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While the offshore catch and weather proved challenging over the last week, the bays were alive with action. Capt. Dave Caffrey from "On the Run" charters took angler Aidan Scott from Rockville, MD out to the South Ocean City Jetty last Wednesday where he landed this beautiful 6.5 lb. sheephead using sand fleas.





Capt. Nick Clemente on the boat "Get Sum" found some nicely colored flounder and some sea bass for Jeff and Kim Garner from Manheim, PA. The flounder were tricked by 5" white Gulp Swimming Mulletts. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



These anglers had their work cut out for them last week before the blow. Capt. Doug Bramble on the charter boat "Shorebilly" put them in the Poor Man's Canyon where they worked through 29 fish to find these 5 keeper yellowfin tuna! I'm sure mates Richard Size and Zach Bramble earned their keep on that trip.

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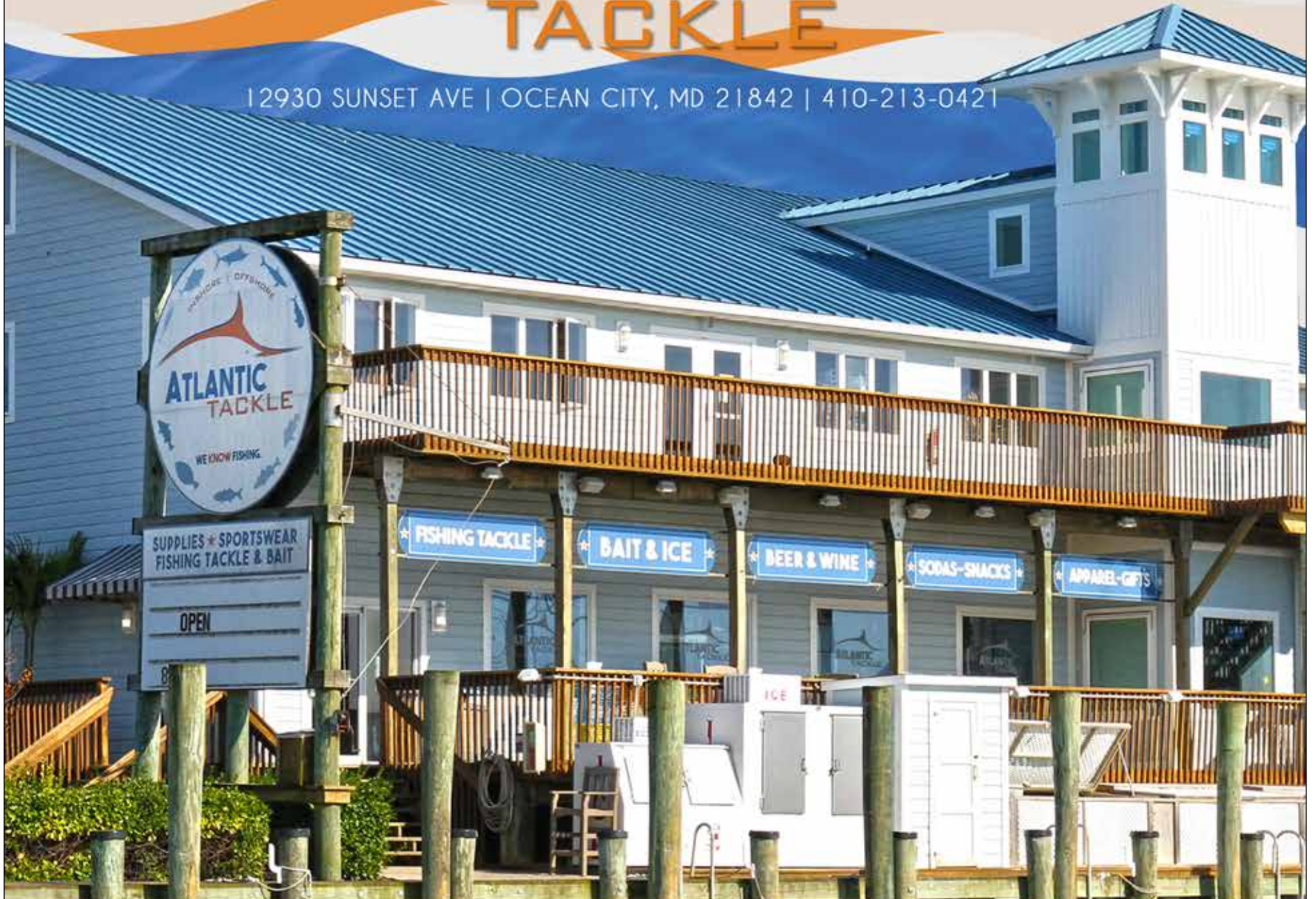


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It was sweet 16 for Evan Donahue, Matt Donahue, Jackson Talbot, Jeramey Kinnamon and Brady Collins! They fished with Capt. Yanni Harris on the "Hocus Pocus" east of the Baltimore Canyon in cooler 64.5° water early last week and got 16 yellowfin tuna including twice with 4 on at the same time. Pictured at F Dock at Sunset Marina.



After looking for tuna in the Poor Man's Canyon for several hours, anglers Jason Stokes, George Rooker and Bob Stokes changed strategy and switched to some deep dropping. They boated this golden tilefish and two smaller ones. Looks like it was a nice day on the water.

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Rockpile, including a sizable one. The Fallen Outdoors program braved the weather Friday to take some veterans out tuna fishing for the first time and brought back 5 yellowfins from the Poor Man's with the largest at 50 lbs. Most were caught on spreader bars and skirted/Sea Witch ballyhoos. Water temps ranged from a cool for tuna 64.5° to temps in the low 70's°. Last Monday hopefully was a sign of better fishing. As I was writing this I got a call from Capt. Joe Drosey who was back at the slip by 1 PM with 8 chunky yellowfins in the box from the Baltimore. Other than yellowfins, a few skipjacks found their way to the docks.

**This Week Last Year**

- The results were in from the inaugural Tuna & Tiaras Ladies Tuna Tournament. The "Hocus Pocus" took 1st Place for Heaviest Tuna with a 98 lb. yellowfin from the Washington Canyon.
- The first wahoo for the 2021 season was reported by Gary Welch, caught in the Washington Canyon.
- The first cobia was found just 5 miles south of the Ocean City Jetty by Shannon Pickens using a bucktail.
- Most of the offshore action was for yellowfin tuna with catches in the upper single digits. The action was centered on the 100 fathom line mostly south in the Norfolk and Washington Canyons.

It still feels like a slow start to the season offshore with the late arrival of warmer waters and now wind. Last weekend was mainly a blowout and even forced the 2nd Annual Tuna & Tiaras Ladies Tuna Tournament to be postponed to next weekend. There were however a few nice days early last week where the seas in the canyons were beautiful, but not the most productive.

**Marlin**

Notable last week was the report of the first blue marlin to be released for the 2020 season. While several captains had reported sightings and a couple hook ups in the Poor Man's and Baltimore Canyons, none had been 'caught'. That honor for 2022 goes to the crew of 495 Trucking who released a blue in the Poor Man's on Monday of last week while fishing on the charter boat

"Rhonda's Osprey". Like the first white marlin, there is an award available for the first blue marlin caught offered by the Ocean City Marlin Club to its members. The "Osprey" is not a member so that \$5,000 award is still out there!

We have reports of two whites being released, both from Delaware based boats. The first white from a DE boat was on the "Bill Slayer" from a trip on the 12th. Angler Bill Mason released this one while fishing in the Baltimore Canyon. The other report was also from the Baltimore where the white hit on a Magictail Side Tracker.

**Tuna**

While we are seeing warmer waters in the canyons now, the tuna bite slowed down



last week and weather kept most boats at the docks for the weekend. Prior to the blow the Poor Man's Canyon was productive, however anglers were catching mainly yellowfins with a lot of undersized fish in the mix. Keepers were modest in size and catches were in the mid single digits. The "ShoreBilly" had a notable trip in the Poor Man's catching 29 fish to get 6 keeper yellowfins. The "Rhonda's Osprey" found 5 tunas, one by one on a slower day. Yellowfins were also reported a little further south. The "Game On" had luck at the 000's and the "Pumpin' Hard" found 6 keepers at the

**Mahi & Others!**

Tilefish were abundant in the Baltimore Canyon and some were found in the Poor Man's. Mainly golden tilefish, but some bluelines were brought to the docks as well. These deep water fish were reported at a 600-800 ft. range with some this week tipping the scales at over 40 pounds. Many of the fish that are caught are not weighed, but if I had to guess I would put the average range at 20 to 25 pounds. The heaviest blueline we saw was 17 lbs. and the bait of choice was squid.

Similar to last week we are only seeing very limited dolphin catches, and again, they have been found by boats trolling for tuna. The few we saw were gaffers from the Poor Man's Canyon and hit on



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Lastly, we saw a few notable catches because they are unusual. First was a barracuda caught by the crew on the "Game On" at the 000's in 100 fathoms. In his many years offshore, Capt. Scott Stapleford could only remember seeing 1 or 2 in our waters. He did recall one sighting while he was mahi fishing. They could not get it to bite and it seemed to be keeping the mahi from biting as well. The other notable were the three barrelfish that Zane Winkler found in the Baltimore Canyon. Two weighed over 14 lbs. A deep water fish like the tiles, this one is praised for its flavor and for the way it attacks the bait.

While offshore remains challenging, the inshore and bay action was pretty good. Also, the cobia season opened up with some nice fish. Check out those details in our Maryland, Delaware and Virginia fishing reports.

Until next week, I will see you at the scales! §

#### Upcoming Tournaments

- **UPDATE - The 2nd Annual Tuna & Tiaras Ladies Tuna Tournament was moved to June 24th & 25th due to weather.** Scales are open both days from 4PM to 7PM at the Ocean City Fishing Center. More at [TunaandTiaras.com](http://TunaandTiaras.com).
- The South Jersey MidAtlantic Tuna Tournament is June 22nd thru 24th in Cape May, NJ. More at [southjerseytournaments.com/midatlantic-tuna-tournament](http://southjerseytournaments.com/midatlantic-tuna-tournament).
- The 7th Annual Indian River Kids Catch All Tournament is June 24-26. More about this family fun event at the Indian River Marina can be found at [KidsCatchAll.com](http://KidsCatchAll.com).
- The 43rd Annual Small Boat Tournament hosted by the OC Marlin Club is June 25-26. You do not have to be a member of the club to participate. Weigh-ins are at the tournament scale at Sunset Marina and details are at [OCMarlinClub.com](http://OCMarlinClub.com).
- The 4th Annual Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam Kayak Tournament returns to Atlantic Tackle on June 25-26. Weigh-ins are from noon to 4PM.



Brett Long from Holtwood, PA must have a strong left arm to hold up this 42 lb. golden tilefish in a stretch! He caught this beauty in the Baltimore Canyon using squid while fishing on the "Unreel" with Capt. Joe, Wyatt and Zach whose last names were withheld to protect the innocent!



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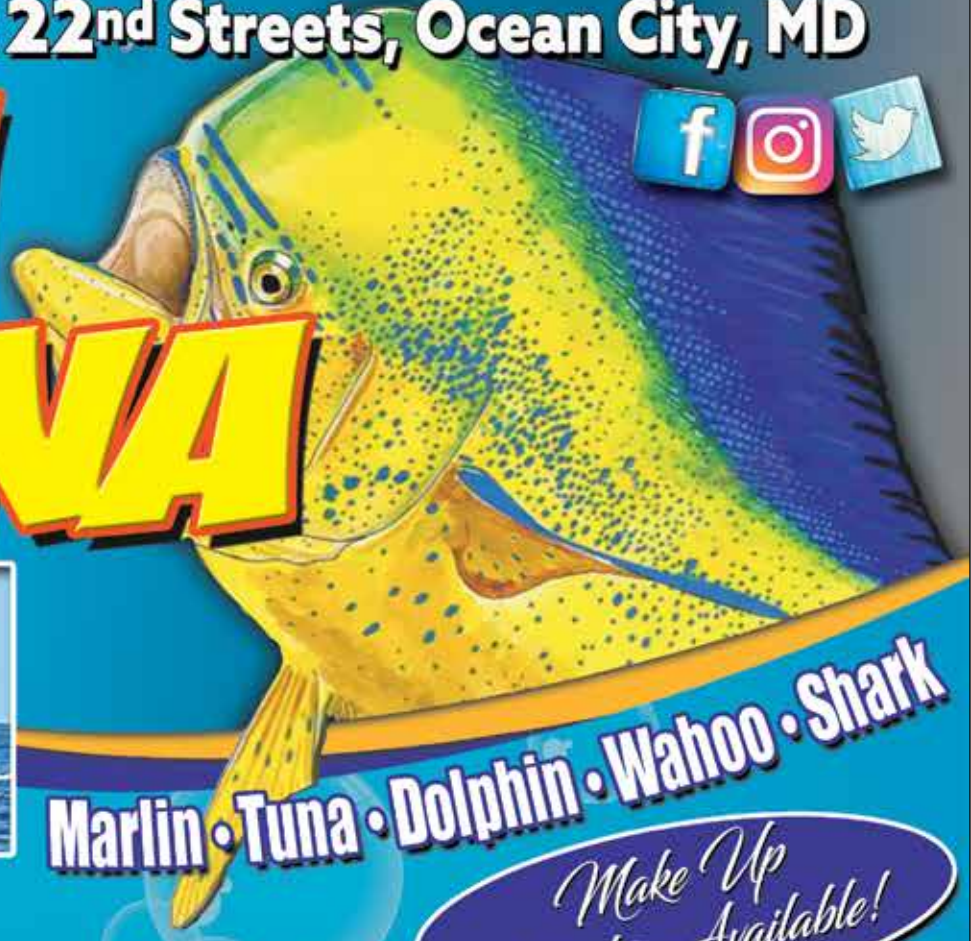


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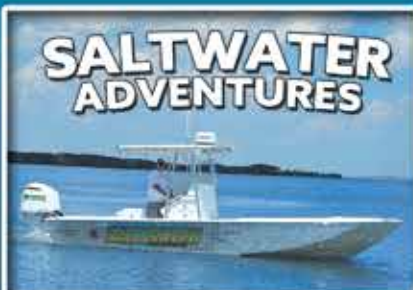
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Barracuda's are rare for our waters, so Capt. Scott Stapleford on the "Game On" was surprised to find this large one on board from 100 fathoms at the 000's! He had seen a few before over the years, especially around mahi where the barracuda seemed to stop the dolphins from biting. Mate Dylan Money shows off the catch and the crew also went 6 for 10 on yellowfin tuna.

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## FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



The airshow is over and the tourists are now here in full force! The start of our official summer season is upon us. As we begin this summer of fun, fishing has really started to turn on. Big bluefish seemed to be everywhere last week with a few nice rockfish thrown in for good measure. Both inshore as well as offshore, the flounder bite has really heated up. Sea bass has slowed down as the water warms to the 70 degree mark. Sheepshead are on the rocks at the inlet, and clams and crabs are ready to make their way to your feasting table.

### Flounder, Sea Bass & Sheepshead

Flounder picked up nicely last week with big fish coming to the docks both from the bays as well as from offshore. On the back bays, most fish are being taken with a squid style bait. Frozen striped squid will work just fine, but if you want to try for a big trophy size flounder you should be using a bucktail tipped with fresh squid or a circle hook with a fat live spot fish on it.

Rodney Meyers took a late afternoon trip last week, and although he lost a few, he did manage a nice catch of keepers. His biggest was measured at 19 1/2" a perfect eating size. The "OC Guide Service" was out last week in full force and returned to the dock each time with quality fish for their anglers to show off. The back bays behind Assateague Island continue to get better and better as the water warms, the "OC Guide Service" reports. "Back Bay Adventures" fished the bay getting client Zack Forte a beautiful personal best flounder of 25", 6.5 lbs. "Bottom Bouncer Fishing" reports summer time is here and the fish are chewing. Good catches of flounder, bluefish, triggerfish and ribbonfish were noted. That's a nice assortment of species!

The headboat "Miss Ocean City" shared he had a group from "Steel City" Pittsburgh catching dozens of throwbacks, but did manage a few nice keepers for dinner.

Both bay and ocean headboats have moved onto their shorter

summer trips offering anglers more options for fishing without disturbing an entire day of family fun. Check the Coastal Fisherman as well as discount books for coupons and schedules. All of the headboats in the area are great for family outings and have knowledgeable crew members to help even a novice angler enjoy his or her time on the water.

Looking to sea bass, the bite has taken a downward turn. I spoke with Capt. Victor of the "Ocean Princess" who stated that fishing took a drop off inshore, however you are still able to manage some nice size fish for dinner if you pay attention and put the time in at the rail. Flounder and ribbonfish were caught along with a few big bluefish. "Judith M" reported the same slow down in keepers with a lot of short fish. They did report that the action, although smaller size fish, was non stop. They also said that many anglers who fished hard returned to the docks with fish. They had a few of their 3/4 day trips last

week and reported when they got out a little further, the bite and bigger fish became more apparent.

Capt. Monty Hawkins of the headboat "Morning Star" reported that the theme last week were squalls and sea bass. Capt. Monty runs full day trips throughout the year and tends to fish a bit deeper and further out than the main fleet of half day boats. Other than some rougher seas, he managed a nice bite of keeper sea bass. He said at one point the rain was so violent they couldn't get a volunteer to push the reef blocks to the rail to be sent overboard for the OC Reef Foundation.

Areas near the Jack Spot and Great Eastern Reef were the hot spots of the week due to the deeper cooler water. Last Friday saw 90+ degree temps, so as the water warms, sea bass will become more scarce inshore, turning many anglers to flounder and spanish mackerel.

Speaking of spanish mackerel, Ted Proseus said he had a great time with a beautiful class of spanish up to 22 inches.

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The bluefish run is the best we have seen in years. Kevin McNiels caught several slammers, with the biggest one at 31". Craig "Big Bird" Cropper was at it again this week scoring multiple blues around 10 pounds as well as a few throwback stripers. Craig and Shaun did manage a couple of keeper rockfish along the Rt. 50 Bridge. Amongst all the bluefish being caught, Andrew Harris found a nice 35" linesider. "Ocean City Guide Service" was not about to be left out, and showed a picture of a beautiful keeper striper caught by a lady angler. With bluefish being so abundant and in numbers we have not seen in several years, now is the time to get out on the water and catch some of these hard fighting fish. Leslie Wagner was on Assateague Island and managed to bring in a few quality blues.

The drum report from Assateague Island was very slow this week, although bluefiswwh and ribbonfish seem to be everywhere.

Speaking of ribbonfish, they are as thick as I can ever remember, and I have a feeling that will be going on all summer.

Last week further to the Virginia line, we had reports of a few cobia catches. I received no reports from Maryland of any cobia caught, however I hear the fishing in Cape Charles, VA is on fire! Russ Garufi reported a great day in Cape Charles Boating 12 cobia with a few over 50". If they are that thick in Virginia, they should be here any day now.

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Stinky Beach gives up another fattie! Tyler West from Douglassville, PA stopped by our new office to share this picture of the flounder he caught, fishing at low tide using a top & bottom rig with minnows.



Big Bird Cropper loves to share his passion for fishing. On this trip he took out father and son Glenn and Tristan Ireland. They fished just south of the Rt. 50 Bridge near the East Channel using a stretch lure. Tristan caught his first bluefish, a 10 pounder and they released a 27" striper.

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Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"			

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Early last week had some nice weather as we can see in this picture. Ben Gordy of Millsboro, DE ran out to the Wilmington Canyon with Capt. Christopher Keller and Ryan Lehmann on the "O-FENCEIVE" and pulled this 17 lb. bluefish from the deep.

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Little Branlee Young from Taneytown, MD proves that you don't need expensive equipment to catch fish! He landed this 19.5" flounder using a toddler Zebco combo with artificial bloodworms and a spot rig off the bulkhead at 6th Street in Ocean City. Pictured with his dad David.



Another good day on the charter boat "Bill Slayer"! Capt. Chris Ragni found success for his crew of Bill Mason, Rusty Kaiser, Dean Cheshack, Chris Straubel, Rich Marvel and Mike Cannon in the Baltimore Canyon last week. Bill released the first white marlin from a Delaware boat for the season and the crew tapped into a nice catch of 30 tilefish. Pictured at the Indian River Marina.

# OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

<b>WED. JUNE 22</b>	<b>High 03:35 am</b> <b>High 04:27 pm</b>	<b>Low 09:32 am</b> <b>Low 10:11 pm</b>
<b>THUR. JUNE 23</b>	<b>High 04:28 am</b> <b>High 05:22 pm</b>	<b>Low 10:20 am</b> <b>Low 11:12 pm</b>
<b>FRI. JUNE 24</b>	<b>High 05:14 am</b> <b>High 06:10 pm</b>	<b>Low 11:07 am</b> <b>Low -----</b>
<b>SAT. JUNE 25</b>	<b>High 05:55 am</b> <b>High 06:54 pm</b>	<b>Low 12:09 am</b> <b>Low 11:53 pm</b>
<b>SUN. JUNE 26</b>	<b>High 06:35 am</b> <b>High 07:34 pm</b>	<b>Low 01:00 am</b> <b>Low 12:35 pm</b>
<b>MON. JUNE 27</b>	<b>High 07:16 am</b> <b>High 08:13 pm</b>	<b>Low 01:45 am</b> <b>Low 01:15 pm</b>
<b>TUE. JUNE 28</b> New Moon	<b>High 07:59 am</b> <b>High 08:50 pm</b>	<b>Low 02:27 am</b> <b>Low 01:53 pm</b>
<b>WED. JUNE 29</b>	<b>High 08:43 am</b> <b>High 09:27 pm</b>	<b>Low 03:06 am</b> <b>Low 02:29 pm</b>

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Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.  
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 - subtract 45 minutes to low tide  
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Species	2022	2021	Species	2022	2021
 <b>Bluefish</b>	<b>April 26</b> Morgan Mericle South OC Jetty	<b>May 8</b> Gavin Murray Gull Island	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	<b>May 20</b> Mike Eid "HotLine" Fingers	May 22, 2021 Patrick Snell "MAKO me CRAZY" Twin Wrecks
 <b>Black Drum</b>	<b>March 29</b> Jay Phillips Assateague Island	<b>March 31</b> Allen Sklar Assateague Island	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	<b>June 12</b> Richie Widmayer "HotLine" Baltimore Canyon	<b>May 28</b> Pete Gudiatas "Blood Money" Poor Man's
 <b>Cobia</b>	<b>June 11</b> Numen Bilal Fenwick Beach Island	<b>June 17</b> Shannon Pickens South OC Inlet	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	<b>May 17</b> Andrew Dietz "Take Em" SE Poor Man's	<b>May 7</b> James Hammond "Hot Lick" Norfolk
 <b>Flounder</b>	<b>April 3</b> Scott Lenox Thorofare	<b>April 18</b> Danny Cox Rt. 90 Bridge	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>	<b>June 5</b> Chad Tingle "Sea Bear" Wilmington Canyon	<b>July 17</b> Morgan Michael "Reel Fun" Baltimore Canyon
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>May 15</b> Jeremy Michalski Jack Spot	<b>April 12</b> Camryn Baeder Inshore Wreck	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	<b>May 17</b> James Haren "Take Em" SE Poor Man's	<b>May 28</b> Bill Pino "Blood Money" Poor Man's
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	<b>June 4</b> Blake Gunther OC Inlet	<b>June 17</b> Veronica Cannuli Outside OC Inlet	 <b>Dolphin</b>	<b>May 29</b> Adam Davidson "HotLine" East of Poor Man's	<b>June 10</b> Michael Seicke "Second Chance" S. Poor Man's
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	<b>April 20</b> Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge	<b>May 6</b> Buddy Martin East Channel	 <b>Swordfish</b>	<b>June 4</b> The Crew "Espadon" Poor Man's Canyon	New Category for 2022
 <b>Tautog</b>	<b>March 27</b> Michael Guigley Stinky Beach	<b>January 1</b> Mike Sadowski "Tide Runner" Ocean Structure	 <b>Blue Marlin</b> <span style="color:red">★</span>	<b>June 13</b> The Crew "Rhonda's Osprey" Poor Man's Canyon	New Category for 2022
 <b>Wahoo</b>		<b>June 17</b> Gary Welch Washington Canyon	 <b>White Marlin</b>	<b>June 6</b> Kevin Gibb "WRECKER" Baltimore Canyon	<b>June 13</b> Brad Young "TUNAFOWL" Washington Canyon

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It was a fast payout for the team from Fisherman's United of Ocean City. As we reported last week, the crew of the "Wrecker" was recognized for catching and releasing the first white marlin of the 2022 season. Fisherman's United is a group of local businessmen that support Ocean City's legacy as the White Marlin Capital of the World and rewards the first catch of the season. Pictured are Dave Messick from Hooked on OC, Brian Tinkler from Sunset Marina, Larry Budd from Coastal Fisherman, "Wrecker" crew Austin Bowden, Cody Smith, Capt. Bobby Layton, Earl Conley of Bank of Ocean City, Rolfe Gudelsky from Ocean City Fishing Center and Shawn Harmon from Bahia Marina. Pictured at the white marlin fountain located at the eastern foot of the Rt. 50 Bridge.



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Offshore may have been tough last week, but the bay action was hoppin! Tom Jaschik, Jim Crandall, Bob Miser and Rich Kaeser tricked these 4 keeper flounder using white Gulp while fishing with Capt. Nick Clemente in the Thorofare on the charter boat "Get Sum".



We think Jack from Lancaster, PA wins the best dressed angler award during his half day trip on the headboat "Judith M". Capt. Eric Shoaff took the crew to the Bass Grounds and had a lot of sea bass action although anglers had to fight through a lot of shorts like this one.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



Capt. Ken Thompson had to work for some fish during Paul Pedone's birthday charter on the "Oppor-Tuna-Ty Too". They went 1 for 1 on yellowfin tuna in the Baltimore Canyon in the morning before heading closer to home for some golden tilefish. Rounding out the crew were Bryan Corbin, Adam Thompson, Zack Klinak, Paul Pedone and Steve Erhardt.



The first marlins of the season release are a special event for anglers. They mark bragging rights and signal the start of some nice fishing. The first blue marlin released for 2022 was on the charter boat "Rhonda's Osprey" with Capt. Joe Drosey. Anglers Ray, Darrell and Kevin with 495 Trucking all fought the estimated 500 lb. blue before releasing it in the Poor Man's Canyon.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



It's nice to see the convict in the mix recently! Bobby Pruszynski caught this one at the Ocean City Jetty on the "On The Run" with Capt. Dave Caffrey. Fellow anglers Natalia Leisher and Ian Pruszynski got two keeper flounder from the Thorofare.



In general the yellowfin tuna bite over the past week has been mainly shortys with a few keepers, so it was a surprise to see this catch from Poor Man's Canyon by the charter boat "Boss Hogg" last Wednesday! Anglers Rob Bauar, Mike Killelea, Richard Hoenes, Jr. and Sr. and Nick from Annapolis, Falls Church and Baltimore had consistent action throughout the day boating 9 in total on sea witches and spreader bars. Captain Alex Beane was at the wheel with mate Jack Hannum in the pit.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



Capt. Scott Stapleford on the charter boat "All In" got his crew on some tuna action last week in the southern Baltimore Canyon. Mate Gary Sergeant was busy in the pit getting the anglers on 6 for 9 on yellowfin tuna.



A few boats got out before the weekend blowout. Capt. Brian Porter with mates Alex Beane & Jack Hannum got Joe Carter and friends onto some decent keeper yellowfin tunas, some shortys and a gaffer mahi in the Poor Man's Canyon last Wednesday.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



The anglers on this trip from Fisherman's Wharf with Capt. Brin had a lot of fun catching a mix of fish including this baby shark, kingfish, speckled trout and others.



The action was hot on the rip last week for the charter boat "Pumpin' Hard". Anglers Mitch Marriner, Doug Rayfield, Brad Rayfield and George Merritt had to work through some undersized yellowfin tuna to catch these 6 yellowfins and a skipjack at the Rockpile using ballyhoo and plastics. Capt. Mike Burt was at the wheel with David Burt in the pit.

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It has been two long years, but Pat Borrel from New Bloomfield, PA finally caught another keeper flounder, actually two! She caught this 19" dinner fish and one 18" using white Gulp near the Duck Blinds in the bay behind Assateague Island. Supported as always by David Borell.

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## What is Greywater?

Gray water is a type of water that is used and traveled through of shower drains, sink drains, laundry machine drains, the dishwasher drain, condensate drain etc.

## What is Black Water?

Black water is water that has encountered human

waste, particularly fecal matter. Blackwater contains bacteria and other harmful contaminants.

## What is Bilge Water?

Bilge water is not just water but a mixture of a variety of substances. It is a mixture of fresh water, sea water, oil, sludge, chemicals, and various other fluids. Most modern boats have individual systems that accommodate these types of water and contain, treat and manage these sources.

Boaters seem to focus on "clean water" or potable water. A short walk down the dock at most marinas will allow you to see a wide range of pre-treatment systems for dockside water that boaters have chosen to use to improve their fresh water supply. Many boaters use water from the garden hose at their marina without any regard to the quality, hoping someone else monitors and evaluates the water quality.

Depending on the source of the water, it may have

naturally occurring or added minerals and chemicals that are not desirable to use on or in a boat. For example - water with high iron content can leave brownish stains or discolorations on surfaces. This may not be immediately noticeable, but over time this may become apparent. On Maryland's eastern shore, well water can contain arsenic, a naturally occurring underground element. Hard water with a high mineral content and high TDS (Total Dissolved Solids) often contains naturally occurring calcium and magnesium picked up naturally as the water moves through the earth. At home and on boat, hard water interferes with



every cleaning task from laundering and dishwashing to bathing and personal

grooming.

The most important aspect of investigating your water quality is to measure your water before and after any treatment system by analytical means. There are numerous water testing kits, tools, and services available. A simple TDS water test meter is about \$20 but does not evaluate for chemicals or bacteria.

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watermaker will produce water with a minimum of 500PPM of TDS but often as low as 100 PPM or less and can optionally remove bacteria with an add-on treatment system.

If a watermaker is out of the question, what else can I do to improve the fresh water for my boat? You could install a RO (reverse osmosis) system to process the public fresh water supply or even additionally process watermaker water. NOTE: A RO system for fresh water uses different membranes that tolerate chlorine, a chemical that will

it does not leave behind the dreaded water spots, since there are no minerals to leave behind!

A less expensive dockside system is a "water softener" to help improve the "feeling" of the water and improve the ability to make soapy water (hard water does not allow soap to foam with lots of bubbles). Many people believe a water softener will reduce or remove solids - it does not. A water softener helps make the water "feel" better by exchanging ions; minerals are simply exchanged for other minerals, leaving total TDS levels constant. The "Wet Spot" marine portable water softener is the most popular product in this category and works as advertised.

If you just want to remove an unpleasant smell or taste



ruin traditional saltwater RO systems. The Dometic Spot Zero is a popular freshwater RO system, mounted in the boat or dockside and designed for the marine environment. The Spot Zero system can output water with less than 20 PPM TDS (total dissolved solids) and often into the single digits of TDS. Water spots on surfaces are a result of minerals left behind after the water dries or evaporates. As you may have realized, water without any solids is almost 100% H2O. When this low PPM water dries or evaporates,

of dockside water, a carbon filter can "purify" city water to help reduce any odor and filter out larger solids in the water though with only a very slight reduction in TDS. While most potable public water supplies in the USA are acceptable for drinking and bathing, that same water may not be the best water for use and maintenance of your boat. If you desire upgraded water, there are numerous treatment systems available, with a wide range of price points that are specifically made for use in the marine environment.§



Finding a rockfish in the 'slot' is always a challenge. Good thing Karen Cooper from Roxanna, DE was up to the challenge when she hit the Indian River Inlet last Saturday. She fooled this 29" striper in the early morning hours using a white bucktail. Picture courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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You can't help but smile with a nice catch! Michele Lambie fished at B Buoy last week using Gulp and reeled in this 4.5 lb. flounder. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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It took a little time for the crew of the private boat "Old Hatt" to get out on the water this season, but their first trip was a success. The Stevensville, MD crew of Brian Fink, Dean Groff, Scott Meyer with Capt. Al Hunter and mate Jim Frazetti headed to the Baltimore Canyon on the 12th. They caught 9 yellowfin tuna including these 4 keepers using spreader bars and skirted ballyhoo. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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# DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Delaware saw lots of west wind making the ocean ride a little better, however it also made the biting flies even worse than usual. This year has been extremely brutal for the pesky biters. Fishing overall was good last week. Flounder and bluefish action were some of the best we have seen for years. Unfortunately, sea bass has really begun to slow down. Putting in the time will still get you a nice keeper dinner, but the days of limit after limit looks to be behind us now.

## Sea Bass & Flounder

Starting with flounder, the back bays are full of flatties. Many are short of keeper size, however a few big trophies were caught this week by those who fished hard and found the right holes and structure. Several keeper fish have been caught along the rock jetty at the mouth of the Indian River Inlet. Along with some

big flounder, the first nice group of sheepshead also made their way onto anglers hooks. Jo Fisher fished the rocks and got two big ones. The first was 13.8 lbs. and the second was a whopping 27.5 lbs. Although not a state record, this is definitely a fish many anglers spend a lifetime trying to catch. Great job!

Carl Gutberlett and crew searched the rock wall for some dinner and were rewarded with a nice 17.5" and 20" flounder. Eric Moore from Hartford County was the angler that caught the big fish of the day. The channel in front of the VFW was also holding a few nice fish this week and should only get better in the following weeks.

At Lewes Canal, Anthony Honjnicky caught 3 keeper flounder on the morning bite while using minnows and Gulp baits. Anthony is headed to

Florida this coming week. If the kid is this lucky in the canal, I can't wait to see his pictures next week from Florida. Also out of Lewes Harbour Marina was Bob Murphy fishing on the "Katydid", winning the big fish pool with a beautiful 5.87 lb. flounder. Captain Keith was zoned in on flounder this week and caught several nice keepers aboard his boat "Surface Tension". Preston, Mark and Tad all caught their fish on Gulp. Keith reported they also picked up a few sea bass on jigs. Angler Fuentes Rivas fished on the "Thelma Dale" and got his dinner with two nice size flounder measuring 23 and 24". Nice catch for early in the season!

The charter "Skipjack 2" also reported a hard working group this week returning to the dock with a limit of flounder. "Bad Wind Charters" was using their Bad Wing Jugs again to bring home limits of flatties. It's great to see the fishing near shore really starting to heat up. Charter boat "Fish Bound" changed over to flounder trips from sea bass. Although not super hot, they managed to have a great show of flounder at the docks. The outside Coral Grounds are reported as the hot spot for last week, however a few boats ventured up to the ballast piles on the NJ line and were rewarded with some quality fish. If you fish the rock piles up north, be ready to re-tie a new rig as the bottom is very snaggy and you will lose more rigs than you catch fish. The spot does hold some big flounder though and is worth the loss of rigs. Bucktails and jigs work best in this area because the traditional high low rig will snag up way too quickly with the longer leaders. Bennett Prettyman caught a whopping 8 lb. 4oz fattie on Bill's new boat the "Carpe Diem". The Cape Henlopen Pier reported a few lucky anglers caught some decent flounder, however fishing was a bit slower last week than in past weeks for the flat fish.

The headboats at Lewes Harbour and Indian River both reported that sea bass has slowed down

on the near shore wrecks and the Coral Grounds. Site 11 remains the hot spot this week, and if you put the time in and fish with fresh clam you can still manage a nice catch for dinner.

The NJ/DE Reef was also slow this week but did give up a few nice sea bass. NJ/DE reef has been hit very hard from day one with the knotheads. Finding wrecks in this deep 100-120 ft. of water that have not been targeted so hard is the key to finding keeper fish. Jigs are still working, but many wrecks and structure spots have been so over fished, not many fish big enough to take a jig are left.

## Bluefish, Rockfish & Drum


Bluefish fishing is some of the best we have seen in years. Many anglers both on boats as well as off the surf fishing beaches are reporting lots of slammer blues ready to bite just about anything you throw at them. On the beach, metal spoons are a big hit when fish are seen crashing the surface chasing bait. Mullet rigs are a favorite using whole finger mullet with a tail twin hook. Bluefish are notorious backbiters cutting your bait in half leaving only the head and hook behind. Using a mullet rig with the hook near the back of the tail usually eliminates this problem. Mel Jones fished off the beach this week and got a couple nice slammer blues. Travis Rash also got in on the bite right off the inlet sand. Rob Douglas said the bluefish bite was good, but the kingfish bite was outstanding. He said he had more fun watching his kids catch them than any fishing he did himself. The kingfish, about 30 total, mainly bit the yellow float top and bottom kingfish rig. "Ocean Arsenal" reports their OA Smoke Bomb chugger pulled in tons of bluefish this week. They said a couple more degrees and it's on for mahi!

Denise Treadwell caught a nice citation size 10.9 lb. sheepshead along the outer wall.

Ryan Focht and son caught a nice 22" black drum on sand fleas off the beach. Drum have begun to slow down as many fish have spawned and left the area.

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A first fish for any angler is memorable. We expect young 9 year old Liam Griffith from Belleville, PA will remember his first striper! He caught and released this 20" fish from the south side of the Indian River Inlet.



Emily from Pennsylvania pulled double duty on the headboat "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. First she, Manny and Anita pushed some new reef blocks overboard and then she caught this pretty sea bass and others for the cooler.

# 2022 FEDERAL SIZE & CREEL LIMITS

## 3-200 Miles

 <p><b>BLUE MARLIN</b> 99" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit</p>	 <p><b>YELLOWFIN TUNA</b> 27" Curved Fork Length 3 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>BIGEYE TUNA</b> 27" Curved Fork Length No Retention Limit</p>	 <p><b>GOLDEN TILEFISH</b> No minimum • 8 per person/day</p>
 <p><b>WHITE MARLIN</b> 66" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit</p> <p>NOTE: Blue Marlin, White Marlin and Roundscale Marlin combined 250 Limit</p>	 <p><b>BLUEFIN TUNA</b> 27" to &lt;47" curved fork length 2 per vessel/day or trip 47" to &lt; 73" curved fork length 1 per vessel/day or trip 27" to &lt;47" curved fork length 3 per Charter/day or trip 27" to &lt;47" curved fork length 6 per Headboat/day or trip 47" to &lt; 73" curved fork length 2 per Headboat/day or trip</p>	 <p><b>SWORDFISH</b> 47" Lower Jaw Fork Length 1 per person / 4 per vessel (Rec) 1 per person / 6 per vessel (Charter) 1 per person / 15 per Headboat</p>	 <p><b>BLUELINE TILEFISH</b> 5/1 - 10/31 3 per person (Recreational) 5 per person Uninspected (Charter) 7 per person Inspected (Charter)</p>
 <p><b>DOLPHIN</b> No minimum Length Boat Limit 60 Charter Limit 10 per person/ 60 per Boat</p>	<p><b>SAILFISH</b> Minimum Length 63" • No Retention Limit</p>	 <p><b>WAHOO</b> No minimum Length • 2 per person/day</p>	
<h3>SHARKS</h3> <h3>AUTHORIZED SPECIES</h3>	<p>No Minimum Fork Length Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead</p> <p>54" Minimum Fork Length Atlantic Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Tiger, Blue, Common Thresher, Oceanic Whitetip, Porbeagle, Finetooth, Atlantic Blacknose</p> <p>NOTE: Only 1 shark from the lists above may be retained per vessel per trip. In addition, 1 Atlantic Sharpnose, 1 Bonnethead and 1 Oceanic Whitetip may be retained per person per trip. If a hammerhead shark is retained, no tunas, billfish or swordfish may be retained.</p>	<p>71" Minimum Fork Length Male Shortfin Mako</p> <p>78" Minimum Fork Length Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead</p>	<p>83" Minimum Fork Length Female Shortfin Mako</p> <p><b>PROHIBITED SHARKS</b> Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sixgill, Bigeye Thresher, Bignose, Caribbean Reef, Caribbean Sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Sandbar, Sand Tiger, Sevengill, Silky, Sixgill, Smalltail, Whale, White</p> <p>Resources: eregulations.com &amp; NOAA.gov</p>






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# THE GALLEY

by Chef Christine



## Easy Crab Linguine

### Ingredients:

- 1/2 lbs. linguine, spaghetti or pasta of your choice
- 3 tbsp. unsalted butter
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/3 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 lemon, juice only
- 1 cup ready to eat crab meat
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp. chopped parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

### Directions:

Cook the linguine in a large pot of salted, boiling water according to package instructions.

Five minutes before the pasta is ready, set a large pan over low heat and melt the butter, add sliced garlic and sauté for



1 minute over very low heat without coloring it, then pour in white wine and lemon juice, turn the heat up to medium and let it reduce for a couple of minutes.

Stir in the cooked crab meat and

take it off the heat. Drain the pasta once cooked and reserve 1/2 cup of pasta water. Add the pasta to the pan with the crab meat and toss to combine, add half of the reserved of pasta water and Parmesan cheese, stir over low heat until the cheese melts and coats the pasta. If the pasta is a bit dry add a splash of pasta water. Your pasta dish should be loose but not swimming in sauce, just lightly coated. Salt to taste. Sprinkle with fresh parsley before serving.

### Notes:

I prefer using sliced garlic over pressed garlic in this pasta dish as it presents a milder taste and doesn't overpower the crab.

## Light Flounder Piccata

### Ingredients:

- 4 flounder fillets, 17 oz. total
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 large egg whites
- 2/3 cup seasoned bread crumbs
- Olive oil spray, about 1 tbsp. worth
- 1 tbsp. light butter



- Juice of 1 lemon, lemon halves reserved
- 1/4 cup dry white wine
- 1/2 cup fat free chicken broth
- 1 tbsp. capers, drained

- Sliced lemon, for serving
- 2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley, for serving

### Directions:

Season fish with salt and pepper. Heat oven to 200°.

In a shallow bowl, beat the egg whites. Place the bread crumbs in another dish. Dip each fish fillet in the egg whites, then bread crumbs.

Heat a large saute pan over medium to medium-low heat. Spray a generous amount of olive oil spray on one side of the fish, and lay it in the pan, oil side down. Spray the other side of the fish generously to coat and cook for 4 to 5 minutes on each side, until fish is opaque and cooked through.

Set aside on a platter in a warm oven until you make the sauce.

Over medium heat in the same pan, melt butter, add the lemon juice, wine, chicken broth and the reserved lemon halves, salt, and pepper and bring to a boil.

Boil over high heat until the liquid is reduced to half, about 3 - 4 minutes.

Discard the lemon halves, add the capers and spoon the sauce over the fish; place a slice of lemon on each fillet and top with fresh parsley.

## Crab Stuffed Salmon

### Ingredients:

- 1 lb salmon
- 1 lb lump crab
- 1 tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 tbsp cream cheese
- 2 tsp grain mustard
- 1/2 tbsp. Old Bay seasoning
- 1/2 lemon
- 1 egg
- 1 green onion
- 1 tbsp parsley
- 1/4 cup bread crumbs
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Parmesan cheese to taste
- Pinch of paprika
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salt and pepper and slice salmon fillet lengthwise down the center to create space for stuffing.

Stuff salmon with crab meat filling and then place on a lightly greased baking sheet.

Grate some fresh parmesan cheese on top of the crab meat filling, sprinkle a little oregano and paprika, then place in the oven for about 16 minutes or until fully cooked through.

### Ahi Tuna Salad with Sesame Ginger Dressing

Ingredients:

- 1 tbsp. olive oil
- 2 medium-sized tuna steaks (fresh or frozen, each steak should be about 8 oz.)
- Sesame seeds for encrusting tuna, plus more for garnishing
- 1 head romaine lettuce, chopped
- 1 cup carrot matchsticks
- 1 cup sliced red cabbage
- 1 cucumber, cut into matchsticks

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F

Beat together the egg, mayonnaise, cream cheese, grain mustard, lemon juice, old bay seasoning, and bread crumbs.

Fold in the green onions, parsley, and lump crab meat gently, cover and chill for about an hour.

Season the salmon filets with



- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 avocado, thinly sliced
- Wonton or tortilla strips (optional, for garnish)
- Carrot Ginger Dressing:
  - 1/2 medium sized carrot, grated
  - 1 stalk celery, chopped
  - 2 tbsp. sesame oil
  - 2 tbsp. rice vinegar
  - 1 tbsp. honey
  - 1 tbsp. minced ginger

1 tbsp. soy sauce

Directions:

In a Magic Bullet, blender or food processor, blend ingredients for dressing. Set aside. If you don't have carrot or celery, you can just mix sesame oil, rice vinegar, honey, ginger and soy sauce together but it won't be as authentic as real sushi-style dressing. It will still taste great though!

Meanwhile, prepare veggies for the salad and divide evenly among four large salad bowls. Season tuna with salt and pepper before coating in sesame seeds.

Add olive oil to a large frying pan over high heat. Wait until oil is smoking, then add tuna steaks, searing for 30 seconds per side. Remove from heat and slice with a sharp knife, adding half of each steak to each salad.

Garnish each salad with sesame seeds and wonton strips, then add dressing. Serve and enjoy!

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vegetables for whatever you have on hand.

Sear the tuna on each side for 30 seconds.

Store the tuna, veggies and dressing separately in the fridge for up to 3 days, then assemble your salad fresh.

### Sweet & Spicy Thai Glazed Mahi Mahi

Ingredients:

2 pieces mahi mahi, about 6 oz. each\*

1 1/2 Tbsp. soy sauce (low



sodium preferably)

1 1/2 Tbsp. white wine

1 1/2 tsp. sriracha

1 1/2 tsp. honey

1 tsp finely minced garlic (~2 med cloves)

1/2 tsp. sesame seeds

Vegetable oil

Directions:

Combine all ingredients. Allow fish to marinate in the refrigerator for about 30 minutes.

Heat a little bit of veg oil in a non stick skillet over med heat. Let excess marinade fall off fish (do not discard). Cook fish about 5 min on the first side. Flip fish and pour excess marinade into pan. Let it bubble and reduce. Glaze fish with sauce as it cooks on second side, 5 minutes.

\*You don't have to use mahi mahi. Any meaty fish will work: halibut, salmon, swordfish, even cod.



### Bacon Scallops with Lemon Butter Sauce

Ingredients:

5 strips uncooked bacon, chopped

1 lb. scallops

salt and pepper

2 tablespoon olive oil

3 tablespoons lemon juice, freshly squeezed

2 tablespoons wine or lemon juice

2 tablespoons butter, softened but not melted

2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped

Directions:

Cook chopped bacon in a skillet until cooked.

Dry scallops with paper towels. Season with salt and pepper.

Heat the large skillet until very hot, add 2 tablespoons of olive oil and immediately add scallops. Sear on high heat, about 3-4 minutes on each side. Remove from the skillet.

Add 3 tablespoons lemon juice (and maybe 2 more tablespoons white wine). Scrape the bottom of the pan.

Remove from heat, add softened butter (but not melted) - to create a creamy sauce. Add chopped bacon. Add back the seared scallops. Top with chopped parsley.

### Garlic Parmesan Crusted Sheepshead

Ingredients:

For Sheepshead:

4 sheepshead fillets - skinless and boneless

1-2 tablespoons of mayonnaise

Salt and cracked black pepper, to season

Garlic powder, to season

For Garlic Parmesan Crumble:

1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs

2 tablespoons fresh parsley, finely chopped

1/2 cup parmesan cheese

3 cloves garlic, minced

4 tablespoons olive oil

Salt and cracked black pepper, to season

Squeeze of lemon juice

Directions:

Heat oven on to 400° and prepare your parmesan crumble.

For the parmesan crumble, add all the ingredients below and combine well. Next, put your sheepshead fillets onto a parchment paper lined baking



sheet and add your mayo using a brush to evenly spread on fish, then your salt, pepper and garlic powder. Add your parmesan crumble on top of your mayo topped fish right before you're ready to put the fish in the oven.

Bake fish for about 12-15 minutes and then turn oven to BROIL for about 1 minute or so to really crisp up the parmesan crumble. Remember, the thinner or thicker your fillet of fish determines how long to bake them in the oven.

We served our sheepshead fish with jasmine rice, beans, and some fresh vegetables. I also sprinkled some green onions and red pepper on top to add that crunchy and fresh flavor to the dish. §

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12 year old Gabe Dalfonso of West Ocean City was trolling at the Bass Grounds with spoons behind planers when he caught this ribbonfish last Friday. He was fishing on the "Drop Money" with his dad Dave and cousin Christopher Smith from Bethel, DE.

Some fish just don't know when they are out of season! Blake Cunningham caught just such a fish at the Ocean City South Jetty last week. He caught and released this tog using live sand fleas on the incoming tide.

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## STATE WATERS ONLY

 <p><b>BLACK SEA BASS</b> 13" minimum / 15 per person/day May 15 - December 11</p>	 <p><b>BLUEFISH</b> 8" minimum 3 per person/day or 5 per person/day Charter</p>	 <p><b>BLACK DRUM</b> 16" minimum 1 per person/day up to 6 per boat/day</p>	 <p><b>COBIA</b> 40" minimum 1 per person/day 6/15 - 9/15 Boat limit 2 for up to 2 anglers</p>
 <p><b>CROAKER</b> 9" minimum 25 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>RED DRUM</b> 18-27" minimum 1 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>SHEEPSHEAD</b> 4 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>SPECKLED TROUT</b> 14" minimum 4 per person/day</p>
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Despite some stormy weather last Thursday, anglers Brian Carneiro and Brett Chauncey headed out to try their luck. They were rewarded with 2 nice fish. Brett caught a 32.5" keeper rock in the Lewes Canal and Brian snagged an 8.3 lb. sheepshead at the Outer Wall. Pictured at Lewes Harbor Marina.

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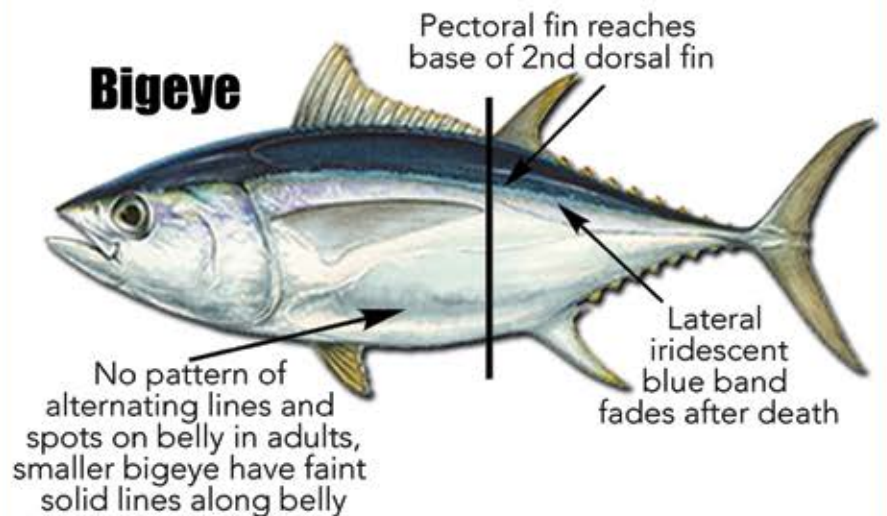
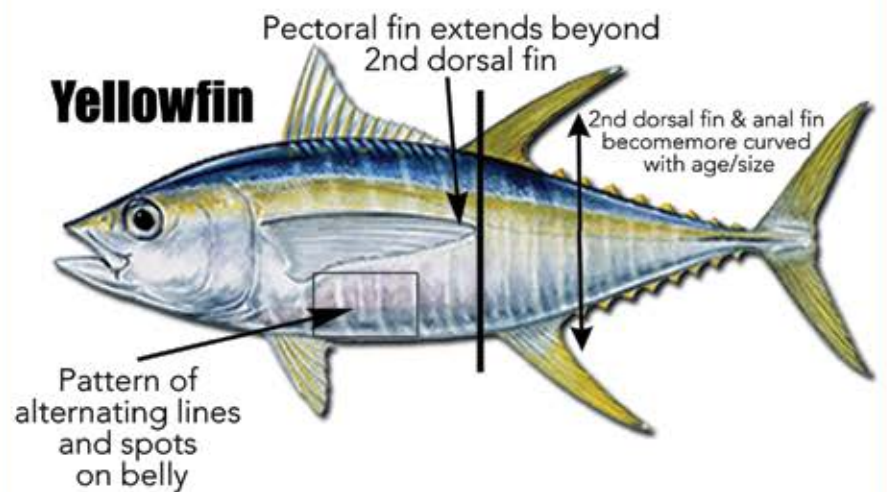
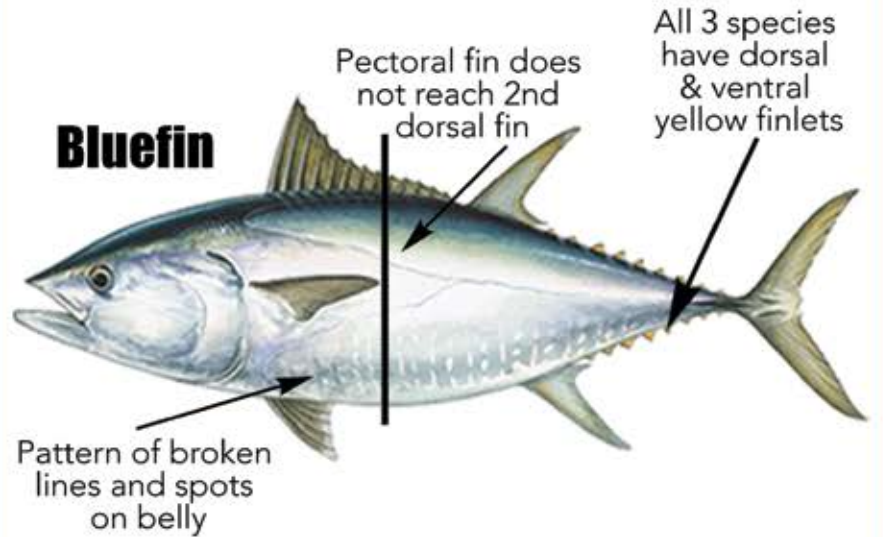
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Tuna fishing was slow last week, but Capt. Joe Drosey on the charter boat "Rhonda's Osprey" put in the work and found 5 nice sized keeper yellowfin from the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured are Lennon Peake, Jimmy Chlabrese and Ben Daniels from Ellicott City, MD with Bill Peake from Kent Island, MD and Jimmy Harris of Elk Ridge, MD. This was also Jimmy C's first fish ever.

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24 year old Dustin Phillips who hails from Pittsville, MD looks satisfied after catching his first ever speckled trout, and a big one at that. The one armed and cancer survivor fisherman boated this 23" and 4 lb. fish from the Tangier Sound using a peeler crab while fishing with his dad and sister.



Another white marlin release for a DE boat. Pat Linder, Mike Morgan, Jonah Robertson and Carter DiRado fished in the Baltimore Canyon last week and released this white on a Magictail Side Tracker. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbor Marina.

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# VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Matt Abell



It doesn't matter what you call them... the man in a brown suit, crab eater, or just plain ol' cobia, this is the headline of fishing news for the ESVA! The season started off with a bang for anglers this past Wednesday. Most fish came tight on 7/0-9/0 octopus or octopus circle hooks on fairly heavy leader fished on a sinker slide or fishfinder rig baited with a tantalizing chunk of bunker. Chum, in some cases sunk to the bottom, also played a critical part in luring these scrappy opponents to the dinner table. Live eels have been floated back with the chum, as well as casted along with bright colored jigs to cobia spotted swimming just under the surface of the water or following rays. Remember, while you are battling unwanted rays and sharks, cobia sometimes will follow these tackle decimators

right to your boat and offer a bonus to anglers who have a jig or eel ready to deploy. The most productive areas have been from the CBBT up to Cape Charles with good reports coming from waters as far north as the Pocomoke Sound. There have been a mixture of sizes with many fish not reaching the 40 inch minimum as well as other mature cows reaching into the mid fifties. Don't forget, in addition to your fishing license you must acquire a FREE Virginia cobia permit prior to fishing and participate in the mandatory reporting program.

Flounder fishing has held steady this past week with better catches coming during times of light winds that allowed for clean water. The inshore bite has occurred for

the most part on both sides of high water. The fish have been spread out, with some on the flats while others seem to have taken up residence near the inlet areas of the VA barrier islands.

The nearshore report is starting to sound a lot more like summer as anglers target reefs and wrecks with warm water techniques. The blackfish bank reef has produced some decent flounder action. Anglers have used an assortment of top and bottom style flounder rigs as well as 1.5-6 oz. jigs tipped with Gulp to tempt these deep water flatfish in to the dip net. Other shallower wrecks are home to new shoals of spadefish eager to bend rods adorn with tempting prices of clam. Soon, triggerfish will be mixed in with the spades to add even

more tropical variety. The Pocomoke and Tangier Sounds have still been fairly productive. Rock have been the most reliable quarry, while casting lures and reds are still stalking the grassy shallows looking for an entree of crab. The water temperature is climbing into the 80's, so like all good things, this to shall pass. However, the shallows will redeem themselves this fall as temps drop back down to more hospitable. We have had a couple of good offshore reports with most action centering around the canyon. Yellowfin and mahi are causing most of the excitement by taking trolled baits like skirted ballyhoo. We did have one report of tuna on the 20 fathom line. Hopefully this continues, as a short run would be welcome with current high fuel prices. Grab your kids, buddy, or even your wife and get out there and enjoy this wonderful place we call home! §

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The season for cobia opened last Wednesday and anglers on the Eastern Shore of Virginia wasted no time getting their lines out. Tom Comer of Princess Anne, VA reeled in this 50 lb. and 54.5" man in the brown suit on a circle hook while fishing with Capt. Steve Mason of "Bay to Beach Guide" Service.

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We were fortunate that West Ocean City angler Jack Driver found our new office! He shared this keeper black drum he caught in the bay behind Assateague Island using sand fleas, one of 30 he caught that day. He harvests his own sand fleas and blanches them before freezing. You can also find Jack being a mate on the headboat "Judith M".

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Young angler Zane Winkler from Frankford, DE had a nice surprise on this trip to the Baltimore Canyon with his father Bill. They caught 3 barrelfish with the largest at 14.3 lbs. These delicious fish are found in deep water along the continental shelf and are fun to catch as they hit the bait like a freight train!



Andrew Trackim of Center Valley, PA shows off the nice flatfish he caught in the Thorofare. He was fishing with his mom and dad using a white 4" Glup Swimming Mullet to catch this 23" flounder.

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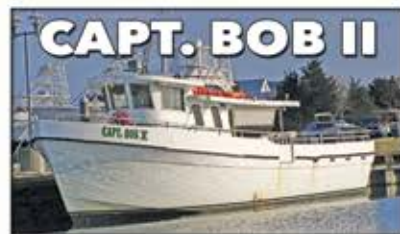
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Last summer I received an email from a fellow who had heard that we were involved in some shark research stuff, and also about the educational component of our charter trips. He said that his daughter was showing interest in becoming a marine biologist and thought that it might be a good experience for her to join us on one of our trips to learn more about sharks by observing and possibly assisting with some of the data collection, tagging, and other procedures we do with them.

All of that I've heard before as we are often joined on the boat by upcoming or current biology students, teachers, researchers, and a smattering of my fellow "shark-head" friends who are just crazy about the predators. What I hadn't heard before was the rest of his message stating that he and his little girl were not interested in fishing for sharks, the two of them just wanted to go out to observe and tag some sharks. He stated that, "My daughter

doesn't want to catch or hurt the sharks, she just wants to observe them and help with the research".

I'm still not sure what exactly he thinks we do aboard the Fish Finder, but from his email I concluded that it was his impression that we go out on the ocean and do our research procedures with sharks that are happily swimming around the boat. Not wanting the man or his daughter to come out with us on the boat and then be "traumatized" by what they might see, I made it clear to him that in order to tag, measure, and do any other procedures we do with sharks, we must first fish for and catch them on rod and reel. "Fishing," I said, "is the biggest part of what we do. We can't do anything with the sharks unless we catch them first, and in the process there's going to be some unhappy sharks and sometimes a little blood on the deck. There's no getting around it, that's just the way it is."

I never heard back from the fellow. Hopefully, if his

daughter really does decide to pursue a career in marine research she'll come to terms with the fact that there's a lot more to it than simply watching fish. The exchange also had me wondering how many other folks are a bit confused about what exactly we do aboard the Fish Finder each season, so I thought I'd lay it out here.

First of all, we're a six-passenger charter boat that takes anglers fishing for different types of fish, but in the 36 years we've been doing this our specialty has always been sharks, so shark fishing is our most requested trip and comprises about 95% of what we do. Because we spend so much time chasing, catching, and handling sharks, we get a lot of requests from various researchers and marine managers to assist them in their work and studies by collecting data, taking samples, tagging, performing procedures, designing specialized tackle and equipment and consultation.

Between late May and the

middle of October we'll typically run well over a hundred shark charters that provide opportunities for our clients to have fun catching and learning about the sharks while also observing and assisting with the various research tasks and procedures we do. So by chartering the boat our clients are essentially helping to sponsor shark research projects. Some of these projects are ongoing and we've been assisting with them for many years, others have occurred over just one season, some have worked out just as the researchers hoped they would and others ended up being a flop. For us, being able to participate in these various projects has been fun, interesting, sometimes a little frustrating but always rewarding. Of course we've learned a lot along the way and now take great pleasure in sharing what we've come to know about sharks with just about anyone willing to listen.

Some of the cool projects we've been able to assist with includes putting satellite transmitters (SPOT tags) and pop-up tags on makos, hammerheads, threshers, sandbars and blue sharks, putting acoustic tags

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inside the body cavity of spinner and dusky sharks, developing and testing tools, tackle, and equipment that allow fishermen to catch, boat, and release sharks in ways that are safe for both fish and fishermen. We've also assisted in hook studies to determine the effectiveness of different types of hooks used for sharks. The results of one of these studies played an important role in the implementation of a regulation that now requires all shark fishermen to use circle hooks when targeting sharks. We've collected small fin clippings for DNA studies, tissue samples for heavy-metal analysis, blood and brain samples (for whatever they do with blood and brains), and stomach contents for folks studying shark diets.

We're now over a month into this year's shark season and hope to keep at it at least until the middle of October. This year we hoped to get some transmitters on mako sharks, but the early season weather during the prime mako period kept us in port too much, so it's not looking like we'll get any SPOT tags out this season. We will, however, continue to tag with the conventional NOAA tags, and those sharks will also be injected with an antibiotic that will stain their vertebrae and assist scientists with an ongoing age and growth study on sharks. Any blacktip sharks we catch this year are getting special attention as we are involved with a new study of that species by some researchers who are trying to learn about the differences between the blacktips we catch here in the mid-Atlantic and those found in South Florida and the Gulf of Mexico.

This season we are continuing with our own project to

develop the best terminal tackle to prevent the deep (gut) hooking of sand tiger sharks. Sand tigers are a protected species that due to their physiology and feeding habits are very often hooked deep and sometimes die after release - we're trying to find a way to minimize that. As we have done for many years, we will continue to record data on every shark we catch which includes such details as species, location, time of day, water temperature, three different measurements, sex, type of hook, location of hook, depth caught, type of bait, condition of shark, and other details that researchers might find useful. The data is provided to state, federal fisheries and different researchers who might have use for them.

With the season still being a bit young, most fishermen are probably both hopeful and excited at the prospects of what might be in store for them. Huge tuna, limits of sea bass, carpet-size flounder, giant marlin, so much to look forward to blended with so much uncertainty! Just like everyone else, even though most of what we do is chase sharks, I too feel the excitement this time of the year of both knowing and not knowing what the months ahead will bring. We'll have days when we have "scary-big" sharks around the boat, and days when we never see a fin. No matter what kind of fish you pursue (even sharks) fish'n is fish'n - nothing is guaranteed. I'm just hoping that when the season is done we'll have happy clients, content researchers, a bunch of sharks that have been only "temporarily inconvenienced", and perhaps a slight smattering of blood on the deck. There's no getting around it, that's just the way it is!§



Zach Forte may be disappointed in the future to learn that most people normally don't catch a 25" and 6.5 lb. flounder the very first time they catch one! He was fishing on the "Calico Jack" using shiner & squid when he fooled this one in front of the Ocean City Coast Guard station on an outgoing tide.

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Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE	Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE
 <b>Bluefish</b>	<b>June 5</b> Mike Botsaris S. OC Jetty 12.5 lbs.	<b>May 27</b> Mike Greene 3 R's 10 lbs. 12 Oz.	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	<b>May 30</b> Dan Cavey Fingers 373 lbs.	
 <b>Black Drum</b>	<b>April 16</b> CW Wells Assateague Island 70 lbs.	<b>May 22</b> Mike Strain Coral Beds 78 lbs.	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	<b>June 12</b> Richie Widmayer Baltimore Canyon 191.5 lbs.	
 <b>Cobia</b>			 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	<b>June 10</b> Corey Healy Baltimore Canyon 243 lbs.	
 <b>Flounder</b>	<b>May 24</b> Dave Skirka Thorofare 5.5 lbs.	<b>June 9</b> John Gudneck Ocean Structure 6.35 lbs.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>		<b>June 5</b> Chad Tingle Wilmington Canyon 49.5 lbs.
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>May 31</b> Justin Eddy Poor Man's 4.7 lbs.	<b>May 20</b> Randy Meyers Ocean Structure 3.50 lbs.	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	<b>June 1</b> Mick Young Wilmington Canyon 80.6 lbs.	<b>June 10</b> John Savoca Baltimore Canyon 75 lbs.
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	 <b>June 15</b> Aidan Scott OC Jetty 6.5 lbs.	 <b>June 12</b> Denise Threadwell Outer Wall 10.9 lbs.	 <b>Dolphin</b>	<b>June 7</b> Jake Howe Baltimore Canyon 24.8 lbs.	
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	<b>May 20</b> Bud Martin Rt. 50 Bridge 17.19 lbs.		 <b>Swordfish</b>		
 <b>Tautog</b>	<b>April 22</b> Kelly Langion-Milano Artificial Reef 18 lbs.	<b>April 22</b> Billy Thornatore Ocean Wreck 7.5 lbs.	 <b>Blue Marlin</b>		
 <b>Wahoo</b>			 <b>White Marlin</b>		

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Some nice sized tilefish have been showing up at the docks lately. Marcy Robbins of Frankford, DE brought one into scales at Lewes Harbour Marina and weighed in a 35 lb. citation qualifying golden tilefish she caught while fishing on the "Tranquila".



Some Veterans from the "Fallen Outdoors" organization went out on the private boat "Mrs Crabs II" to the Poormans Canyon and caught their first tunas! 5 in total with the heaviest being 50lbs. Capt. Gene Arantowicz and mate Andy Camela fished with Troy Murphy, Jason Keeny and Rick Lumpkin. The missing tales were not the results of sharks, but lost as part of bleeding the fish



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**7th ANNUAL OCMC vs OCLTC SHOOT-OUT**

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With the sheephead just starting to show up, angler Denise Threadwell decided to go big or go home! She caught this citation qualifying convict near the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay while fishing with Don Smith on the "Fallymarie II". The fish beat the criteria for a citation by both weight at 10.9 lbs. and length at 25". The beast also had a girth of 22". Pictured and measured at Lewes Harbor Marina.

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