parks & Recreation has seen a steady increase in the demand for surf-fishing vehicle permits," he said. "With the increase in permits issued have come a higher number of park visitors not following the rules associated with recreational surf fishing. This change will allow for stronger enforcement of the actively-engaged surf-fishing rule and also make our beaches safer for park visitors."

Various user groups, the Delaware Mobile Surf Fishermen chief among them, have voiced growing concern that the enforcement of surf vehicle fishing permit regulations must be paramount to any other activities on the state's surf-fishing beaches. "Our board membership fully supports this policy change," said Bruce West, president of the Delaware Mobile Surf Fishermen, "and we applaud DNREC, Director Bivens and Parks Enforcement staff for listening to the concerns of the sport-fishing community. We also know that this problem did not happen overnight and will

May 20, 2015 Coastal Fisherman Page 35 not be fixed overnight, either."

Acknowledging the surf fishermen's concern and also citing a safety issue as vehicles congregate and stack, Chief Wayne Kline of Delaware State Parks Enforcement said that rectifying the parking problem on the beaches is a priority. "While Delaware State Park beaches are a great place to engage in fishing and other recreational activities, parking two, three and four-deep on the surf fishing beaches presents Parks' enforcement staff with a number of challenges," Chief Kline said.

The decision to limit surf fishing permit-bearing vehicles to single-row parking comes after careful analysis by DNREC and the Division of Parks & Surf-fishing-Recreation. permitted vehicles are now required to park within designated surf-fishing vehicle beaches in single-file from the toe of the dune to the high tide line. Chief Kline said the new restriction will be strictly enforced, and that vehicles parked on the beaches must also be in compliance with other Delaware State Parks' fishing regulations - reiterating that vehicle occupants must be actively engaged in surf fishing.

Director Bivens' restrictions also stipulate that vehicle parking will be accommodated "on a first-come, first-served basis and space may not be reserved for others who may be coming later in any given day.











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Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said this year's Canal Flounder Tournament generated the largest turnout so far. More than 400 flattie aficionados fished the event. Weather was much better than last year's scheduled date, when hurricane-like conditions forced until postponement following day. Although Canal water was murky from wind during preceeding days, flukers picked away at fish during most of the outgoing tide. The largest specimens were landed in the afternoon, near the end of the ebb. There didn't seem to be a concentration of flatfish in any single location, and catches were reported from several different spots. Avid flounder pounder Mickey Payne was the big winner. His 6.2 pound flattie inhaled a Nuclear Chicken colored grub at the Roosevelt Inlet, and earned him top prize and major bragging rights. Defending Champ Chad Mitchell scored 2nd Place with a 5.29 pounder caught on a custom, white jig head rig and shiner combo while drifting past Gordon's Pond ditch. Brian Beebe boated the 3rd Place 4.3 pound flounder near the drawbridge, using a chartreuse teaser with a shiner.

More than \$2,000 of entry money will be donated to Camp



On Friday, the crew on the "Relentless" took a trip to the Wilmington Canyon where they ended up boating 12 yellowfin tuna in two and a half hours. The guys were fishing in 300 feet of water when the yellowfins hit trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars. The fish weighed between 45 and 70 lbs. Pictured back at the Indian River Marina are William Wildbergh, Woody Massey, Jason Massey and Capt. Chris Hertrich.

Awareness. Joe and Amanda at Lewes Harbour Marina, and the Dewey Beach Lions Club extended congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to all who participated to make the day fun, and a great success.

The black drum bite came on strong on the New Jersey side of Delaware Bay, following the new moon. There was a big fleet anchored up in the Bayshore Channel, above the Canal entrance on Saturday evening, where many big boomers were landed. Don Zeiset decked a 60.6 pounder, and Vernon Zeiset got one weighing 55.8 pounds. Captain Brian's crew on the "Lil'

Angler II" kept five drum, the largest was a 55.7 pound fish fought by Mike Hojda. Kevin Martzal's group on the "Pirate King II" brought back 11 drum, including a 53 pounder landed by Leon Martzal.

Scattered reports of drum came from the Delaware side. Jack Ostroski had a 63.2 pound boomer and Mason Newsham nailed a 34.3 pounder while fishing with clams on the Coral Beds. Drum action should hold up through the full moon at the beginning of June. Joe said the shop will be carrying surf clams, but he suggested calling ahead, early in the week, to reserve

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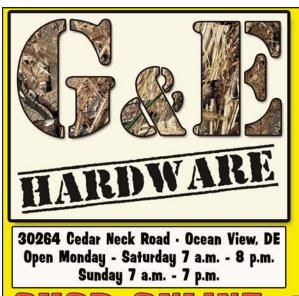
The opening of sea bass season resulted in good catches. Boats that ran to 20 fathom structure did okay with sea bass, but had surprising numbers of cod. It actually seemed like sea bass catches were better inshore, at Site 11. Captain Brent's Saturday group on "Katydid" had their limit of 120 quality bass, including Luis Mispireta's 3.71 pound knothead. Dr. Mike Junck and his gang had a nice mess of bass and cod on their wreck trip aboard the "Top Fin". Mike managed a 3.92 pound bass on that outing.

Offshore bottom bouncers did well in deep water. Matt Baker, Jeff Drury and Chip Graves dropped in the Wilmington Canyon on Friday for 21 beautiful Golden Tilefish weighing up to 27 pounds.

A few more stripers showed up last week. Harry Doherty checked in a 32-incher he beached using bunker in the surf at Faithful Steward Crossing. Because of new slot size Dave McGirk regulations, released a 40-inch linesider he hooked using clams at Herring

Boaters and jetty jocks at the Indian River Inlet had stripers during evening incoming tides on bucktails and Storm Shads.

The bluefish run in the Indian River was ridiculous last week, with slammers terrorizing schools of bunker in a feeding frenzy. Guys casting from the rocks or drifting in boats hammered the choppers with bucktails and metals. Grove, Kevin Grove and Todd Macentee were drifting for flounder in the inlet when big blues attacked their minnows.



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After landing several choppers, they did boat a 4.64 pound flatfish. Blues thinned out inside Cape Henlopen at the end of the week, but some remained in the Broadkill River.

At Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina, Capt. Bert Adams said that bluefish are still abundant in the Indian River Inlet, but the fish are definitely getting smaller. "Smaller" is a relative term, with bluefish still around that we would be happy with in any other year, but this year, with more choppers in the 10 to 15 lb. range, smaller fish will still give you a good fight. Capt. Bert said that they did receive a shot of big stripers late in the week, but the bite was short. Some linesiders are being caught in 58degree water under schools of Anglers have to stripers. remember that Delaware now has a slot limit is place where stripers need to be 28 to 37inches or greater than 44-inches to keep.

Bert also reported a few flounder being caught by the VFW Slough.

Inshore, the opening of sea bass season sent many boats to ocean structure, either natural coral bottom or artificial reefs. The Great Eastern Reef saw some good action on Friday and Saturday with anglers hooking sea bass and cod. The headboat, "Judy V", with Capt. Bert at the helm, ventured 6 to 8 miles off the beach and caught 20 to 25 sea bass and 5 flounder on coral bottom. Bert said that they threw back as many sea bass as they caught, so the action was pretty good. Another angler headed out near Washingtonian wreck on Friday morning and got back early after catching his limit of sea bass and 4 cod. With big bluefish starting to leave the bay, Bert anticipates tangling with the gators very shortly as they head to the ocean.

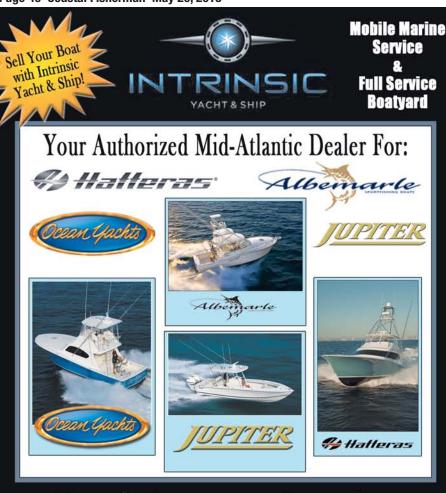
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This 44-inch, 31 lb. 1 oz. striped bass was caught by John Lindsay of Dagsboro, DE while fishing a Bomber lure durng the outgoing tide in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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Grilled Tuna with Soy Glaze

Non-stick spray 3 TBSP. firmly packed brown sugar 2 TBSP. La Choy Soy

Sauce:

1/2 tsp. Gulden's Spicy Brown Mustard 1/4 tsp. ground ginger 4 tuna fillets, 1-inch thick

1/8 tsp. black pepper 2 packages (8.5 oz. each) Uncle Ben's Brown Basmati Rice 1 1/2 tsp. sesame seeds

Spray cold grate of gas grill with grilling spray.

Preheat to medium-high heat.

Combine brown sugar, soy

sauce, mustard and ginger in a small bowl.

Divide sauce mixture in half; reserve half and set aside. Sprinkle tuna with pepper. Grill for 5 minutes.

Turn over and brush with one portion of the sauce mixture.

Grill for 5 minutes more or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Cook rice according to package directions.

Cut fillet into 4 pieces; spoon reserved sauce mixture over each piece and sprinkle each with sesame seeds.

Serve with rice. Serves 4.

Tangy Lime Shrimp

1 lb. medium shrimp patted dry 4 TBSP. butter 1/4 cup chopped shallots

1/4 cup lime juice

1 tsp. grated zest

1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper

1/3 cup chopped cilantro

Season shrimp with salt and pepper.

Heat large skillet to medium-high; add 1/2 TBSP. butter and shrimp.

Cook shrimp through, 1 to 2 minutes; transfer to plate.

Over medium-low heat, melt 1 TBSP. butter; add shallots, lime juice, and crushed pepper; cook 2 minutes.

Add remaining butter, lime zest, shrimp and cilantro; toss. Serves 4.

Orzo Risotto with Shrimp and Vegetables

1 zucchini, halved and sliced

2 tsp. grated lemon zest 1 cup mushrooms, sliced

1/2 cup chopped onion 2 cloves garlic

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3/4 tsp. dried sage

1/4 tsp. dried thyme

11/4 cups uncooked orzo pasta

2 cans, (14 oz.) chicken broth

1/2 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined, tails on

3/4 cup frozen peas

1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

Salt and pepper

Spray large saucepan with cooking spray.

Heat to medium heat.

Add zucchini and lemon peel; cook and stir until zucchini is tender.

Remove from saucepan and set aside.

Add mushrooms, onions, garlic, sage and thyme to saucepan; cook until onion is tender.

Stir in orzo; cook and stir until lightly browned.

Bring broth to a boil in a medium saucepan.

Add broth to orzo mixture, ½ cup at a time, stirring constantly until broth is







absorbed before adding next cup.

Continue cooking 10 to 15 minutes, or until orzo is tender.

Stir shrimp and peas into orzo mixture during last half of cooking time.

Stir in zucchini mixture during last 3 minutes of cooking time.

Stir in cheese and season with salt and pepper.

Serves 4.

Summer Grilled Bluefish

4 lbs. bluefish fillets

1 cup orange juice

1/4 cup olive oil

1 TBSP. dry white wine

1/4 cup fresh lime juice

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice

Salt and pepper to taste

1/4 cup citrus flavored seafood rub

Place the fillets in a large bowl.

Pour in the juices, olive oil and wine.

Season with salt, pepper and seafood rub.

Stir to blend and coat fish.

Leave the squeezed lemon and lime halves in the bowl also.

Marinate for at least 30 minutes.

Preheat grill on high. Oil grate.

Place fish fillets on grill,

discard the marinade.

Cook 4 minutes on each

Transfer to a serving platter and remove the dark blue part of the fish before serving.

Serves 6.

side.

Striper Chowder

1/4 lb. bacon, diced

1 cup chopped onion

1/2 cup chopped celery

2 cups diced russet

potatoes

2 TBSP. flour

2 cups water

1 tsp. salt

1 whole bay leaf

1 tsp. dried dill weed

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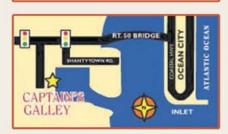
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Judy Copple from Elkton, MD was drifting live minnows north of the VFW Slough when she hooked into this 3 lb. 6 oz. flounder. Judy weighed her catch at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

1/2 tsp. dried thyme 1/2 tsp. black pepper

1 lb. striped, skinned, boned, cut into 1 in. pieces

2 cups milk or half-andhalf

Cook bacon in 5 quart dutch oven over medium-high

Drain on paper towels.

Add onion and celery to drippings; cook and stir until onions is soft.

Add potatoes; cook 1 minute.

Add flour; cook 1 minute.

Add water, salt, bay leaf, dill weed, thyme and pepper; bring to a boil over high heat.

Reduce heat to low, cover and simmer until potatoes are fork tender.

Add fish; simmer, covered, 5 minutes or until fish flakes when tested with fork.

Remove and discard bay leaf.

Add bacon to chowder. Add milk; heat through. DO NOT BOIL.

www.coastalfisherman.net Fish Sliders with Taco **Tartar Sauce**

Taco Tartar Sauce:

1/2 cup mayonnaise

2 TBSP. Taco Sauce, medium heat

2 TBSP. dill or pickle relish

Fish Sliders:

1 cup all purpose flour

1 bottle (12 oz.) Mexican or American beer

2 packets low sodium taco seasoning

2 cups vegetable oil

2 lbs. white fish, cut into 12 bite-sized pieces

12 small slider-sized hamburger or dinner rolls, cut in half

6 slices cheese, your choice, cut in half

Combine mayonnaise, taco sauce and pickle relish in a small bowl; set aside.

Combine flour, beer and seasoning mix in medium bowl; mix well.

Let batter stand 5 minutes. Heat oil in medium





saucepan over medium-high heat to 350 degrees.

Dip fish pieces into batter, coat evenly.

Place battered pieces carefully into hot oil in batches.

Cook 2 to 3 minutes or until golden brown, turning once.

Remove with slotted spoon.

Drain on paper towels.

Serve immediately on rolls with cheese and the Taco Tartar Sauce.

Makes 12 Sliders.

Pan-Fried Oysters

1/4 cup flour

1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. black pepper

2 eggs

1/2 cup plain bread crumbs

5 TBSP. chopped fresh parsley, divided

1 lb. fresh oysters, shucked and patter dry

5 slices bacon, crisp cooked and chopped

Canola oil for frying Lemon wedges

Combine flour, salt and pepper in shallow dish.

Beat eggs in shallow bowl.

Combine bread crumbs and 4 TBSP. parsley in another shallow bowl.

Working with one oyster at a time, coat with flour mixture, shaking off excess.

Dip in eggs, shaking off excess; roll in bread crumb mixture to coat.

Place coated oysters on clean plate.

Heat 1/2-inch of oil in a large skillet over mediumhigh heat until very hot but not smoking.

Add 1/3 of the oysters; cook 2 minutes per side or until golden brown.

Drain on paper towel-lined plate.

Repeat with remaining oysters.

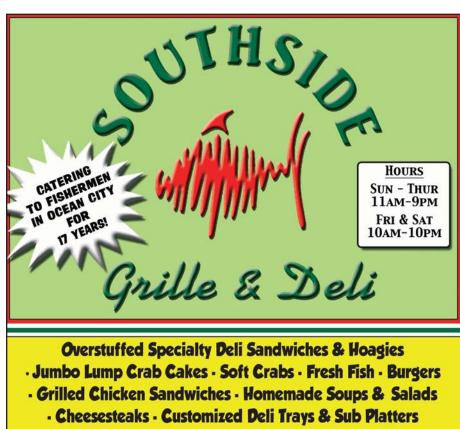
Toss oysters with bacon and remaining 1 TBSP. parsley in large bowl.

Serve immediately with



Jaden Azato was fishing with his dad off Cape Henlopen at night when he muscled in this 33-inch, 11 lb. 15 oz. bluefish. The duo was fishing with another father and son team and the four anglers combined for 30 bluefish during their nightime outing.





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Boar's Head

Page 46 Coastal Fisherman May 20, 2015 lemon wedges.

Makes 4 servings.

Pesto Pasta with Scallops

8 oz. uncooked curly whole wheat pasta 51/2 tsp. olive oil, divided Small bunch asparagus, cut into 2-inch pieces 2 cups cherry tomatoes 1/2 tsp. black pepper, divided 12 oz. large sea scallops 1 TBSP. lemon juice 1 clove garlic, crushed 1/4 tsp. salt 6 TBSP. prepared pesto 3 TBSP. sour cream Pinch red pepper flakes, optional

Prepare pasta according to package directions, omitting any salt.

Set aside and keep warm. Heat 1 ½ tsp. oil in medium skillet over medium heat.

Cook asparagus 5 minutes,

stirring occasionally.

Toss in tomatoes; turn heat to low.

Sprinkle with 1/4 tsp. black pepper; cover and continue cooking 5 minutes. (Stir to prevent sticking.)

Add asparagus and tomatoes to pasta and keep warm.

Toss scallops with 1 TBSP. oil, lemon juice, garlic and remaining 1/4 tsp. pepper in large bowl. (Do not marinate.)

Heat remaining 1 TBSP. oil in same skillet over mediumhigh heat.

Add scallops and sprinkle with salt.

Cook about 3 minutes per side until scallops are opaque.

Combine pesto and sour cream in small bowl; stir to blend.

Add pesto mixture to vegetable and pasta mixture; mix well.

Add red pepper flakes, if desired.

Arrange scallops on top. Serves 6.



Melissa Zeltman and Mike McGlauflin, both from Ocean City, MD ended their day with this 23 1/2-inch flounder caught while fishing in the Fenwick Ditch with shiners and white Gulp! artificial baits. The fish was caught during the incoming tide and is pictured at Fenwick Tackle.









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BUCKTAILS TO BALLYHOO BY CAPT. LANCE SMITH

SHARK FISHING ~ Part I ~

The first pelagics of the year have arrived off our coast and some of the most consistent "Big Game" fishing is upon us. Consistent because, having looked at the past seven years in our log book, we have caught a mako shark on every trip we specifically targeted them. Now, keep in mind that we typically only dedicate one or maybe two trips to sharking each year before the yellowfins show up. One mako shark a year is enough for any group of anglers to feed their families and we usually end up catching a second while trolling in the canyons.

If your only reference for shark fishing is the movie Jaws or the Discovery Channel's Shark Week, you probably

aren't going to be successful. Forget all the bloodthirsty, carcass scavenging images of sharks you may have in your head and remember that you will be hunting the Alpha predator in our area. Beside it's close relative in the mackerel shark family, the great white, there is no other fish in our waters that strikes fear even into the largest of swordfish and tunas than the mako shark. No other fish in the ocean, even the greatest of billfish, can match the leaping heights and somersaults a mako can provide when hooked.

As both nearshore and offshore waters approach the 64-degree mark, our yearly influx of make sharks occurs. Migrating from east to west, the first makes are caught in the canyons when a warm water

eddie spins off of the Gulf Stream and approaches the 100 fathom curve. The closest to shore you can usually find these "missiles with teeth" is around the 20 fathom line. As the water warms, make sharks do not disappear from our area as most people think. Rather, with the arrival of more prey species such as tuna, marlin and mahi, and more species of shark, they become increasingly spread out and more difficult to specifically

Shark fishing, in practice, is really not that difficult of an endeavor. As in every type of fishing, the key to a successful trip is location. I have never been one to tell another person whether or not their boat is capable of reaching specific locations. My rule of thumb is that if you have to ask, "Do you think I can take my boat out to so and so?" the answer will be always be no. If you do not have the confidence in your boat or your seamanship skills required in handling what the sea may throw at you on any

www.coastalfisherman.net given day, please hop on a friend's boat or book a charter.

Mako fishing is a serious game with serious consequences for those who are ill prepared. Even if you do run offshore frequently, if you have never gone to battle with the magnificent *Isurus oxyrinchus*, please take someone with you that has experience. Even the smallest of makos can wreak havoc upon you, your boat and your crew if they are not handled correctly.

A few years ago we caught a 120 pound make in the White Marlin Open, after dragging it backwards for 45 minutes, slicing its gills and inflicting multiple stab wounds to the head, we decided to bring the fish aboard so we could continue trolling. Well, as we lifted the shark overboard, it came back to life with a vengeance and as it slammed to the floor I lost my footing and fell right on top of it. I believe the video is still on YouTube somewhere but I don't like watching it.

The area offshore called the

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Fingers is probably the most recognized name in town when it comes to shark fishing. Beginning at the 20 fathom line, about 22 miles offshore, this location consists of various lumps and trenches which attract bait, and in turn, the mako. However, the Fingers significant encompass a amount of ocean and you need to narrow down your predicted drift to take you over the most productive bottom. When searching for makos, look for the same areas where bluefish and bluefin's roam. The Jackspot and the Marine Electric wreck, just south of the Fingers, are also good inshore locations to find sharks.

Referring to my log book a few extremely again, important constants jump out at me. Firstly, all of my trips have been 26 miles out or further. Ι have been concentrating on the same areas where I would drag baits for bluefin tuna such as the Sausages, the Hambone and the Hot Dog. These lumps are located on all decent charts and

are reliable areas to catch almost any species during the summer. Secondly, we have not had bluefish in our chum slick over that period of time. I remember a trip where after drifting over featureless bottom for hours we came upon some sea bass pots marking a wreck or natural bottom that wasn't on any charts. The moment we drifted past the markers sharks were everywhere, including a 100 pound mako. Always remember that these are structure oriented fish and can show up on just about any piece that holds bait. The venerable Capt. Mark Sampson on the "Fish Finder" told me that one of the largest makes he has ever seen (and he has probably seen more than anyone) was about 5 miles offshore in the middle of August!

Having chopper bluefish in your chum slick can be both a blessing and a curse. They provide constant, fresh bait and are an additional attraction to your slick, but they can also eat every bait that you put out,



On Friday, Matt Rivenburg of Pasadena, MD landed this thresher shark while fishing with cut bluefish in 57-degree water at the Sausages. Matt took the trip with Mike Hammond of Ocean City, MD and Cole Breeding of Millville, DE. The anglers also released a mako and a blue shark during their trip. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.

including other bluefish. Once you have determined your location for the day, your chum slick is the single most important factor determining if you harvest a make or not. Frozen chum, consisting of finely ground fish and their oil, can be bought at just about any local tackle shop and comes in

several "flavors" including mackerel, menhaden/bunker, and sometimes bluefish. Typically sold in 3 or 5 gallon buckets, I always purchase more chum then I think I will need for the day. I cannot count the times where I have significantly increased the flow

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Mike McComas is all smiles after catching this 11 lb. 10 oz. bluefish while fishing off the beach at 44th Street in Ocean City. Mike was using a bluefish rig baited with finger mullet and caught the fish on only his 2nd cast.

Bucktails to Ballyhoo, cont'd.

of chum and a mako magically appears. I've heard people claim that you do not want to put out too much chum because you will simply be feeding the fish and they won't touch your baits. Nonsense I say. If the chum is ground finely like it should be, you should never have to worry about this.

Now you have several buckets of chum, the motors are shut down, you've checked your drift on the GPS to insure you will pass over some structure and your crew is boiling with anticipation. They are as many different ways to chum as there are fish in the sea. I like to keep it simple. I will use a cordless drill to put three or four 1-inch holes along with a few half-inch holes in the bucket. I like to allow my first bucket of chum to thaw out the previous night and keep the other 2 or 3 (depending on their size) in the freezer. Start out with only a few holes, you can always add more to increase flow, but you cannot plug up existing ones if too much chum

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is leaving the bucket. When using a dock rope to hang the chum over the stern, NEVER tie the rope to the bucket handle! It will break and you will lose your bucket. Instead, drill a hole large enough for the rope 2-3 inches below the lid and another above it in the lid itself. Fish your rope through the two holes and tie a strong knot. If I have opened the lid of the bucket I also like to use a wire tie that passes through both the bucket and the lid on the opposite side of the rope. Varying the length of rope you let out will change the amount of chum that goes out. As the boat rocks back and forth, wave action pulls the bucket up and down releasing bits of gooey goodness. Use a longer length of rope on rougher days and a shorter length on calm ones. I also like to "burp" the bucket every ten minutes or so by lifting it out of the water and dropping it back in several times to create bursts of extra chum.

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your slick is something I recommend. Although there are various contraptions such as IV bags that can be used to drip oil over the side of the boat there is much simpler method. Simply fill an empty water bottle with oil, put the lid back on, and slice a small hole or two in the bottom. Use a heavy piece of mono tied around the mouth and let it hang overboard and create gorgeous visual slick behind the boat.

Many shark fishermen are extremely reluctant to leave their chum slicks. The faster you drift, the longer your chum slick will be and the easier it will be for a make to find it. So, in theory, breaking your chum slick and starting over after many hours of fishing is counterproductive. Often times in my rookie shark fishing years, we would drift all day, bored and motionless without so much as a sniff at our baits. One day, I got tired of this lazy way of fishing and decided to push offshore to one of our tuna lumps. No sooner had the chum bucket hit the water than we had a mako on. You cannot catch a fish if the fish are not there. I have also noticed that the activity onboard the boat often times will reflect on the activity in the chum slick. If we all lie around and do nothing, we tend to catch nothing. However, if we stay busy by hanging blues over the side and scraping flesh off with a knife, constantly checking baits, burping the bucket, etc. we tend to catch more fish. Makos are curious creatures and are often attracted to sound and movement. I have been known to stomp on the floor, bang on the transom with my fist, smack the water with a brush and spray out a water fountain with the wash down hose. Does it work? I have no idea, but it keeps from becoming disengaged and unprepared.

To be continued... Pick-up next weeks Coastal Fisherman for Part II of this shark fishing column

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On May 3rd, Dave Nolan from North East, MD, Gary Schell from Kearny, NJ and Roger Farr from Virginia took a trip to the Washington Canyon where they caught this 54-inch bluefin tuna and 5 golden tilefish weighing up to 39 lbs.



Bill Sauers, Steven Sauers, Dustin Sinclair, Darren Sinclair, Keith Sheffer and Zach Sheffer, all from York, PA, put a hurting on bluefish last Saturday while fishing with bucktails in the Indian River Inlet. The anglers ended their trip with 15 bluefish in the box and lost just as many as they caught. Their fish averaged 34-inches in length.



Hunter Hepbron from Chesapeake City, MD jumped on the good slammer bluefish bite in the Indian River Inlet and captured this 38-inch, 16 lb. 8 oz. gator while tossing lures. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.



















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With the best bluefish run we have seen in many years, anglers are finding choppers in the surf, the inlets and even in the back bays. On this day, John Lindsay captured 4 blues (2 pictured) while tossing Storm lures in the Indian River Inlet. The 2 largest gators weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 9 lbs. 11 oz. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Jim Lutz of West Ocean City, MD stopped by the *Coastal Fisherman* office to have his picture taken with his limit of flounder and 8 bluefish caught while fishing off the Rt. 50 Bridge. Jim's flatties measured between 16.5 and 17.5-inches and were hooked during the outgoing tide on pink Gulp! and shiners.





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RADIO CHECK ~ PART II ~

Last week we reviewed the basics of the VHF marine radio, how it works and how to be sure it is working properly. Now that we have a good working radio, let's review some of the popular features in today's modern VHF radios

One of the most underused and misunderstood features is Digital Selective Calling or DSC. Before we can review what it is and how to use it, we need to understand the Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number. Every marine VHF radio sold in the USA is mandated to have DSC and therefore capable of being programmed with a MMSI number. The MMSI number is a unique 9-digit number assigned to your vessel, like a phone number for your boat. The MMSI number also provides

personal information to the United States Coast Guard from your MMSI registration in the event of an emergency distress broadcast. The MMSI number is free and available on-line through BoatUS.com and other approved organizations. You can get a free number if you are a boater who only uses their VHF radio for recreation purposes and are not required by law to carry a VHF and you do not make international voyages or communications. If you do not qualify for the Boat US MMSI registration, you will need to register with the FCC to obtain a MMSI number and a legally required Ship Station License.

Once you get your MMSI number, you can program it into your VHF radio(s) on your boat. Be careful entering the numbers. If you make a mistake, you may not be able to change it Older VHF's generally allow an MMSI

to be entered twice, but many newer models are limited to one MMSI attempt. Further reprogramming or clearing out of old MMSI numbers requires factory authorized service.

If you have a handheld VHF radio, you may want to register it to a second MMSI number whose contact information can be easily updated if or when you take your handheld VHF onto another boat.

We are almost ready to explain the DSC function, but we have one more item to take care of. We need to connect the VHF radio to a position source. a NMEA0183 NMEA2000 interconnection, a VHF radio can easily be connected to a GPS receiver/chart plotter or other position enabled navigation device. In 2011, USCG Rear Admiral R. E. Day indicated "Of the roughly 100 digital selective calling (DSC) distress alerts we are now receiving each month, approximately nine out of 10 do not have position information and approximately six out of 10 have not registered their Mobile Maritime Service Identity." This is an important feature that should be correctly implemented on all VHF radios. To make it even easier, ICOM and Standard Horizon both now offer VHF radios with built in GPS receivers, eliminating the additional need for an connection.

Now that your VHF radio has a MMSI number and position data, you can use the DSC feature! The DSC feature allows many types of digital calls, such as allowing you to call a fellow boater (private call) using their MMSI number. Instead of a "shout out" to your buddy with everyone listening on channels 16, 68 or some other channel, your call goes directly to your buddy's radio, though you need their MMSI number in advance.

DSC calls are a digital transmission on channel 70, often with longer range than traditional voice calls. The recipient will hear an alert tone and can digitally acknowledge the request. They will then tune to a pre-set working frequency to continue the conversation traditionally.

Making a DSC call is an

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effective way to privately get the attention of a fellow boater so you can converse with them normally on a traditional channel. DSC does not enable a private or digital conversation.

Contacting a friend with their MMSI is a great way to confirm your DSC system is working properly. Another way to test the DSC feature is to make a test call to the USCG and here is their procedure; "For VHF DSC radios equipped with the Call feature, Test transmissions should be made to the US Coast Guard MMSI 003669999 to receive automated VHF DSC response. You must use the "Test Call" category of your radio because "Individual" category calls to this address will not receive an automated response.



For older radios not having a test call capability, testing can only be performed by using a routine individual call to a fellow boater. Under no circumstances shall a DSC distress alert be sent to test your radio. It is a violation of the rules and can result in heavy fines "

Since this digital calling works so well and has a good range, it makes for a great emergency distress calling feature. The small red cover on the front of most VHF radios is covering the distress button; this is the modern mayday call. If you have an emergency and need immediate help, instead of the traditional way of calling on channel 16, you can push the button to get help. Using an ICOM M506 as an example, here is how to place an automatic distress call:

- (1) While lifting up the key cover, hold down the distress button for 3 seconds until you hear 3 short beeps and then one long beep.
- (2)Wait for an acknowledgment on Channel 70 from a coast station.
- (3)After the acknowledgement is received,



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channel 16 is automatically selected.

(4) Hold down the "Push to Talk" button and transmit.the appropriate information".

DSC distress automatically transmits your MMSI number and your current location to the receiver, usually the USCG, so they immediately know who you are and where you are. A DSC distress call also goes out to other boaters in your listening area.

The USCG uses a nationwide computer system called Rescue 21 to record, manage and respond to DSC distress calls. Rescue 21 is a billion dollar program started over 10 years ago. After testing and analysis conducted in July 2014, the Coast Guard determined that Rescue 21 provides over 90 percent coverage for direction finding and 94 percent coverage voice and communications within 20 miles of the U.S. coastline if the caller is using a 1-watt handheld radio. The coverage increases to 95 percent or higher if the caller is using a stronger transmitter.

Testing also found that the

reliable. The report stated that the system is functional more than 99 percent of the time. As a result, missed calls due to system failure are unlikely. Rescue 21 also covers the shorelines of Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Northern Marianas Islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota.

While this may seem like a complicated topic, once the initial VHF set-up work is complete, the use of DSC and automated distress call is very simple. Be sure to get the MMSI numbers of your fellow boaters and try the DSC.

Update: In last week's article, I mentioned Sea Tow's Automated Radio Check Service on VHF channel 26; this system is currently not operational in Ocean City, MD, but expects to be soon.

Captain Steve Katz is the owner of Steve's Marine Service and holds NMEA, AMEI and NMEA2000 certificates along with ABYC Master Technician certification and factory training from many manufacturers.



This 15 lb. bluefish was caught by John Fabryka of Ocean View, DE while fishing with a Yo-Zuri lure near Marker 15 in the back bay of Indian River. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.







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A pink Gulp! produced this pair of Lewes Canal keepers for Matt Schuler. The larger flounder measured 22-inches. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Matt Peel from Salisbury, MD caught a 13 lb. 9 oz. bluefish and Josh Jordan from Cambridge, MD landed a 6 pounder, both while fishing on the "PitBoss Fishing" with Capt. Jeff Coates. The gators were hooked on Roy Rigs in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge.









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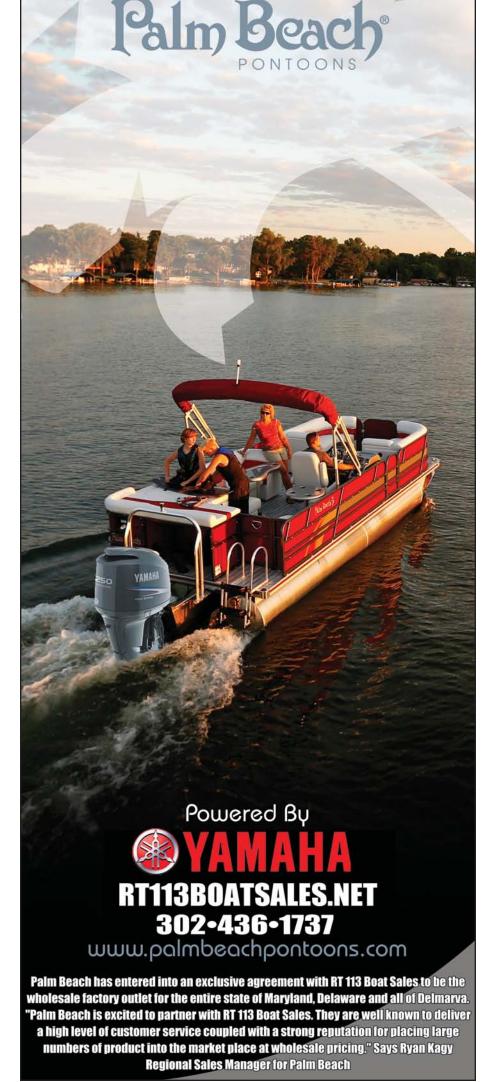








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Species	2015	2014	Species	2015	2014
Sea Bass	No Fish Reported	May 19, 2014 Ki Kim "Fish Bound" 2nd Lump	Mako Shark	March 25, 2015 Andy Smelter "Nontypical" Baltimore Canyon	May 9, 2014 Hayden Christoff "Restless Lady" Poor Man's Canyon
Tautog	January 2, 2015 Ken Westerfeld "Fish Bound" Ocean Wreck	January 1, 2014 Si Chiarizia "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	White Marlin	No Fish Reported	June 11, 2014 Jon Henry "No Worries" Baltimore/Poor Man's
Striped Bass	January 2, 2015 Danny Cox Little Gull	January 2, 2014 Karl Hoelper 130th Street Surf Ocean City	Blue Marlin	No Fish Reported	June 16, 2014 Crew "Boss Hogg" Baltimore Canyon
Weakfish	No Fish Reported	April 22, 2014 Tom Burke Broadkill Beach	Bluefin Tuna	May 8, 2015 Austin Ensor "Matetrix II" Wilmington Canyon	May 19, 2014 Ed Comley "Out-Rea-Geous" Baltimore Canyon
Flounder	April 17, 2015 Jeff Purdy Lewes Canal	January 3, 2014 Stanley He "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	Yellowfin Tuna	May 8, 2015 Tony Burr "Knock on Wood" Spencer Canyon	May 18, 2014 Tim McGuire "Nontypical" Balt/Wilm Canyon
Bluefish	April 18, 2015 Mike Hastings Assateague Surf	May 7, 2014 Big Bird Cropper South Jetty	Longfin Tuna	No Fish Reported	June 14, 2014 Mike Watts "Second Chance" Poor Man's Canyon
Black Drum	April 17, 2015 Tom Nelson Assateague Surf	April 9, 2014 Bill Powell Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna	No Fish Reported	May 27, 2014 Jacquelyn Keeney "Seaduction" 461 Lump
Sheepshead	No Fish Reported	May 26, 2014 Rob Antonucci "OC Guide Service" Assateague Bridge	Dolphin	May 9, 2015 Drew Holladay Wilmington Canyon	May 26, 2014 Julian Jerry "Lady Luck" 461 Lump
Thresher Shark	May 15, 2015 Matt Rivenburg Sausages	May 17, 2014 Joseph Foley "Just Right V" "DB" Buoy	Wahoo	No Fish Reported	June 9, 2014 Chase Cummings "Moore Bills" Poor Man's Canyon

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Tim Gola of Newark, DE smoked this 10 lb. tautog while fishing with green crabs at Site 10. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.



Stephane and Emily Brule from Crofton, MD, Patrick and Ben Dugan, also from Crofton, MD, Matt Crowley from Laurel, MD and Kevin Crowley from Beltsville, MD had a fun day of fishing on the headboat, "Judy V" with Capt. Roger Meekins, returning with several tautog from Site 10. The largest fish measured 24-inches and weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. All of the tog were caught on sand fleas. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



It was only seconds between hook-ups for Jason Fisher from Hellertown, PA when he was surfcasting off Bethany Beach. Jason's bluefish measured 28-inches and 37-inches.



Ron Krajewski from Lewes, DE caught this 35-inch, 14 lb. 15 oz. bluefish on a Bomber lure near the Cape Henlopen Pier. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.

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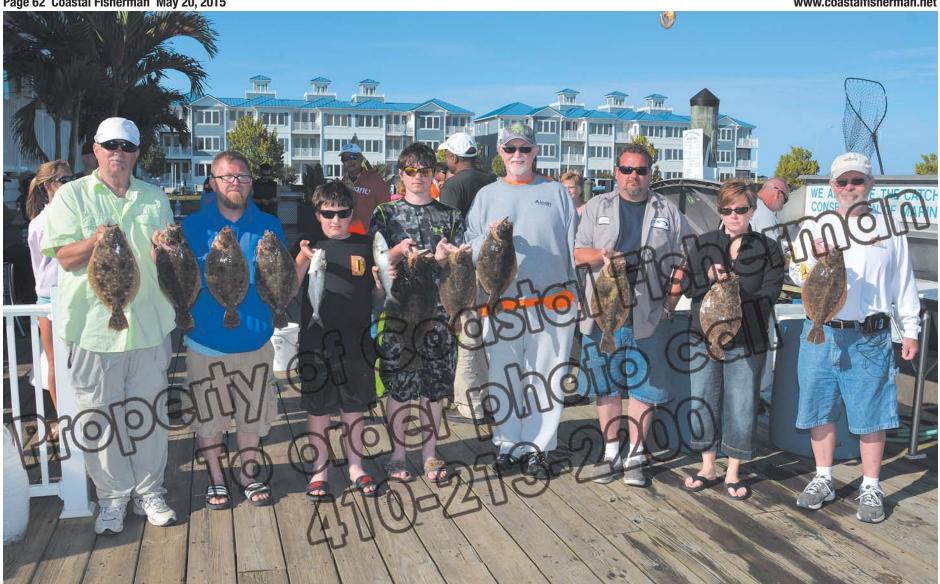
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Paul Schafer, Jay Hoffert, Dawson Scott, Heather Hook, Pat Waltz, Evan Stoltzfus, Evan Stoltzfus and George Henning had a great day fishing on the flounder headboat, "Bay Bee" with Capt. Cale Layton and mate Heather Dabroski. The anglers returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with 10 flounder and some snapper bluefish after drifting shiners in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge.









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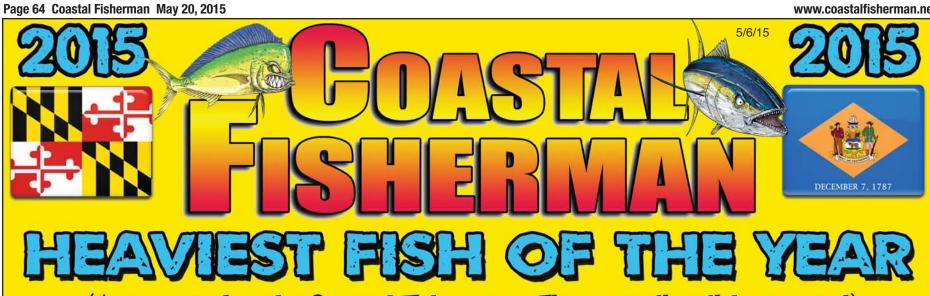
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Big striped bass rolled through our waters late afternoon on Thursday and Phillip Gray of Manassas, VA captured this 50-incher early afternoon on Saturday while surf fishing from the beach in mid-town Ocean City. The linesider tipped the scale at 42 lbs. 8 oz. and was caught during the incoming tide on cut bunker from Lucky Angler Bait & Tackle. Phillip was fishing with Bruce Koeppel and used 20 lb. braided line and 6 oz. of weight on a 10-foot surf rod to land the big fish.





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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
Sea Bass NEW	May 15, 2015 Kevin Twilley "Fish Bound" 4 lbs.	No Weights Reported	Mako Shark 100 lb. minimum	April 29, 2014 Andy Smelter "Nontypical" 170 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Tautog	January 2, 2015 Ken Westerfeld "Fish Bound" 28.8 lbs.	February 7, 2015 Shawn McCulley 15 lbs. 2 oz. Ocean Wreck	Thresher Shark	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Striped Bass NEV	May 16, 2015 Phillip Gray 42 lbs. 8 oz. Ocean City Surf	May 4, 2015 Noulack Mouyniuong 43 lbs. 2 oz. Indian River Inlet	Bluefin Tuna	May 17, 2015 Mike Hiemenz "Boss Hogg" 84 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Weakfish	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna	May 17, 2015 Mike Runk "Boss Hogg" 55 lbs.	May 16, 2015 William Wildbergh Wilmington Canyon 70 lbs.
Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder	May 10, 2015 Scott Peters 7 lbs. 4 oz. Rt. 90 Bridge	April 30, 2015 Bill Ream 9 lbs. 10 oz. VFW Slough	Bigeye Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefish	May 14, 2015 Matt Peel East Channel 13 lbs. 9 oz.	May 6, 2015 Bob Hilton 19 lbs. 8 oz. Indian River Inlet	Dolphin	No Weights Reported	May 9, 2015 Drew Holladay 7.5 lbs. Wilmington Canyon
Sheepshead	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Wahoo	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Black Drum	April 17, 2015 Tom Nelson 20 lbs. Assateague Surf	May 14, 2015 Jack Ostroski 63.2 lbs. Coral Beds	White Marlin	Most Releas None Reported	Ses in One Day None Reported

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Cody and Buddy Martin from Whaleyville, MD took advantage of a good bluefish bite around the Rt. 50 Bridge on Saturday and ended their day with 8 choppers in the box. They started their day tipping their bucktails with artificial baits but finally gave up and continued catching big blues on naked bucktails.



Adolf Otto was surprised when this 9 lb. 2 oz. flounder grabbed the sea bass rig he was using while fishing at Site 11 aboard the "Martha Marie". Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Jenn Sullivan caught this 46-inch, 40 lb. striped bass while below the Radar Towers in the Chesapeake Bay.



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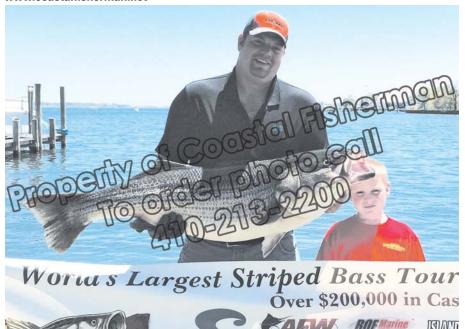










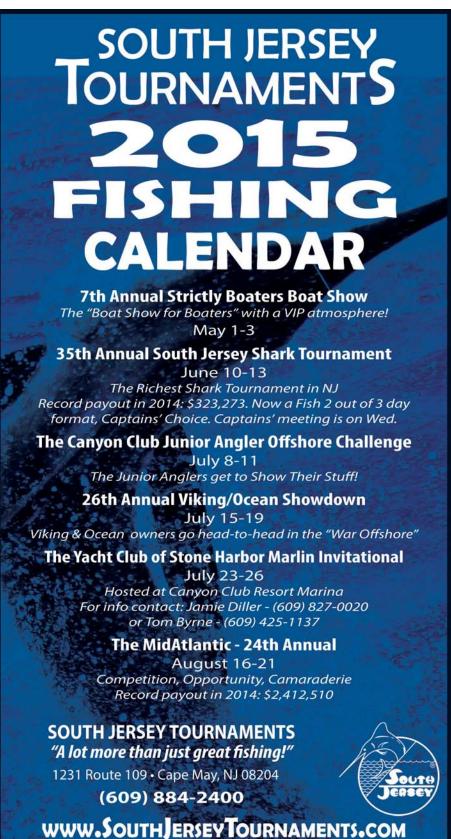




Over 2,500 anglers fished in the 2015 M.S.S.A Championship on the Chesapeake and nobody caught a larger striped bass than Garn Godwin (left) who won \$65,437 for his 53.3 pounder that set a tournament record for largest striper ever weighed in a M.S.S.A tournament. Bob Arvey (right) won 2nd place honors with a 50.2 pounder worth \$22,167 in award money. Third place went to Kevin Tracey with a 47.4 lb. bass and James Snyder took 4th place with a 46.05 lb. linesider. The tournament also had a good turnout in the Youth and Ladies Division with 41 junior anglers and 72 lady anglers participating.



Stevie Scales was drifting minnows in the Lewes Canal when she hooked into this 2 lb. 15 oz. flounder. Stevie weighed the big flattie at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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As the weather continues to warm, the spring fishing trend is showing promise of a good season.

The red and black drum scene continues to improve on the Eastern Shore side of the Bay.



Last week, the black drum activity in the Chesapeake Bay took a notable leap, with several boats catching multiple fish. Plenty of big blacks, measuring to over 46-inches, are hitting offerings of chowder clams and sea clams, with anglers experiencing good catches from near Buoys 13 and 16 off Cape Charles, to Buoys 8 and 10 along Nautilus Shoal.

Red drum action, especially

at night, is also escalating with anglers finding good action along the breakers and within the inlet at Fisherman's Island as well as along Nautilus and the Nine-foot Shoals. Both cut bait and blue crabs are working for reds lately.

Anglers are still finding some striped bass action along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, where a variety of topwater lures thrown along the spines at all four islands is getting the job done, especially at first light and at dusk. The current Bay guidelines can be tricky right now, so be sure to review the regulations before you go.

Small to medium-sized croaker, small spot and some sea mullet, together with nice weather is making local fishing piers popular lately. Piers along the oceanfront are also hosting some snapper bluefish in the

mix.

The Bay flounder bite is still not on fire, but the action continues to develop. Some flatfish responded to offerings of live bait and jigs presented around the structure of the Bay Bridge Tunnel last week. Keeper-sized flounder are still active within the Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets, while anglers are still reporting limits of respectable flatties from the seaside inlets and backwaters of the Eastern Shore. A few puppy drum are also responding in many of these same shallow water locations.



Wreckfishing may attract some renewed interest, since the sea bass season reopened www.coastalfisherman.net

last week. A few boats tested the water on opening day, with some decent fish showing up, although not huge numbers of them. You can keep up to 15 sea bass per person, measuring at least 12.5-inches long.

Spadefish will appear soon at the Chesapeake Light Tower and near shore wrecks, and a few nice sheepshead are also beginning to show along the CBBT.

Deep dropping is still a good bet, with blueline tilefish, golden tilefish, blackbellied rosefish, wreck fish and a variety of grouper still on the menu along the edges of the Norfolk Canyon. With black sea bass season open, anticipate an increase in deep dropping interest.

The Carolina bluewater bite is still going on with yellowfin tuna and bull dolphin dominating the scene. A few billfish are also still a possibility.

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Angler Restaurant Talbot Street Tackle Talbot Street Pier Oceanic Fishing Pier Wockenfuss Candy - 1st St. Boardwalk Park Place Hotel - 3rd Street Wockenfuss Candy - 7th St. Boardwalk **Quality Inn - 16th Street** Layton's Restaurant - 16th Street Holiday Inn - 17th Street **Bahia Marina - 22nd Street** 28th Street Pit & Pub Anthony's Beer, Wine & Deli - 33rd Street Minit Market - 33rd Street **Dough Roller - 41st Street** Advanced Marina - 66th Street **Dough Roller - 69th Street Exxon Wine Rack - 86th Street**

Layton's Restaurant - 92nd Street

Clarion Hotel - 101st Street

Denny's - 112th Street

Oyster Bay Tackle - 116th Street

Wawa - 120th Street

7-Eleven - 120th Street

Montego Bay Market - 130th Street

OCEAN CITY (cont'd)

Primo Hoagies - 132nd Street 7-Eleven - 139th Street

WEST OCEAN CITY

Ocean City Visitors Center Wawa - Rt. 50 Superfresh - Rt. 50 Wockenfuss Candy - Rt. 50 All Tackle Ocean City - Rt. 50 **Ocean City Fishing Center Ocean City Marlin Club** Harborside Bar & Grill Captain's Galley **Atlantic Tackle (formally Ake Marine) Sunset Marina Sunset Provisions Sunset Grill - Teasers Harbor Marine** Food Lion - Rt. 611 Larry's Trading Post - Rt. 611

Optical Galleria - Rt. 611 CIM WEIGHTED

Island Tackle Outfitters - Main Street

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All Tackle - Somerville Road

BERLIN & PITTSVILLE

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INDIAN RIVER

Indian River Marina Hook 'em & Cook 'em

DEWEY REHOBOTH LEWES

Pier Point Marina Lewes Harbour Marina Ice House Bait & Tackle **Bill's Sport Shop** Superfresh - Rt. 1

LONG NECK

Short's Marine Rick's Bait & Tackle



TIDES & MOON PHASES

OCEAN CITY INLET

Wed. May 20	Low 04:14 am Low 04:02 pm	High 10:15 am High 10:50 pm
Thurs. May 21	Low 05:05 am Low 04:50 pm	High 11:01 am High 11:34 pm
Fri. May 22	Low 05:57 am Low 05:42 pm	High 11:47 am High
Sat. May 23	Low 06:50 am Low 06:37 pm	High 12:19 am High 12:37 pm
Sun. May 24	Low 07:42 am Low 07:34 pm	High 01:06 am High 01:31 pm
Mon. May 25 First Quarter	Low 08:30 am Low 08:31 pm	High 01:56 am High 02:28 pm
Tues. May 26	Low 09:16 am Low 09:29 pm	High 02:49 am High 03:28 pm
Wed. May 27	Low 10:01 am Low 10:27 pm	High 03:42 am High 04:24 pm
Thurs. May 28	Low 10:44 am Low 11:22 pm	High 04:32 am High 05:13 pm
Fri. May 29	Low 11:25 am Low	High 05:18 am High 05:50 pm
Sat. May 30	Low 12:12 am Low 12:04 pm	High 06:03 am High 06:42 pm
Sun. May 31	Low 12:57 am Low 12:43 pm	High 06:46 am High 07:25 pm
Mon. June 1	Low 01:39 am Low 01:22 pm	High 07:31 am High 08:09 pm
Tues. June 2 Full Moon	Low 02:19 am Low 02:02 pm	High 08:16 am High 08:52 pm

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide
Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide
- subtract 45 minutes to low tide
Wachapreague VA - add 4 minutes for high tide

Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide - 21 minutes for low tide

Quinby Inlet, VA - subtract 6 minutes for high tide

These tides are only meant to be a guide, as tides can be affected by storms and weather fronts.



•••• MAY ••••

6th Annual Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament

May 23-24 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

•••• JUNE ••••

19th Annual Mako Mania

June 5-7 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7438

57th Annual Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament

Ladies Event - June 6 • Tournament - June 8-13

Morehead City, NC • 252-247-3575

35th Annual South Jersey Shark Tourn. *June 10-13 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400*

26th Annual MSSA Tuna-Ment

June 19-21 • Sunset Marina • 410-255-5535

36th Annual Marlin Club

Small Boat Tournament

June 20-21 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

•••• JULY ••••

33rd Annual Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off *July 3-5 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613*

7th Annual Pier Point Marina Flounder Tourn. *July 3 - Aug 8 • Dewey Beach, DE • 302-227-2808*

28th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament *July 10-12• OC Fishing Center • 410-213-1121*

26th Annual Ocean/Viking Showdown *July 15-19 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400*

11th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic *July 18-19 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613*

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SHIP'S CAFE' - 1987 60' Merritt Call Alan Fields



CAROL LIBBY - 2013 60' Spencer Call Jimmy Fields



REEL HOOKER - 1998 60' Ricky Scarborough Custom Carolina - Call Jimmy Fields



1988 58' Monterey Call Jimmy Fields



REEL AFFAIR - 2001 55' Ricky Scarborough - Call Jeff James



WHY NOT - 1992 45' Ricky Scarborough Call Jimmy Fields



FULL CHOKE - 2002 38' Jarrett Bay Express Custom Carolina - Call Jeff James



TAILWALKER 2 - 1998 50' Viking Call David Fields



8 LURES - 2006 41' Luhrs Convertible Call Steve Trattner



BLACK WIDOW - 1999 45' Ocean Call Steve Trattner



NATURAL ABILITY- 2006 32' Carolina Classic - Call Steve Trattner



MISTRESS - 2008 33' Albemarle 330 Express - Call Jeff James



PEGASUS - 1998 48' Ocean Call Gary Stamm



WORLD CAT - 2008 32' World Cat 320EC Call David Fields



FIRST AND MORE - 2003 28' Carolina Classic -Call Gary Stamm



SEA NOTE - 2001-32' Lunrs Convertible Call Steve Trattner



M'mM'm Good - 2000 28' Albemarle Express -Call Steve Trattner



BEAUTY QUEEN - 2007 30' Grady White 305 Express - Call Steve Trattner



ISLANDER - 1964 36' Islander Call Gary Stamm



SEA ROBIN - 2000 28' Carolina Classic -Call Steve Trattner

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