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Just missing the Maryland state record by 32 lbs., anglers on the "Fin Chaser" fought this 610 lb. thresher shark for 1 hour last Friday after hooking it on a whole mackerel at the Fingers. Fishing with Capt. Dan Stauffer and mate Dave Weller were Peter Soldano from Annapolis, MD, James and Jim Anderson from Pasadena, MD and Jamie Lilly from Davidsonville, MD. Weighed at Ake Marine.



Rob Eismann, Scott Ditman, E.B. Whelan, Jason Bozarth, Dyke Booze, Sean Hickey, Darren Helwig, Sean Terri and Capt. Jonathon Mason had a great day on Saturday, returning with a 126 lb. bigeye tuna in the box, 13 yellowfins, 1 bluefin and a mahi, all while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars north of the Baltimore Canyon.



Anthony, Brooks and Renay Grasso from Perry Hall, MD were fishing on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather and mate Tyler Hasenei when Brooks landed a 23-inch black drum at the Assateague Bridge and Renay caught a 22-inch, 6 lb. weakfish in the East Channel. The black drum was fooled with a chunk of clam and the weakie ate a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Glen and Brad Cave from Dagsboro, DE were trolling ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon when they captured this 180 lb. bigeye tuna, 7 yellowfin tuna and a dolphin. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Trevor Gouert from Lewes, DE is surrounded by fans while posing with the 47-inch, 57.2 lb. black drum he caught while fishing with clams off Broadkill Beach. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.



Eric Richards of Silver Spring, MD was drifting in the Thorofare when he captured this 18 1/2-inch flounder, his first flattie. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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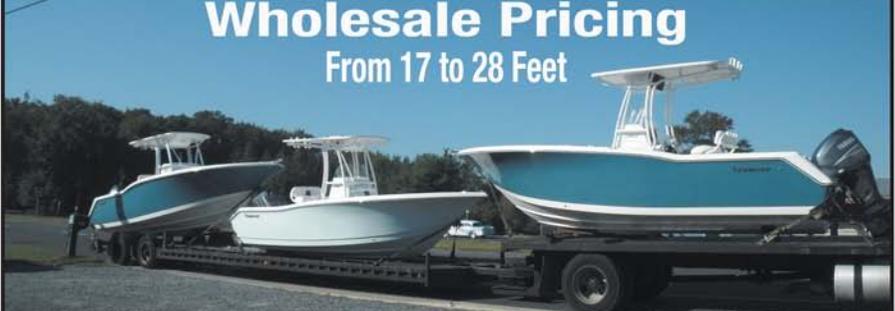
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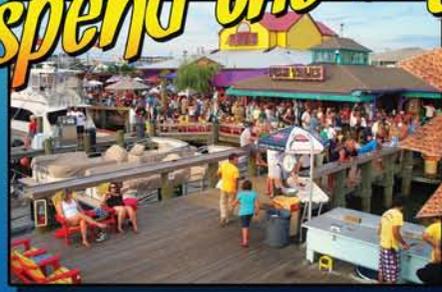
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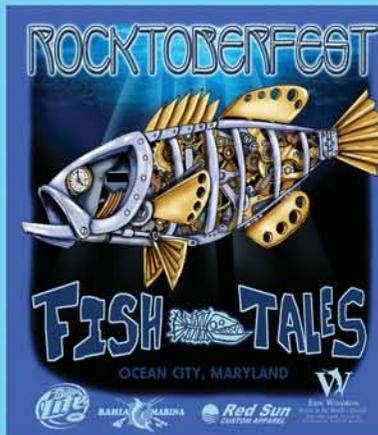
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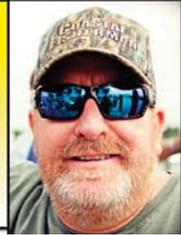
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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It was a beautiful weekend in Ocean City and we saw quite a bit of action at the scales. The tuna bite looks like it is starting to heat up, so if you ever thought about chartering a boat to head offshore, take a look through this issue of the *Coastal Fisherman* and make some calls. It is usually a great time and one that you will remember for a long time.

Mako Mania Shark Tournament

The 18th Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament was held at Bahia Marina last weekend and it was another exciting tournament for both anglers and spectators. They had 46 boats registered in the tournament and over \$69,000 in prize money.

On Friday, 17 boats hit the water and the first one to arrive at the scale was the "Reel Nauti" with 16 year old, Dakota Bittner's 398 lb. thresher shark. The thresher ate a whole bluefish near the Fingers and held on to win 1st place in the Thresher Division. "Port-A-Bella" was the next boat to hit the scale with their 229.4 lb. thresher. The charter boat, "White Lightning" took the early lead with a 135 lb. mako caught in 40 fathoms inside the Poor Man's Canyon, but their lead didn't last long because right behind them



On Saturday, Bill Sands from Pasadena, MD landed this 133 lb. bigeye tuna while trolling a skirted ballyhoo in 200 fathoms of the Poor Man's Canyon. Bill was fishing on the "Drifter" with Jay Brent and Denny Stallings. Weighed at Ake Marine.

was a 138 lb. mako caught on the "Top Dog".

Day 2 of the tournament saw most of the boats leave the Inlet, but only 4 makos were weighed with none large enough to unseat the "White Lightning" and the "Top Dog".

On Sunday, the final day of the tournament, most people were expecting the "Reel Nauti" to hold on to the top

spot in the Thresher Division, but the Mako Division looked like it was up for grabs. The "Playmate" was the first boat to arrive and just missed breaking into the top 3 positions with a 129.6 lb. mako. All was quiet until the "Nontypical" showed up with a 223.7 pounder, good enough to take over 1st place in the Mako Division and win a check for over \$38,000. Capt. Terry Layton found an acre school of big, chopper bluefish

www.coastalfisherman.net in 66-degree water south of the Hot Dog. They didn't even have their second bait in the water when the big mako took the tuna fillet offered by angler Tim McGuire and the fight was on. A half hour later, the fish was worth money.

The final boat at the scale was the "Wrecker" with 5 chopper bluefish. Their 2 heaviest, weighing 10.8 and 11.4 lbs., took 1st and 2nd in the Bluefish Division and were caught in 30 fathoms at the Sausages on Gotcha Plugs and Rat-L-Traps.

Sharks

Outside of the Mako Mania Shark Tournament, the big news was the 610 lb. thresher shark caught by anglers on the "Fin Chaser". The big thresher, only 32 lbs. shy of the Maryland state record, was hooked on a mackerel at the Fingers last Friday.

Most of the shark action over the weekend took place around the Hot Dog, Sausages and the Fingers. There was a 317 lb. mako caught out of the Indian River Marina by anglers fishing in 500 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon.

Tuna

It was a good weekend for tuna fishermen with Saturday being the better of the 2 days. Several boats returned with good catches of yellowfins in the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons.

On Saturday, "Grande Pez" had a great day in the Poor Man's with 10 yellowfins ending up in their box. In the Baltimore, "Boss Hogg" caught 8 yellowfins and the "Marli" ended up with a half

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dozen. Hugh and J.L. Cropper took their World Cat out to the Poor Man's where they also ended up with 6 yellowfins in the box from 100 fathoms.

On Sunday, the "Reel Fin Addict" fished in 70 to 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's and had 8 yellowfins and a couple of mahi. The "Triple S" went to the Baltimore Canyon where they caught 6 nice size yellowfins and a dolphin.

The bigeye bite had anglers chomping at the bit all week to get to their favorite bigeye hole. On Wednesday, the charter boat, "Foolish Pleasures" returned with a 140.65 pounder from 500 fathoms, south of the Poor Man's where Capt. Dale Lisi found 70-degree water. On Saturday, the "Halcyon" reportedly caught 2 bigeyes and a dolphin in the Poor Man's with their largest eyeball weighing 227 lbs. Also on Saturday, Bill Sands caught a 133 lb. bigeye on a trolled ballyhoo in the Poor Man's and the "Reel Intentions"

returned with a 126 pounder from the Baltimore.

There were 3 bigeyes caught over the weekend by Indian River boats. The fish were caught in the Baltimore Canyon with the heaviest weighing 180 lbs.

Flounder

Anglers were frustrated for most of the week with dirty water conditions in the bay resulting in a sub par flounder bite. The cleanest water was found on most days outside the South Jetty where anglers were able to pick up a few flatties. This was where Chuck Wenzel ended up with 3 keepers on Sunday, all caught on Gulp!.

Early in the week, we saw a few flounder come in from the East Channel and from anglers trolling and drifting over the flats north of the Thorofare.

Sea Bass

Headboats continue to put their anglers on good catches of knotheads when fishing on

ocean structure. In addition to good numbers of sea bass being caught, we also saw several fish weighing over 3 lbs. landed last week. Clams and squid continue to be the best offerings.

Sheepshead

We saw 2 sheepshead caught last week. The first came in from a junior angler fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" early in the week. The 5 lb. 15 oz. fish was caught on a green crab while the boat was anchored at the South Jetty.

The 2nd sheepshead was also caught at the South Jetty, but this one was hooked on Sunday by Brian Scharle while fishing from his kayak. Brian's sheepshead measured 17-inches and weighed 3 lbs. 10 oz.

In the Surf

Sue Foster at Oyster Bay Tackle reported that more stripers were caught in the surf, but not in any great

June 11, 2014 Coastal Fisherman Page 9 numbers. Bluefish, sharks, rays and kingfish continued to dominate the action in the suds.

Upcoming Tournament

Unbelievably, there isn't a tournament this weekend in Ocean City.

To make up for it, there are 2 tournaments on the schedule the following weekend. The M.S.S.A. Tuna-Ment will be held on June 20th, 21st and 22nd. Weigh-ins will be held locally at Sunset Marina and at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina. For more information, you can call 410-255-5535.

The Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament will also be held at Sunset Marina on June 21st and 22nd. This tournament has both inshore and offshore divisions and is open to all boats 34-feet and under. For more information, please call the Ocean City Marlin Club at 410-213-1833.

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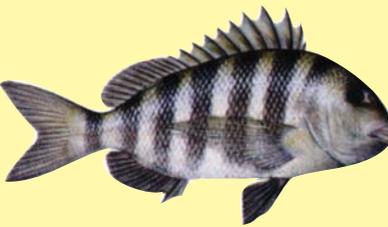


Dominic Davis, Jr. and Dominic Davis, Sr., both from Wilmington, DE caught a pair of flounder while drifting squid and minnows in Massey's Ditch. Their largest fish measured 24-inches. Photo courtesy of Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



Andrew Nertz from Upland, PA is happy with the 31-inch, 11 lb. 13 oz. striped bass he caught while fishing with a bucktail in the Indian River Inlet. Pictured at Bill's Sport Shop.

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Rich Johnson of Felton, DE captured this 23.5-inch flounder while fishing with a Zoom lure in the Indian River Inlet. The fish weighed 5 lbs. 2 oz. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.



Luke Long landed this 23-inch flounder on a Gulp! artificial bait in the Indian River Bay. Luke is currently looking for a new photographer.



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Alfred Morgan from Mechanicsville, MD caught this 3 lb. 4 oz. sea bass on a strip of squid at a natural ocean reef. Alfred was fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts.



Pink has been a hot color for catching flounder this season and Kim Blessing boated a pair while drifting live minnows near Buoy #6 behind Ocean City. Kim's fish measured 19 1/2-inches and 21-inches and were caught while fishing on the "OC Joy" with Denny and Dave Blessing. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Marc Taylor from Sparrows Point, MD was fishing with a swim shad in the Indian River Inlet when he caught this 25 1/2-inch, 5 lb. 4 oz. weakfish. Marc weighed his catch at Fenwick Tackle.

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"He caught fish and I didn't!!!!"

Well, that's just the story of fishing. It always happens and it always will. Why does one person "catch" and the poor guy or gal standing 20 feet away cannot even get a bite! Is it luck? Is it destiny? A good hole? Or is it the bait or rig? All of the above? My Dad, Irv Mumford always used to say this to me when I couldn't catch a fish, "Sue, you're not holding your mouth right!" I can tell you honestly that I learned how to "pout" at a very early age when I couldn't catch a fish and others were... and I still do!

One of my first experiences of "not catching fish" was fishing with my Dad at night on the beach, after dark, for stripers. We were casting some sort of artificial eels and the men were catching stripers and I could not. Turned out, the fish were very close in, practically in the wash, just at the crest of the falling wave before it hit the beach. Dad casted my rod for me, jigged it much slower than I was working it, and hooked me up a striper. Now, I was only about 11 years old and was happy as could be. If I were a little older, I would have known to watch the other men and see how far they were casting and how they were working their lures. I would

have looked at the beach and tried to see the structure they were fishing and I might have seen that nice little rip they were working. On the beach, overcasting can often mean missing the fish and sometimes that perfect "honey hole" is only a few feet away from where you are casting.

One of my really, really bad fishing experiences was with my husband in the Outer Banks when we were first dating. The speckled trout bite was happening in close to the Kitty Hawk Pier and my husband was first throwing a MirrOlure and then a Grub lure on a lead head. He started casting and caught fish after fish. I tied up a grub, ran out there, and start casting and retrieving and couldn't even get a bump. I was wet, frustrated and generally just pissed off! It seemed everyone was catching fish but me! "What am I doing wrong?" I asked. "Just go out there and keep casting!" he said.

Well, it didn't work for me and the only bite I had was when the line wrapped around the spool and my lure fell in close to the shore. Later I realized I was overcasting and reeling in too fast. The fish were practically at my feet and I was throwing out as far as I could. At that time of my life, I had rarely fished with lures, always bait, and was just



This pair of 24-inch flatties fell at the hands of Saad Soliman while jigging a bucktail tipped with a pink Gulp! artificial bait on ocean structure. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

inexperienced. Later in my life, I learned from that lesson to be patient, watch and try to learn. My husband, since, has taken me speckled trout fishing here and in Virginia, and some days I still have the huge "pout" and wonder why I drove 2 hours this way and 2 hours that way just to be frustrated watching him and his friend out fish me 10 to 1. Of course, some days, I have the big smile when I outfish them! Thank goodness for Gulp! Swimming Mulletts as they can make a lure fisherman

out of anyone!

I did learn one thing about lure fishing back then. I spent a week in the Outer Banks by myself and practiced on bluefish! Bluefish are a little easier to catch than stripers and speckled trout and I walked the beach and piers casting a silver spoon until I got it right. If you want to learn casting lures, go up on the Route 50 Bridge while the blues are biting, or go down to the Oceanic Pier under the lights and practice on shad and

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blues. You can also go up to the Indian River Inlet on the incoming tide. I have spent several hours at the Indian River Inlet over the years and have learned that you cast up current, count to 10 as the lure sinks, then jig it up and down in the current. THEN start cranking as it passes by you. Many overeager anglers start reeling too soon. You need to let it sink first. Fish often grab the lure as they see it fluttering to the bottom!

Always watch what other people do and what they use. Some anglers think that just because it is a bluefish and they have teeth that you have to

have a wire leader. Casting a lure in an inlet with a wire leader can spook a fish, even a bluefish, so I think you will be better off with a 30 to 40-pound test leader material over a pre-made wire leader. You may lose a few lures, but I think you'll catch more fish.

There are thousands and thousands of words I could write about what you may be doing wrong when someone is catching fish right beside you. Sometimes it's the technique. Sometimes it's the rig and bait. If some guy is catching tautog next to you with green crabs and sand fleas, and you are using frozen shiners, you will not catch a tautog. You have the wrong bait! But, if you are both fishing the same bait and rig, that other angler may be in the perfect hole on the bottom and you are not! I have been in that situation, and you can bet, I mark that hole and come back on another day and try that spot, and guess what... fish are there!

Watch, listen, wait and learn....

Bottom structure is very important. Water can be 5-foot here and 20-foot away may be a deeper 7-foot hole where the fish are lying. I like to fish the Route 50 Bridge occasionally and on a day when you have clear water you can actually see the little shoals, dips and channels. I noticed some good anglers casting diagonally rather than straight out to find some of these honey holes for flounder. When anglers go up there every day, they learn the holes and which ones work on certain tides! You're not going to learn it in one day.

Just try to be patient, and try not to let frustration overcome your learning curve.

Watch, listen, wait and learn...

Good fishing...

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

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K.B. Brittingham was tossing a MirrOLure in the Roosevelt Inlet when he hooked into this 5 lb. 3 oz. weakfish. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



This past Saturday, Sean Nikzad ventured down from northern Virginia to do some fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. Sean ended up boating this 4 lb. sea bass after hooking it on a strip of squid at a natural ocean reef. You can find the "Angler" at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock in downtown Ocean City.

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It was a good day on Sunday for the anglers aboard the "Triple S" who returned with 6 yellowfin tuna and a dolphin after trolling GT Lures in 200 fathoms, south of the Poor Man's Canyon in 69-degree water. The tuna were caught as a single, double and triple with the heaviest weighing 44.7 lbs. Pictured at the Bahia Marina scale are Chris Stafford, Doc Drgon and Greg Thummel.



Brian Scharle from Ocean Pines, MD was fishing from his kayak around the South Jetty on Sunday when he hooked this 17-inch, 3 lb. 10 oz. sheepshead on a sand flea.

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Greg Wagner was looking to catch a thresher shark and his wish came true while fishing on the "Marie Ann" with Chris Wagner, Ron Steen and Capt. Brian Wazlavek of the "Lil' Angler II". The 144.5 pounder ate a whole mackerel near the Delaware Light and took 40 minutes to get to the boat. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



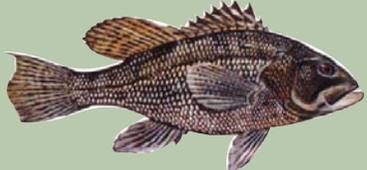
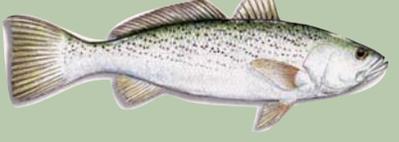
Brennan Thompson from Chadds Ford, PA was fishing off the Indian River Jetty on the south side of the inlet when he landed this 38-inch striped bass after hooking it on a purple Bomber lure.



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Ron Appleby from Mt. Arlington, NJ was fishing by the Assateague Bridge on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford when he hooked into this 24-inch speckled trout with a Z-Man Smoked Paddler on a 1/4 oz. jighead.



Bean Glavich caught her first flounder of the season while trolling in the Thorofare on the "Less Bills". Bean hooked the 17 1/2-inch flattie on a minnow and Gulp! combination.



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On Sunday, the crew on the "Reel Fin Addict" ventured to the Poor Man's Canyon where they caught 8 yellowfin tuna and a pair of mahi-mahi in 68-degree water. The fish were hooked in 70 to 100 fathoms on Canyon Candy Splash Bars and Splash Chains with the heaviest yellowfin weighing 44 lbs. Pictured are Matt Wroten, Ronnie Isaac, Ricky Hubbard, Steve Louck, Capt. Pete Weaver and mate Nick Neary of Canyon Candy Tackle.

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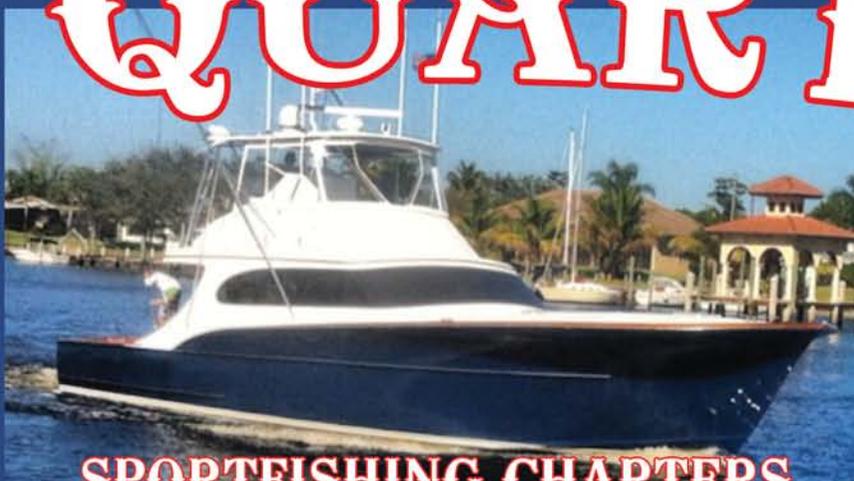


Willie Thomas from Easton, MD caught a pair of nice size sea bass while fishing with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Jake Shaffer and Jake Knox on the headboat, "Morning Star". Willie fooled the sea bass with chunks of clams on natural ocean bottom. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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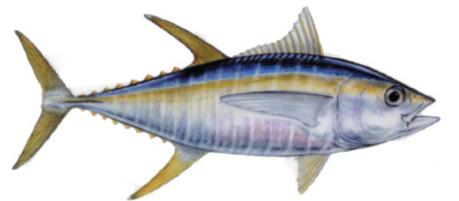
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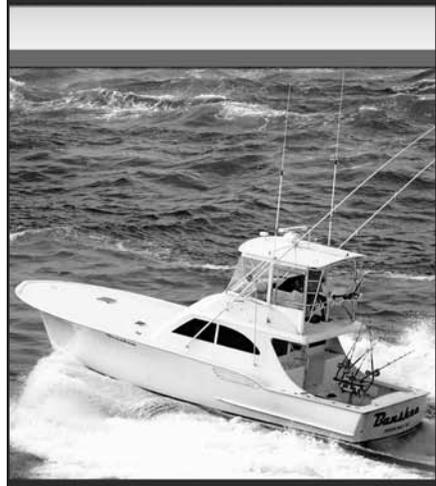
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This 3 lb. 8 oz. sea bass fell at the hands of Tom Wilkinson of Cambridge, MD while fishing with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo on the headboat, "Angler". The knothead was fooled with a strip of squid at a natural reef.



Cole Shook muscled in his first bluefish while drifting a Gulp! artificial bait near the Rt. 50 Bridge. Cole was fishing with his uncle, Ryan Freese.

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Kaia Welch of Salisbury, MD caught 5 lb. 15 oz. sheephead and Torri White is pictured with a tautog, both caught while fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Chris Sullivan. The fish were hooked on green crabs while anchored at the South Jetty. Weighed at Ake Marine.

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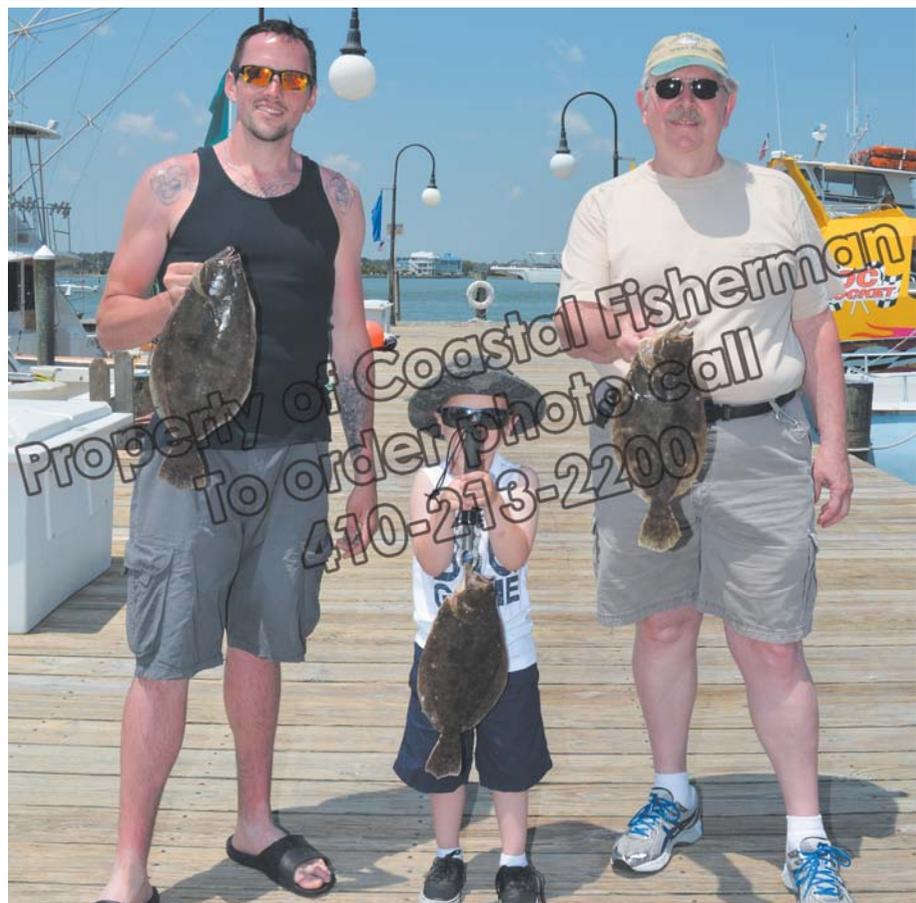
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Alison Verfin of Hanover Township, PA landed a 4 lb. 12 oz. flounder while drifting a squid and shiner combination in the East Channel. Alison was fishing on the headboat, "Tortuga" with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mate Serge Garder. Pictured back at Bahia Marina.



Derek Holmes from Humbolt, IN, Nathaniel Butler from McDaniel, MD and John Milby from Ocean Pines, MD each went home with a keeper flounder in the cooler after fishing on the headboat, "Happy Hooker" with Capt. Steve Whitelock and mate Cody Smith. All 3 fish were caught on shiners in the West Channel. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



After a fairly slow early season, it actually looked like a typical fishing season this past weekend with flounder, weakfish, tuna and dolphin hitting the scales.

Capt. Bert Adams at Hook'em & Cook'em tackle shop in the Indian River Marina said that anglers are pecking at snapper bluefish, stripers, flounder, shad and weakfish in the Indian River Inlet. Bluefish and shad are all over and anglers are having luck tossing spec rigs tipped with curly tails. A few stripers are being caught during the morning and early evening hours. Weakfish weighing between 4 and 6 lbs. were landed by anglers fishing on Saturday.

Bert reported croakers being caught in the Indian River Bay, but he hadn't heard much on the flounder front.

The headboat, "Judy V" had a good trip on Saturday, especially for anglers looking for flounder. They returned with 11 flatties, up to 24-inches, during their morning trip and followed that up with another 8 flounder in the afternoon.

Indian River boats heading offshore over the weekend brought back 3 bigeye tuna from the Baltimore Canyon. Angler fishing on the "On the Edge" boated a 180 pounder and 7 yellowfins in the Baltimore canyon on Saturday. Chris Eby captured a 170 lb. eyeball and another group of anglers landed a 132 pounder, both also in the Baltimore.

Yellowfin tuna were also



Bill Baker from Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE really knows how to hold a 20-inch flounder and make it look like it is a 25-incher! Bill captured the 2 lb. 8 oz. flattie while fishing with Gulp! artificial baits at Massey's Landing.

caught in decent numbers in the Baltimore Canyon and in the northern end of the Poor Man's. Bert also said that a group headed to the Wilmington Canyon and caught a few yellowfins and a half dozen dolphin.

Finally, a big 317 lb. mako

shark was caught on an overnight trip by a group of anglers fishing in 500 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Fresh bluefish was the ticket for hooking the 96 1/2-inch shark.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina also said that sharks were in the news at his dock during

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the week. Threshers aren't usually caught at night, but the one Captain Brian Wazlavek and his crew aboard the "Lil' Angler II" landed didn't get the memo. They headed down the Buoy Line on Sunday night and set-up on structure, west of Delaware Light. Capt. Brian found a temperature break from 58.5 to 61-degrees holding a school of Aquatic Nutritions Bloodstream and Voodoo Menhaden Milk. At 2:00 AM, a good sized shark grabbed a butterflied mackerel and after a 45 minute battle, Josh Chubb subdued the 221.5 pounder, with assistance from Mike Trestka and Aaron Jost. After hearing of that catch, Greg Wagner had his sights set on a thresher and Captain Brian offered to ride along with Greg on Wednesday and provide some guidance. They headed back toward the Delaware Light, but stopped short when they spotted a shark on the surface. At 6:50 AM they were hooked up, and by 7:30 AM Chris Wagner and Ron Steen were helping to haul the 144.5 pound whiptail aboard. Greg's wish had come to pass.

Dustin Schell, John Kenyon and Trevor Paradysz were trolling in the Baltimore Canyon on Wednesday and boated an 85 pound mako that grabbed a ballyhoo and Ilander combo meant for tuna. John Kenyon went seeking sharks again on Saturday morning, and picked "DB" Buoy as the spot to try for threshers. John, Tom Kenyon and Jimmy Yingling teamed up to capture a 93 pounder there.

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yellowfins weighing up to 51.5 pounds. Other crews told of yellowfins in Baltimore Canyon too, as well as some bigeyes. Jason Massey said a large eyeball picked the lightest outfit in his spread on Saturday, of course, and it took almost 3 ½ hours to bring aboard. During the time they weren't battling the bigeye, Jason and his buddies managed 6 keeper yellowfins weighing up to 50 lbs., plus other shorts. Ed Sigda and his gang on the "Snow Goose" overnighted offshore Saturday afternoon into Sunday when they headed to the Poor Man's Canyon and trolled nice yellowfins weighing up to 59 lbs. before nightfall. The crew moved north to the Baltimore for some sharking, and during the darkness they tagged and released a 60-inch mako, along with a huge 12-foot hammerhead! Before dawn, they were surrounded by tinker mackerel and scores of schoolie bluefin tuna that eagerly grabbed metal jigs. Once day broke, they returned to trolling for a couple more keeper yellowfins and a gaffer mahi. The guys capped the trip off with some blueline and golden tiles from the bottom

before heading home.

Jason Burris ran his "Sea Hunter" north of the Baltimore Canyon on Sunday, and trolled up a 45 lb. yellowfin and a 17.8 lb. dolphin for Jason's son Gannon, on his first offshore fishing trip.

Back inshore, sea bass fishermen had to work hard for any big numbers of legal fish. Captain Brent anchored the "Katydid" many different times over structure in 100 to 130-foot depths on Wednesday, but he picked some nice fish at each spot. At the end of the trip, his anglers returned with 111 keeper knotheads and 22 big ling. Capt. Brent switched his schedule from seeking sea bass to finding flounder on Saturday when he drifted the Old Grounds, where his patrons put 12 quality fluke in the box.

In the Delaware Bay, the black drum run on the Coral Beds is about done, but boomers were caught in the lower end of Bayshore Channel near the Cape May Canal entrance. Joshua Mellinger muscled in a 63.2 pounder, and Mike Haller handled a 48.8 lb. drum while fishing there with Captain Vince

on the "Miss Kirstin" on Saturday night.

Weakfish continue to please casters around the Roosevelt Inlet, the Ferry Jetty and the Inner Wall. K.B. Brittingham was tossing a MirrOLure at Roosevelt when he connected with a 5.16 lb. trout. Kyle Scott used white Gulp! at the Ferry Jetty for his 3.8 lb. sea trout. Dan Martin was fishing from the bank of the Broadkill River on Sunday morning when he landed a 5.79 lb. tiderunner that took a chunk of peeler crab. Joe Ryan and Shirley Muncey worked soft plastics in the eddy of a Delaware Bay wreck on Sunday for several nice weakies, including Shirley's 4.78 lb. citation earner.

Boaters anchoring on Reef Site 5 in Broadkill Slough got into croakers, kingfish, trout, spot, blowfish and bluefish. Many of the hardheads were small, but larger specimens hung tight to reef rubble. Clams, bloodworms and Fishbites worked well for all the panfish.

Flounder have not turned on in the Delaware Bay yet, but flatfish continue to come from the Lewes Canal and Broadkill River, and along Lewes Beach

June 11, 2014 Coastal Fisherman Page 35 and the Ferry Jetty. Young flounder pounder, Andrew Wertz used minnows in the Roosevelt and had keepers of 16 and 18-inches, plus 6 more shorts. Shane Townsend took a 4.16 lb. fluke from Roosevelt with a minnow. Jim Haug had flatties of 17 and 25-inches in the Roosevelt on Sunday.

Stripers are showing up along the Outer Wall. Jason Leach checked in his limit of linesiders measuring up to 36-inches that fell for eels at the Breakwater on Saturday night.

Surf anglers along the ocean beach got a few bluefish, kingfish and croakers on bunker, mullet and bloodworms. Dave Furio had quite the surprise Saturday when he landed a 45-inch cobia from the suds at Herring Point.

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The majority of yellowfins we have seen so far this year have been on the small side, but William Lodge landed himself a nice 51.5 pounder while trolling spreader bars 66-degree water in the Baltimore Canyon. The yellowfin was 1 of 6 kept by William and his dad, Art Lodge while working in 100 fathoms. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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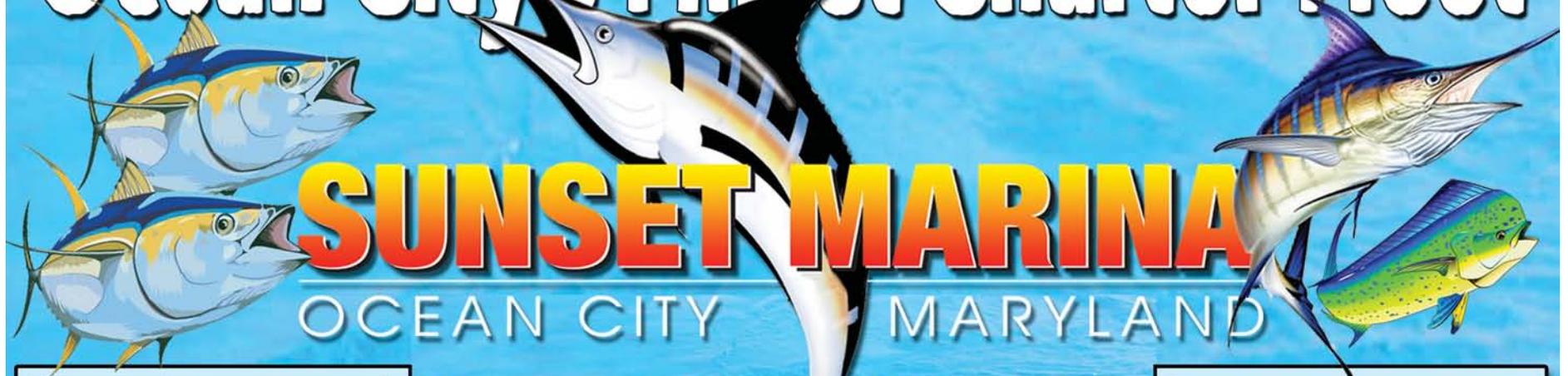
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<p>56th Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament Chairmen: Franky Pettolina, Bob Wimbrow & Bill Fenwick Registration: August 28, 6:30pm FREE TO PAID OCMC BOAT MEMBERS Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm Fishing Days: (2 of 3) August 29, 30 & 31 Weigh Ins: August 29, 30 & 31, 5:30-7:30pm Awards Banquet: August 31, 6:30-9:00pm Awards Presentation: 8:00pm</p>	<p>36th Annual Charles Kratz & Scott Smith Challenge Cup Chairmen: John C. Duffie & Andy Helms Registration: September 11, 7:00pm Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm Fishing Days: (2 of 2) Sept. 12&13, No weigh-ins Italian Night: Sept. 12, 6:30-9:00pm Awards Banquet: Sept. 13, 6:30-9:00pm Invitation Only</p>	<p>2nd Annual OCMC Rockfish Tournament To benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Chairmen: Colin Campbell & Jeremy Blunt Registration: December 5, 6:00pm Captain's Meeting: 7:00pm Fishing Days: (5 of 9) December 6-14 Weigh Ins: December 6-14, Time: TBA Awards Banquet: December 14, Time: TBA</p>	

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Mathew Burket from Aliquippa, PA was fishing off the beach in Ocean City and caught this 5 lb. 8 oz. bluefish on a chunk of fresh bunker. Photo courtesy of Fenwick Bait & Tackle.



This 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder was slayed by Jeff Weaver while drifting a Gulp! and minnow combination in the Lewes Canal. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina, home of the Lewes Harbour Stretch.

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Garrett Stryz caught these 2 flounder while fishing with minnows in the Roosevelt Inlet. Garrett's flatties weighed 2 lbs. 10 oz. and 2 lbs. 11 oz. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.



On Sunday, Joe Kobeski, Tommy Dukes, Barry Simpson, Barry Heister and Fred Stokes teamed up to land this 317 lb. mako shark while fishing with fresh bluefish inside the Baltimore Canyon. The fish measured 96 1/2-inches. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



Anglers who fish for sharks, chunk for tuna and fish at night for swordfish often use balloons as floats to suspend their baits at various depths in the water column. Using balloons as floats has the advantage that they are relatively cheap, don't take up much space on a boat (at least when they aren't inflated) and come in different colors, which allows fishermen to color-code and more easily keep track of multiple baits.

But as effective as they are, balloons also have their share of problems. The first issue anglers must overcome is how to attach them to their fishing line. Most folks use the quickest and easiest way and just make a slip-knot loop in their line, pass the balloon knot thru the loop and pull the line until the knot closes and holds the balloon to the line. This holds the balloon firmly to the line but makes it rather difficult to remove from the line after a hook-up or even at the end of the day. Sometimes getting the slip-knot out of the fishing line can be a problem and anglers end their day with a bunch of little knots in their line.

Another way to attach a balloon to a line is to first tie a short piece of light kite string or floss to the balloon and then tie that to the fishing line. Since it's not uncommon for a shark or bluefish to actually bite the balloon, a little distance between the balloon and the fishing line can be a good thing to prevent being cut off by the quarry. The drawback here is that it takes extra time to attach a balloon this way and it can be a hassle getting all remnants of the balloon line off the fishing line at the end of the day.

In my book, the biggest drawback of using balloons as floats is that balloons in the ocean have been proven to cause injury and death to fish, turtles, dolphins, whales and seals that sometimes mistake them for food and eat them. Though most of the balloons floating around in the ocean were originally filled with helium and released from land, fishermen who use them as floats also contribute somewhat to the problem of too many balloons in the ocean ecosystem.

For all the aforementioned reasons, it's been a long time since I've used balloons for



Clayton Anders took some time off from working at Hook'em & Cook'em Outfitters in Bethany Beach, DE and caught this 25 1/2-inch, 6 lb. weakfish while fishing in the Indian River Inlet near the Coast Guard Station. Clayton fooled the weakie with a 5-inch white Bass Assassin.

fishing, opting instead for a better alternative of using foam floats that stay on the line when we get a bite and can be recovered, used again, and eventually disposed of properly when their time is done.

So a few weeks ago, when I got a call from a fellow who said that he had a new product called the "Balloon Fisher King" that was designed to hold a balloon to a fishing line, my first reaction was "thanks but no-thanks." Having spent

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so much time over the last decade or so suggesting that folks avoid using balloons as floats, I wasn't about to start touting the virtues of a device that might actually promote their use.



But as I learned more about the design and use of the Balloon Fisher King, I realized that the device actually addresses most of the problems and concerns of using balloons the conventional way. The Balloon Fisher King is simply a small plastic clip with a groove in one end that holds the knot of a balloon, on the other end is a spring-loaded snap that can quickly be secured to a fishing line with just one hand. In less time than it takes to think about it, a balloon float can be snapped to a fishing line. Later, if the balloon must be removed or just repositioned somewhere else on the line, it's as easy as squeezing the clip and making the adjustment.

Easy on and easy off is great for the fishermen, but that still doesn't help the goofy critters that want to eat the balloons. Makers of this product tackled that dilemma in two ways; first, with each clip they supply a selection of balloons made of 100% natural

latex which biodegrades quickly and completely when exposed to the marine environment. Next, they point out that even when the balloon pops - what's left of it usually stays attached to the clip so it can be recovered and properly thrown in the trash rather than left floating about the ocean.

The Balloon Fisher King is simple to use, seems to do exactly what the manufacturers claim it will do, is reusable and appears to be pretty durable (although time will tell) and it is relatively inexpensive. The only drawback I see is that since it holds the balloon very close to the line, there will always be the threat of a shark or bluefish biting the line, but that's a problem with most float systems anyway and really doesn't happen all that often. While I'm not recommending that anglers scrap all their other float systems and use balloons from here on, I will suggest that if fishermen insist on using balloons, that the best and most responsible way to use them is with the Balloon Fisher King snap.

More information on the Balloon Fisher King products can be found at: balloonfisherking.com

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

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On Saturday, Ben Mahan from Rosedale, MD used a minnow and pink Gulp! Swimming Mullet combination to fool this 21-inch flounder during the outgoing tide in the Thorofare. Ben was fishing on the "Rylie & Boomer" with his dad, Steve and P.J. DiCarlo.

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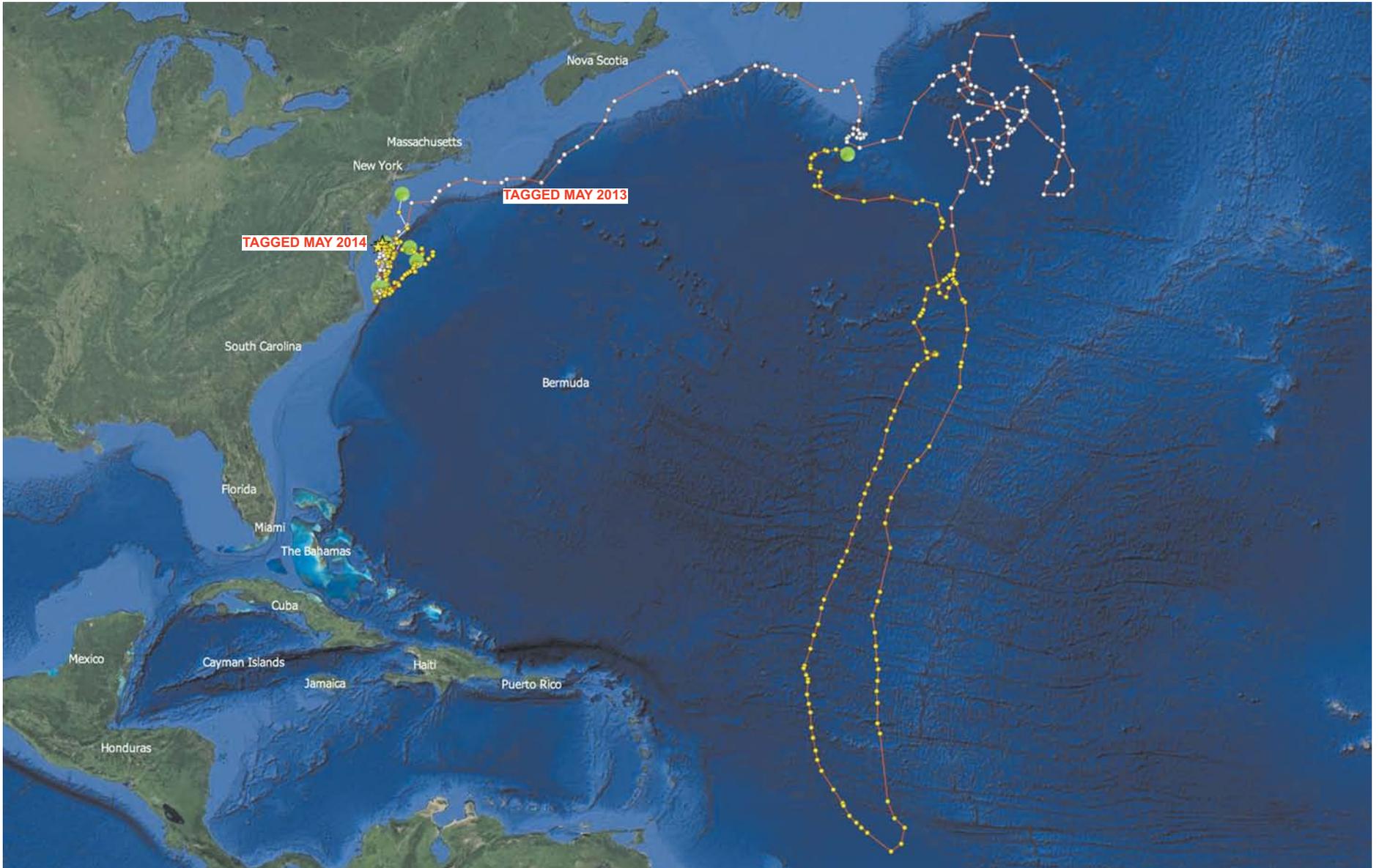
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The Galley

by Mama Jock



Fettuccine with Fresh Tuna Sauce

3 tsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided
 1 lb. fresh tuna steak, cut into 1-inch cubes
 Salt and pepper, to taste
 1 onion, chopped
 1 carrot, chopped
 1 stalk celery, chopped
 5 tsp. garlic, chopped and divided
 1 (28oz) can plum tomatoes
 ¾ cup chicken broth
 ¾ cup dry white wine
 ¼ tsp. dried thyme
 2 strips lemon zest, plus 1 TBSP. grated, divided
 1 bay leaf
 3 TBSP. chopped fresh parsley
 12 oz. whole-wheat fettuccini or linguine

Heat 1 ½ tsp. oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Add the tuna and saute until browned on the outside but still pink inside, about 2 minutes.

Remove from the pan, season with salt and pepper and set aside.

Reduce the heat to medium and add the remaining 1 ½ tsp. oil to the pan.

Add onions, carrots, celery and 4 tsp. of garlic.

Saute 3 minutes or until veggies are soft.

Add tomatoes and mash with a potato masher.

Add broth, wine, thyme, lemon zest and bay leaf; bring to a boil over medium-high heat and cook until slightly thickened.

Return tuna to the sauce,

reduce heat to low and simmer, stirring occasionally until the fish is opaque in the center.

Discard strips of lemon zest and bay leaf.

Taste and adjust seasonings.

Combine parsley, grated lemon zest and 1 tsp. garlic in a small bowl and set aside.

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and place on individual plates.

Spoon the tuna sauce over the top.

Sprinkle with parsley mixture and serve.

Serves 6.

Baked Oysters with Artichoke Hearts

6 TBSP. butter
 ¾ cup onion, finely chopped
 ¾ cup celery, finely chopped
 2 TBSP. garlic, minced
 ½ tsp. salt
 1 (14oz.) can artichoke hearts, drained and

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finely chopped

1 cup panko breadcrumbs
 2 tsp. lemon zest, finely chopped

½ tsp. black pepper

1 tsp. dried oregano

4 cups rock salt

24 oysters on the half shell with their liquor

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.

Melt butter in a 12 inch saute pan over medium-low heat.

Increase the heat slightly and add the onion, celery and ½ tsp. salt; sweat for 5-7 minutes.

Add the garlic and cook for 1-2 minutes more.

Reduce the heat to low and add the artichoke hearts, bread crumbs, lemon zest, remaining ½ tsp. salt, pepper and oregano.

Continue cooking for 2-3 more minutes.

Remove from heat and set aside.

Place the 4 cups of rock salt on a sheet pan with sides and spread evenly.



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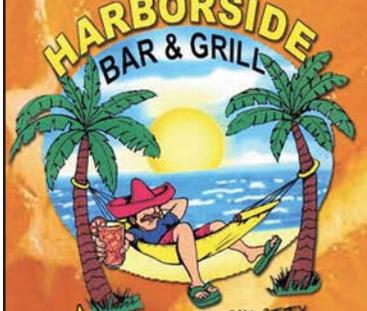
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Place in oven and bake for 10 to 12 minutes.

Breadcrumbs should be lightly browned.

Serve immediately.

Serves 4.

Broiled Bluefish with Citrus Dressing

¼ cup olive oil
2 TBSP. grapefruit juice
2 TBSP. lime juice
¾ tsp. salt
3 TBSP. chopped chives or scallions
2 lbs. bluefish fillets, cut into 4 pieces
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
¼ tsp. pepper

In a small bowl combine the oil, grapefruit and lime juices, ¼ tsp. salt and 2 TBSP. chives or scallions.

Place the fish, skin side down, in a shallow glass dish. (Do not use an aluminum pan).

Scatter the onion over the fish.

Pour ½ of the citrus dressing over the fillets; let marinate for 15 minutes.

Heat the broiler.

Place the fish, skin side down on a baking sheet with sides.

Broil 6-inches from heat

until just done, about 5 minutes for ¾-inch fillet.

Pour the remaining dressing over the fish and sprinkle with remaining 1 TBSP. of chives or scallions.

Serves 4.

Weakfish Baked in White Wine

4 small weakfish, gutted and scaled, with heads on
1 cup dry white wine
2 TBSP. minced garlic
¼ cup olive oil
¼ cup capers
½ cup chopped fresh parsley
Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to its highest setting, 550 degrees.

Place the weakfish in a baking dish and sprinkle all the remaining ingredients over them, placing some in the fish's cavities.

Bake until the weakfish flakes when tested with a fork, about 10 minutes. DO NOT OVERCOOK.

Serve at once, pouring the pan juices over the fish.

Serves 4.

Shark Tetrazzini

2 cups flaked, cooked fish
½ lb. sliced mushrooms
¼ cup chopped onion

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Amanda Matarese landed this pair of 17-inch flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather. The fish were caught on white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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- ¼ cup butter
- 3 TBSP. flour
- 1 cup light cream
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 3 TBSP. dry sherry
- ½ tsp. seafood seasoning
- ½ tsp. salt
- Pepper to taste
- Dash of Tabasco sauce
- 5 oz. spaghetti, cooked and drained
- ½ cup parmesan cheese
- 2 TBSP. chopped parsley

Saute mushrooms and onion in butter for a few minutes; blend in flour.

Slowly add cream and broth; stir until thickened.

Add sherry, seasonings and Tabasco sauce.

Toss the sauce with the flaked shark meat and spaghetti. If it seems a bit dry, add more broth.

Place the mixture in a well greased 2 quart casserole dish, sprinkle with the cheese and cover.

Place in a preheated oven for 30 minutes, or until cheese

is melted.

Serves 4.

Flounder with Creamy Spinach

- 1 ½ lbs. flounder fillets
- 1 pint oysters with broth
- 1 TBSP. lemon juice
- ½ tsp. seafood seasoning
- Dash of red pepper
- 4 TBSP. butter
- 1 ½ TBSP. flour
- Parsley

Wash spinach, remove tough stems and drain well.

Saute in a saucepan (without adding water) until wilted.

Drain again and chop.

Heat 2 TBSP. of butter in a small pan until brown.

Mix with spinach.

Add salt and pepper to taste.

Place spinach in the bottom of a shallow baking dish.

Sprinkle fish with seasoned salt.

Roll each fillet up and



Dylan Churchill landed 2 flounder, each measuring 18-inches, while drifting baits in the Lewes Canal. Dylan was fishing with his dad, D.J. Churchill and is pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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place the rolls on the spinach.

Sprinkle with parsley.

Melt the rest of the butter in a saucepan and blend in the flour.

Slowly add cream and cook until thick.

Salt and pepper to taste.

Add Madeira and blend.

Pour sauce over fillets.

Sprinkle with paprika.

Cover and bake in preheated oven for 25 to 30 minutes.

Serves 4.

Pickled Striped Bass Salad

3 TBSP. olive oil

2 medium onions, sliced thin

2 medium carrots, chopped

2 medium red bell peppers, seeded and sliced thin

2 TBSP. garlic, minced

¼ cup dry white wine or vermouth

¼ cup white wine vinegar

1 bay leaf, crumbled

Salt and pepper to taste
1 to 1 ½ lbs. skinless bass fillets, cooked, cooled and flaked

4 to 6 cups mixed greens

20 cherry tomatoes

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat.

Cook the onions, carrots, peppers and garlic, stirring until the carrot is soft.

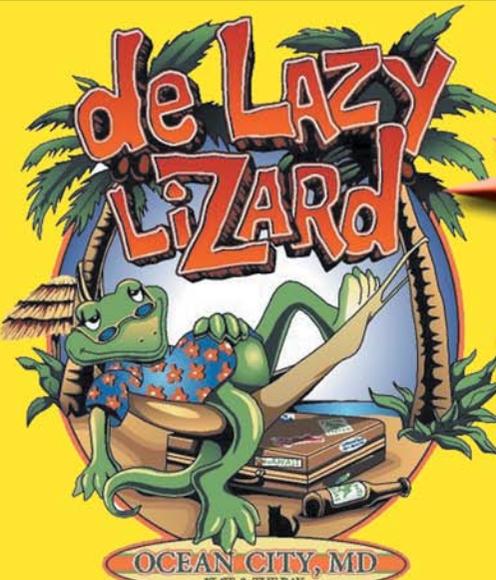
Remove from the heat and add the wine, vinegar, bay leaf, salt and pepper. Let cool.

Combine the bass with the vegetable mixture in a glass bowl.

Serve over the greens with the tomatoes.

Serves 6 to 8.

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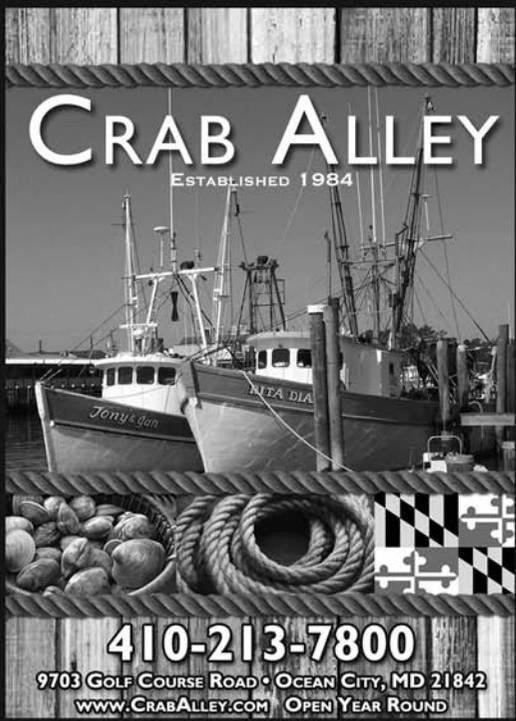
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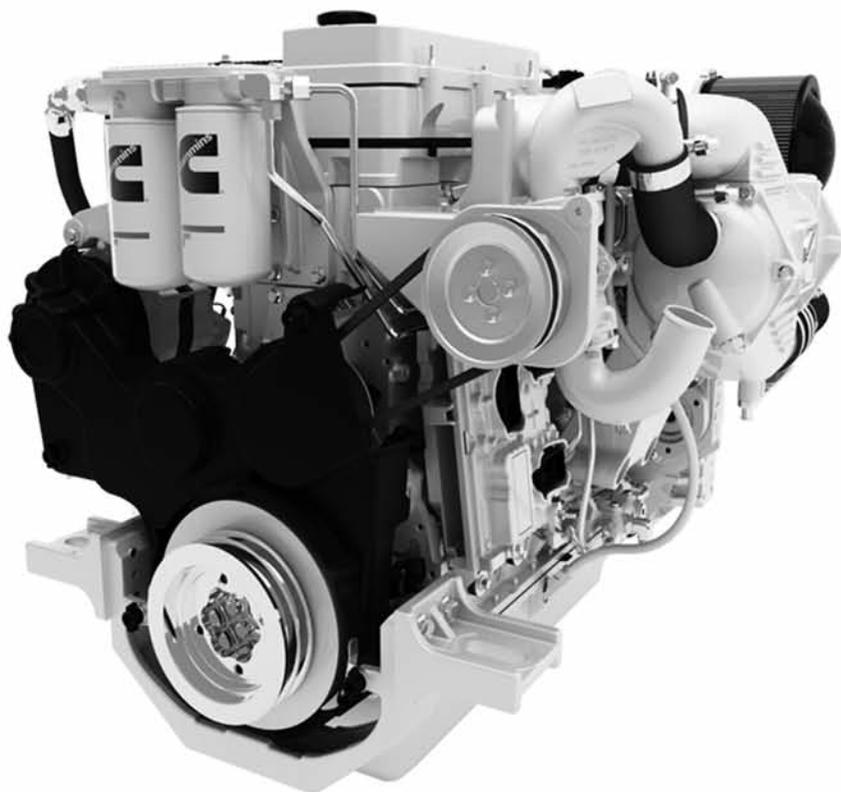


Joe Ribinsky weighed this 25-inch, 5 lb. 10 oz. flounder at Rick's Bait & Tackle after catching it on a chartreuse Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the Indian River Bay.

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Bob Pino (right), took some time off from opening his new Optical Galleria store in West Ocean City, MD to do some shark fishing and was rewarded with this 204 lb. male thresher shark while fishing with Anthony Pino and Ted Awbar. The big thresher was hooked on a bluefish strip in 60-degree water at the Fingers. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

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1st Place Tim McGuire "Nontypical" 223.7 lbs. \$38,030	2nd Place Matt Frank "Top Dog" 138 lbs. \$11,478	1st Place Dakota Bittner "Reel Nauti" 398 lb. Thresher \$4,650	1st Place Matt Keller "Wrecker" 11.4 lbs. \$4,659	"No Limits" 6 Mako Releases
3rd Place Ron Marquette "White Lightning" 135 lbs. \$7,652			2nd Place Brian Akehurst "Wrecker" 10.8 lbs. \$1,701	

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One of the last boats to arrive at the scale on the final day of the 2014 Mako Mania Shark Tournament was the "Nontypical" with a 223.7 lb. mako caught by Tim McGuire that took over 1st place in the Mako Division. Tim caught the winning mako on the first bait they threw in the 66-degree water, a tuna fillet, south of the Hot Dog while fishing with Andy Smelter, Jim Hughes, Rick Carney and Capt. Terry Layton. For their 1st place finish, the "Nontypical" team took home \$38,030 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



On the first day of the 2014 Mako Mania Shark Tournament held at Bahia Marina, Matt Frank of Germantown, MD captured this 138.0 lb. mako shark and held on to win 2nd place in the Mako Division. Matt hooked the mako on a bluefish while fishing on the "Top Dog" with Chuck Durbin, Mike Sdao, Tom and Trent Dickerson, Capt. Todd Dickerson and mate Richie Baldwin. The "Top Dog" team earned \$11,478 for their 2nd place finish.



Ron Marquette of York, PA boated this 135.0 lb. mako shark on the first day of the 2014 Mako Mania Shark Tournament and ended the event in 3rd place in the Mako Division. Ron was fishing on the "White Lightning" with Kevin Bricker, Bud Morgan (not pictured), Austin Josephson, John Dolmetsch, Capt. Luke Blume and mate John Griffith. The mako was caught on a whole mackerel in 40 fathoms inside the Poor Man's Canyon and earned the "White Lightning" team \$7,652 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



It was a long 3-day wait for the team on the "Reel Nauti" after Dakota Bittner weighed the first fish in the 2014 Mako Mania Shark Tournament, a 398 lb. thresher shark, to take the lead in the Thresher Division. Dakota hooked the thresher on a whole bluefish in 40 fathoms outside the Fingers and fought it for an hour and 45 minutes. Also fishing on the "Reel Nauti" were Denny Forrest, Eddie Velasquez, Keith Donnelly and Thad Bittner. For their 1st place finish, the "Reel Nauti" team won \$4,650 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



The team on the "No Limits" took home the "W.W. Harman Award" for most mako releases in the 2014 Mako Mania Shark Tournament at Bahia Marina. The team released 4 makos on Saturday and followed that up with another 2 releases on Sunday. They also weighed this 122.6 lb. mako on the 2nd day of the tournament. Fishing on the "No Limits" were Dave Thumma, Cory Borhman, Scott Dickson, Dan Patton, Jason Yakim, Mike Hawkins, Capt. Mel McGinnis, Capt. Steve Gladwin and mate Tom Perry. The W.W. Harman Award was worth \$1,000 in award money.



The last boat to arrive at the scale of the 2014 Mako Mania Shark Tournament was the "Wrecker" with 5 chopper bluefish caught in 30 fathoms at the Sausages. Matt Keller landed a 11.4 lb. bluefish to take 1st place in the Bluefish Division and Brian Akehurst's 10.8 pounder was good enough to earn 2nd place honors. Also joining Capt. Jeremy Blunt and mate Brian Behe were Keith French, Randy and Ron Sroka and Niki DiCarlo. The "Wrecker" team took home \$6,360 in award money for their 1st and 2nd place finishes. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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by **Steve Katz**
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I would like to take a moment and recognize the Schrawder family. Larry Schrawder of L&L Marine recently passed away, and his wife, Pat was a long time author of this Ship-to-Shore Colum. My thoughts and prayers are with his Family.

Fire. That's a word we do not want to hear on board our boat. Thankfully, the statistics at the USCG Office of Boating Safety does not list fires as a major contributing factor of boating accidents, though it can happen and we need to be prepared.

While this article will not give you all the details on what and how to be sure your boats fire fighting systems meets the regulations, we will discuss some basic facts applicable to all boats.

Recently, I worked on a few boats where the owners or operators were not aware of the fire suppression system capabilities. I want to review this for the benefit of everyone.

Many mid-sized boats and most diesel powered boats are equipped with a fixed fire extinguishing system. A fixed system consists of a metal cylinder pressurized with a fire extinguishing agent, permanently mounted in the machinery spaces that will automatically activate in the event of a fire. There are additional requirements for other spaces on the boat that we will not review in this article.

The only other approved system on a larger boat is where a crew member would manually operate a single, appropriately sized fire extinguisher, and discharge it into the machinery space via a specifically designed "fire port" in the structure, without the need to open the machinery space. This manual alternative is not very feasible on most boats.

Boats with outboard engines and no enclosed machinery

spaces have a different set of requirements that usually include multiple hand-held fire extinguishers.

The automatic system is designed to automatically activate in the event of a fire when the temperature exceeds approximately 175 degrees at the fire extinguisher. ABYC (America Boat and Yacht Council) requires that the engines, generator and blower automatically shut down in the event of a discharge of fire extinguishing agents.

This automatic shutdown is necessary to allow the extinguishing agent, usually a "clean" gas like FM 200 or FE241, to do its job in the machinery space and not get ingested by the engines, generator or blowers. If the agent were to be ingested, it would quickly run through the engine and out the exhaust, reducing the agent's concentration or completely removing the agent from the machinery space, not allowing the agent to extinguish the fire. Additionally, the engines are automatically shut down so that the fire cannot be fueled by the continued operation of engine

systems, for example a pressurized fuel leak.

A faulty engine shut-down system can also cause routine operational trouble if not properly checked and maintained. Most of these systems include an engine shutdown control (relay box) with a lot of electrical connections and a remote indicator panel. The relay box, usually mounted near the helm, has internal relays that open or close and can shut down the power to the engines, fuel systems, generators and bilge blowers. At or near the helm is an indicator switch panel connected to the automatic system. This panel typically has a switch that can be either in the normal or override position.

The normal position is the default position when operating the boat and allows the shutdown system to do its job in the event of a fire. The override position allows you to re-start the engines, generator and blowers as needed after a fire triggered the system to automatically discharge. A red light usually accompanies the alarm when the

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Bluefish	34"	14 lbs. or 33"	Hammerhead *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Blue Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size	Mako *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Cobia	44"	-	Thresher *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"	Tiger *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"	Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"	Tuna:		
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"	Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lbs. or 32"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 36"	False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"
Red Drum *	36"	45"	Bigeye ***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Sailfish *	Any Size	-	Bluefin ***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	Yellowfin ***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"	Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
Speckled Trout	24"	-	White Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size
Striped Bass	40"	30 lbs. or 40"			

* Only released fish are eligible in Maryland program

*** Use curved-fork-length measurements

** Only released fish are eligible in MD and DE programs



Dave Furio was fishing off the beach, north of the Indian River Inlet when he captured this 15 lb. 3 oz. striped bass after hooking it on a chunk of bunker.



Andrew Vogel from New Windsor, MD used a chunk of clam to fool this 20-inch, 2 lb. black sea bass. Andrew was fishing at an ocean wreck aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Jake Shaffer. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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fire system is automatically activated.

If you were heading through a rough inlet and the automatic fire extinguishing system gets triggered, the engines would immediately shut down and not restart until you flipped the remote control switch to override. You would need to assess the situation to determine if it is safe to re-start the engines.

Here is the issue I often see in the field; operators have the switch set to the override position during normal boating operation. This is not a good idea since you lose the automatic shutdown features of the fire system. If the system is in override due to a malfunction, the system should be checked by a qualified individual.

Yes, that is all that switch on the remote panel does, it allows the system to work normally in the normal mode or bypass the automatic shut down feature in the override position. This switch does NOT trigger the fire bottle to open. The indicator light on this panel shows you the status of the fire bottle. Usually green means the bottle is fully

charged and ready for operation. If the indicator light is red, the bottle has low pressure or has been fully discharged and should be serviced immediately.

Often a separate "T" handle is nearby on the helm. This handle is to override the temperature sensor on the fire bottle and manually release the extinguishing agent into the machinery space. This handle is often secured with a clip or pin to prevent accidental discharge. The current, clean extinguishing agents like FM 200 or FE241 are quite expensive, often over \$1,000 for one extinguisher, and an accidental discharge can be expensive. If you were wondering, Halon is no longer available for our fire extinguishing systems since it is an ozone depleting substance. If you have one now, you can keep it, but you will not be able to refill if needed.

The shutdown system relay box could malfunction over a period of time. Since all of the important engine wires pass through this box, it should be checked annually, tested for proper operation and replaced if faulty. If this box is defective or

contains bad wiring, this could cause the engines not to start during normal boating activity.

These systems should be periodically inspected by a professional. However, marine systems differ from typical portable fire extinguishers and not all inspection outfits understand or are able to scrutinize marine installations. Just because the inspection tag is initialed does not mean the entire system has been properly inspected.

There are two major companies that manufacture these systems, one is in Baltimore, Sea-Fire and the other is Fireboy. While they are independent companies, their systems are very similar and the information above is relevant for both brands of system. These companies have the system owner's manuals and other literature on their websites if you need further information about your own system.

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

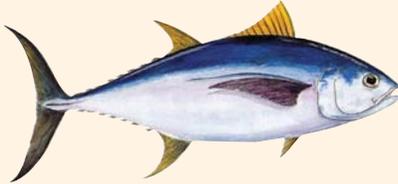


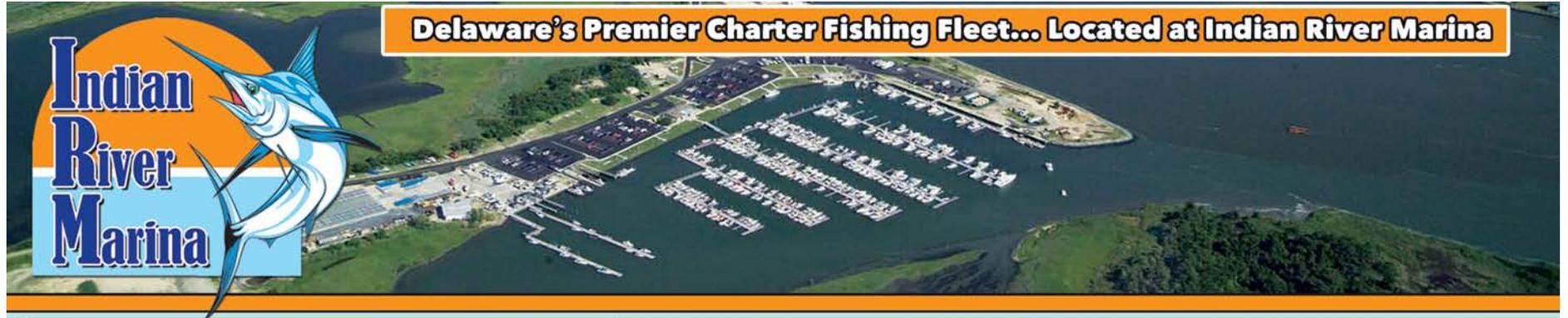
John Drocella from Bishopville, MD landed this 3 lb. 11 oz. flounder while drifting live minnows in the Thorofare. John was fishing with his dad, Steve Drocella on the "Mako Madness". Pictured at Bahia Marina.



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 <p>BLUE MARLIN 99" Lower Jaw Fork Length No creel limit</p>	 <p>DOLPHIN No minimum length 10 per person/day</p>	 <p>YELLOWFIN TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length 3 per person/day</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SHARKS AUTHORIZED SPECIES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Closed Season</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>No Minimum Fork Length</u> Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>54" Minimum Fork Length</u> Atlantic Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Tiger, Blue, Common Thresher, Oceanic Whitetip, Porbeagle, Shortfin Mako, Finetooth, Atlantic Blacknose</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>78" Minimum Fork Length</u> Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Only 1 shark from the lists above may be retained per vessel per trip. In addition, 1 Atlantic Sharpnose and 1 Bonnethead may be retained per person per trip. No size or creel limits on dogfish sharks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Prohibited Sharks</u> Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sixgill, Bigeye Thresher, Bignose, Caribbean Reef, Caribbean Sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Sand Tiger, Sevengill, Sixgill, Smalltail, Whale, White</p>
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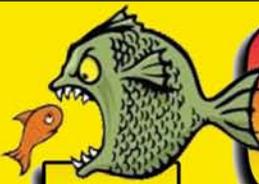


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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
 Sea Bass	May 23, 2014 Tom Lane "Morning Star" 4 lbs. 8 oz.	May 30, 2014 Adam May "Katydid" 4 lbs. 15 oz.	 Mako Shark <i>100 lb. minimum</i>	May 30, 2014 Sean Hogan Baltimore Canyon 314 lbs.	★ NEW June 8, 2014 Joe Kobeski Baltimore Canyon 317 lbs.
 Tautog	February 9, 2014 Bob Rochelle "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 2 oz.	May 10, 2014 Paul Matthews Outer Wall 12 lbs. 13 oz.	 Thresher Shark	★ NEW June 6, 2014 "Fin Chaser" Crew Fingers 610 lbs.	May 17, 2014 Joseph Foley DB Buoy 268.8 lbs.
 Striped Bass	May 19, 2014 Bob Murphy Assateague Surf 26 lbs. 9 oz.	May 21, 2014 John Green Indian River Inlet 31 lbs. 11 oz.	 Bluefin Tuna	May 21, 2014 Francois Aldrich Baltimore Canyon 202 lbs.	May 25, 2014 Geoff McCloskey Wilmington Canyon 114.5 lbs.
 Weakfish	May 17, 2014 Dave Watts Rt. 50 Bridge 8 lbs. 2 oz.	★ NEW June 2, 2014 Joe Larocca Roosevelt Inlet 7 lbs. 8 oz.	 Yellowfin Tuna	May 25, 2014 Leslie Helwig Balt/Wilm Canyon 57 lbs.	★ NEW June 7, 2014 William Lodge Baltimore Canyon 51.5 lbs.
 Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	May 25, 2014 Nathan Allison Fenwick Ditch 5 lbs. 4 oz.	 Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Flounder	May 17, 2014 Tom Yarko Thorofare 7 lbs. 7 oz.	May 3, 2014 Melanie Bowden Lewes Canal 7 lbs. 5 oz.	 Bigeye Tuna	★ NEW May 30, 2014 Hunter Unruh "Foolish Pleasures" 140.5 lbs.	★ NEW June 7, 2014 Glen Cave Baltimore Canyon 180.0 lbs.
 Bluefish	★ NEW June 9, 2014 Matt Keller "Wrecker" 11.4 lbs.	May 8, 2014 George Frigm Fenwick Surf 7 lbs. 8 oz.	 Dolphin	★ NEW June 8, 2014 Chris Stafford Poor Man's Canyon 8.7 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Sheepshead	★ NEW June 3, 2014 Kaia Welch "Lucky Break" 5 lbs. 15 oz.	No Weights Reported	 Wahoo	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 Black Drum	May 21, 2014 Marcus Crowley Assateague Surf 80 lbs.	May 25, 2014 Tom Newsham Broadkill Beach 86 lbs. 10 oz.	 White Marlin	Most Releases in One Day No Weights Reported No Weights Reported	

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



Dustin Dean was drumming in the Delaware Bay, just off Broadkill Beach, when he hooked this 54.3 lb. black drum on a chunk of clam. Dustin was fishing on the "Indian" with Capt. Ted Moulinier and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Tyler Freeman of Lewes, DE caught this 19-inch flounder on a Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the Lewes Canal. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE.

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Virginia Fishing Report

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The summer fishing season is picking up momentum. With good weather, warmer days and cooperative fish, this trend should continue.



Cobia is still the big news, and with good reason. Cobia hunters are thrilled that the smaller fish of prior weeks were joined by the big boys last week. Dozens of large cobia, ranging from 50 to nearly 90-pounds, responded to anglers all over the lower Bay last week. Boats using the chumming technique are having good results from the Buckroe area off Hampton, to the Inner Middle Grounds and the Nine-foot Shoals closer to the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. Sightcasters are having the best success, with many boats scoring with double-digit hook-ups while cruising the lower Bay and Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) areas. Local pier anglers are also landing a few small cobia lately.

The red drum bite is still good, as big reds continue to hit along the surf of the Eastern Shore barrier islands, and at Buoys 8 and 10 near Nautilus Shoal, and the Nine-Foot Shoal area. Blue crab is the best bait for bottom fishing for reds, while peeler crabs, bunker and mullet work well in the surf. Some anglers are also finding topwater action as schools of red drum continue to cruise off the oceanfront lately.

A few black drum are still taking clams near Buoy 13 and 16 off the Eastern Shore, but the majority of the schools have moved on to the islands of the CBBT, where scattered blacks are taking lures intended for rockfish around the islands of the Bridge



David Rayne took a trip down to Wachapreague, VA for some flounder fishing with Terry Koshi and they ended the day with 7 keepers in the box measuring between 16 and 20-inches. All of the fish were caught on Gulp! and minnow combinations.

Tunnel.

There is finally developing news on the flounder front. The bite is still improving, with more anglers reporting limits of bigger fish. Some flatfish pushing close to 9-pounds are taking drifted minnows and cut bait near the islands of the CBBT. Anglers jigging and working live bait along the pilings and over the tubes of the Bridge Tunnel are also scoring with fish, with the 1st and 2nd Islands most productive lately. Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets are still giving up above average numbers of keepers, with many flatties averaging to around 20-inches this past week. Both the bayside and seaside areas of Oyster, the Cell and the Buoy 36 area are producing better flounder numbers for drifters recently,

with a few doormats also in the mix.

Reports of speckled trout for the release anglers and plenty of healthy puppy drum continue to come from mostly within Lynnhaven Inlet and Mobjack Bay.



Nice bluefish and medium-sized croaker are available all over the lower Bay. Bigger snapper-sized bluefish, ranging to about 6-pounds, are still lurking inside Rudee Inlet recently.

The HRBT, Hampton Bar, the Monitor-Merrimac, the James River Bridge, Little Creek and the Southern Small Boat Channel of the CBBT are providing the best action on a

range of sizes of hardheads.

Sea mullet are also hitting along the oceanfront, where pier anglers had a good run of small to medium-sized fish last week. Respectable spot are also hitting within lower Bay inlets.

Spadefish are appearing on the Chesapeake Light Tower, inshore wrecks, the CBBT and many other lower Bay structures, with a few fish already boated. Most fish are ranging around 3 to 5-pounds.

Sheepshead action is also heating up, with a few nice catches reported so far from the CBBT proper.

Although interest is waning with so many other species becoming available, striped bass are still biting around the 3rd and 4th Islands of the CBBT on topwater lures, especially in the evenings. Many of these rockfish are measuring up to around 38-inches.

The open sea bass season is drawing boats to deeper water off the coast, where anglers are working hard for their catches. Although there are plenty of undersized fish, folks are managing limits of nice knotheads averaging to about 3-pounds. Deep droppers are also finding sea bass during offshore trips, with the average size approaching 4-pounds. A good variety of blueline tilefish, golden tilefish, some big grouper and blackbellied rosefish are also filling coolers from the deep.

Offshore, warm water is becoming more approachable from Virginia, where decent catches of yellowfin tuna, some whopper big eye tuna and larger mahi are rewarding boats making the longer run to the south. Most of the yellowfin tuna are in the 40-pound range, with a few whoppers pushing to over 70-pounds also around.

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



Kyle Scott was fishing with a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet at the Cape May/Lewes Ferry Wall in the Delaware Bay when he hooked this 18-inch flounder and a 3 lb. 13 oz. weakfish. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Chris Eby from Potomac, MD muscled in this 170 lb. bigeye tuna while trolling ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon over the weekend with Cliff Eby and Capt. Chris Ragni. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

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