

The headboat "Morning Star" ventured out to the Washington Canyon last week and returned 27 hours later with a good catch of tilefish. Capt. Monty Hawkins (right) landed himself two great northern tilefish in 750 feet of water, the largest tipping the scale at 38 lbs. Mate Tucker Colquhoun caught a 12.5 lb. blueline tilefish in 350 feet of water on a chunk of clam. The I.G.F.A. All Tackle world record for great northern tilefish was set in 2009 at 63 lbs. 8 oz. and the current blueline tilefish world record, caught in the Norfolk Canyon in 2009, stands at 20 lbs. 4 oz. Pictured at the O.C. Fishing Center.

# Double Lines by Dale Timmons

Suzanne and I spent a few days in Buxton, NC last week on our annual getaway. The fishing wasn't all that great, but we had nice weather, and I did manage to catch half a dozen Spanish mackerel one afternoon "throwing while metal" (actually painted lead lures designed to resemble a glass minnow. Pink was the hot color, at least that day.). There was a lot of bait in the water, and the eagle rays were jumping and somersaulting, but the highlight of the trip was probably when what I think was a pilot whale came right into the beach on the south side of Cape Point. It was probably within 50 yards of the sand at one time, lolling just beneath the surface with its large black dorsal fin showing well above the surface. Kind of neat to see



I was looking through some old back issues of CF last week, and I came across a feature story I had done on a gentleman in the late 70s. It started me thinking about all of good fishermen and the interesting characters I have come to know over the years and some of the interesting wisdom they passed on. Some of them may seem trite, or old fashioned, now, but at one time they were fresh, and they have stood the test of time. Consider the following:

"They got a better chance out there than they do in here." This aphorism is commonplace now in the age of catch and release, but 40 years ago it was radical thinking. The first time I ever heard it was from an old salt named Ward Gray. Mr. Gray fished during the Jackspot heydays in the 50s and 60s, and he was referring to white marlin at the time, but it holds true for just about any fish we choose to let go...

"High water, falling, with a good hole..." Uttered by Judge Dale Cathell, then City Solicitor for the Town of Ocean City, who was featured for his "obsession" with plug casting the surf for stripers. It became my favorite time to plug the surf as well. Cathell also said, "Except for the business it would hurt, I'd like to see it stay just like it is between September 15 and November 15." Wouldn't that be nice...

The late Capt. Earl Simpson was a true Eastern Shore outdoorsman and a well known figure at the south jetty in the 1970s and 80s. Earl was proud to put me on my first surf caught red drum in the mid 70s. I featured him in 1977, and he had some sage advice: "These fish don't stay in one place. They move around a lot. You might find them in one spot one day, and somewhere else the next. You've got to look for www.coastalfisherman.net

them." He was referring to the big gray trout around the jetty, but it holds true for just about every species. A related aphorism is, "They got tails, don't they?" Simpson also waxed a little philosophical when he said, "Sometimes I catch fish, sometimes I don't, and it really doesn't matter. It all evens out. I once had a party where this guy says, 'Well, Cap, are we going to get 'em today?' I said, come on, don't put the kiss of death on us before we even go out. We don't always catch fish. That man upstairs is the one. Sometimes He lets you catch them, and sometimes He doesn't."

"You got to give 'em what they want to eat, not what you want to feed 'em." These words came from a fellow named Pete Rusinkewicz, who spent the summers living in the back of his pickup truck with a cap on it and fished seven days a week on the old railroad bridge, the Rt. 50 bridge and the north inlet jetty, the kind of life most fishermen only dream about. The advice sounds pretty **Continued on page 6** 



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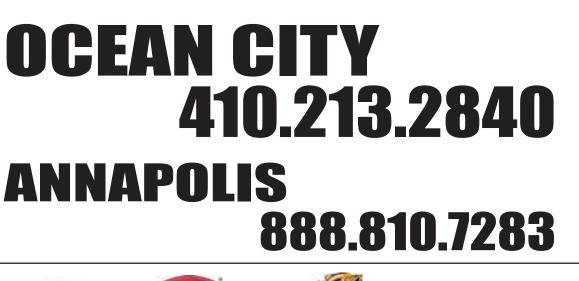
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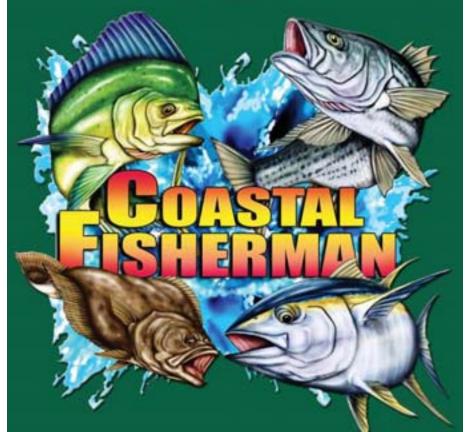




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Austin Brittingham from Berlin, MD caught and released his 1st white marlin while fishing on the "Reel Joy" with Michael Brittingham, Taylor McCart, Susan McCart, Maria Brittingham, Capt. Dale Gurgo and Mates Andy Helms and Daniel Reid. The fish was hooked on a trolled, naked ballyhoo in 400 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Michael also released his first white marlin during the trip.



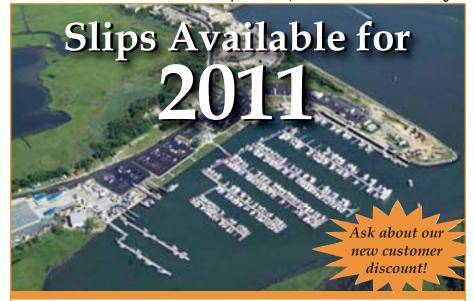
Danny and Nancy Cox were joined by Rob and Markey Jager for a day of flounder fishing near the Rt. 50 Bridge and ended up with 7 keepers in the box ranging from 19.5-inches to Rob's 24.5-inch, 6 lb. 2 oz. flattie. All of the fish were caught on live spot and bunker.





Hunter, Henry and Hayden Craig from Baltimore, MD had to be tired after hauling in 11 bluefish while fishing on the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. The fish were caught on Rat-L-Traps near the Rt. 50 Bridge. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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obvious, but how many fishermen do you know who always fish the same bait, no matter what the fish are feeding on?

"RH (rod holder) is the best fisherman in the boat." I once interviewed four mates on hooking and fighting white marlin–Jim Farlow, Brian McKibbon, Tuffy Rindfleisch and Jim Garner. They all had slightly different takes on different baits, from natural squids to eels, but they all basically agreed that "Rodney" was the most consistent angler on board. This was in 1979, in the days before circle hooks, and before ballyhoo dominated the bait picture, but it might still hold true. It also holds true for many other species, from flounder to cobia...

Former Ocean City Mayor Hugh T. Cropper, Jr. was an avid hunter and fisherman. He especially liked red drum fishing from the beach and flounder fishing in the back bays. In 1983 he offered me some insights: "We caught a lot

of drum on Assateague then (in the late 1930s). It wasn't nothing to go down and catch seven or eight. We used to catch most of them at Fox Hill Levels, where there were no dunes and the water washed across to the bay all the time. This kept the bottom clean, and the drum would come in there to feed. The real drum fishing stopped when they started building sand fence to raise the dunes...we used to ride the beach and look for piles of sand crab shells, where the drum would be feeding on the soft ones. And we looked for something different, a rip tide or the edges of a bar for instance. If there was a real long stretch of deep water, we would where there stop was something different, a little bar or anything...I always liked to use the big bunker or menhaden for bait, though some liked the mullet. You lay that bunker out in the sun for a while and it gets real greasy, puts oil on the water when it hits... The bigger the bait, the bigger the flounder. I always liked to use those big striped

minnows, and live spot...I always liked to troll for flounder myself. I'd catch 3 to 1 trolling. Always trolled against the tide. It's just like the drum – find something different for your big flounders—a bar, a rip, a deep edge or something... there's a lot more to flounder fishing than just dropping a line over. Most people pull the bait right away from a flounder..."

One of the most colorful offshore captains I ever knew was the late Capt. Ron "Buckshot" Pieper. He learned from one of the best-Capt. Hoss Hatter—in the late 1960s, and ran boats such as the "Ship Café" for Pete Boinis in the late 1980s. In 1983, Buckshot offered us some help for marlin fishermen: "My favorite baits for marlin are the swimming mullet, a bonito strip bait with a skirt, and the ballyhoo. I use different baits at different times of the year, when I see that the are feeding marlin on something. I try to use what's close to the natural bait they are feeding on...I always keep a big bait handy for blue marlin. My

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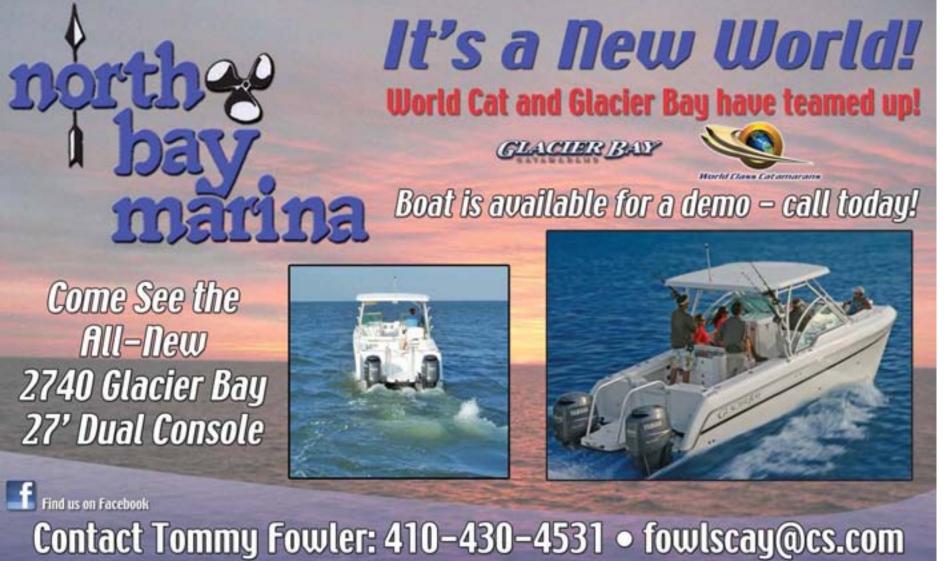
two favorites are a big squid or a big mullet off Ocean City. What amazes me about a blue is the fact that he is a lot bigger but a lot faster coming to your baits than a white. A blue marlin can eat three baits while a white is looking one over."

Finally, back to Capt. Earl Simpson, who told me one time: "Don't get a swelled head if you catch a nice fish, cause most of the time, no matter how good you are, it's just dumb luck..." Ain't that the truth...

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This is the last issue of Coastal Fisherman for the season, so once again I want to just say "thanks" to editor and publisher Larry Jock for allowing me this space and to all of you who are still reading my drivel after all these years...let's hope for a good fall season, and maybe I'll see you out there...

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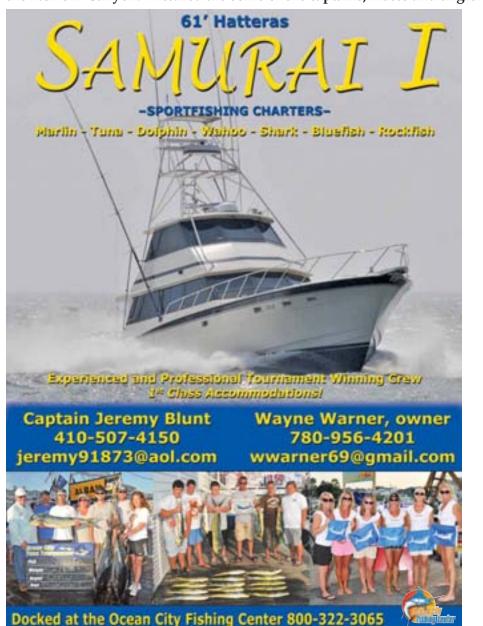


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# Victorious!



After a two year hiatus, the Challenge Cup trophy returned to Ocean City on Saturday when anglers representing the Ocean City Marlin Club released 34 white marlin to beat those from the Cape May Marlin and Tuna Club who released 30 white marlin, during what ended up being a one day tournament. The Ocean City contingent was represented by 13 boats and the Cape May team arrived with 23 boats. Scoring is determined by using the top 6 boats from each team. Overall, 50 white marlin were released by each of the teams with most recorded in 30-50 fathoms inside the Norfolk Canyon. Pictured are some of the captains, mates and anglers representing "Team Ocean City". Congratulations!



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	"Miss Annie" - 6 whites					
"Par Five" - 5 whites	Section Spike's Boat" - 4 whites					
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Cape May Boats - 23						
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White Marlin - 99 Sailfish - 1

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# **Ocean City Fishing Report**

by Larry Jock

Well, this is the last Coastal Fisherman of the season. Overall, it was an outstanding year for fishing with only a couple of species (croaker, bluefins) letting us down.

We will continue providing updated daily fishing reports at www.coastalfisherman.net, so make sure you swing by the website each day to see what's biting.

This past week was tough. It's not that the fish weren't there for the taking, it was Mother Nature who made it tough to go out and get them. We really shouldn't complain though. Our weather this season was generally nice.

### Challenge Cup

The 32nd Annual Challenge Cup was held last weekend, pitting the Ocean City Marlin Club against the Cape May (NJ) Marlin and Tuna Club. After being defeated the last two years, our Ocean City boats brought the cup back to Ocean City, beating Cape May with 34 white marlin releases to their 30 releases. The top boat was the "Legasea", with 8 white marlin releases during the 1 day tournament on Saturday.

Scoring was based upon the top 6 boats for each club. The top Ocean City boats were:

"Legasea" - 8 releases



Local anglers Mark Cropper, Susie Cropper, Drake Cropper, Spencer Cropper and Tommy Fowler took advantage of the continued white marlin bite, releasing 8 while trolling in the Washington Canyon aboard the "Partner-Ship". Drake released his 1st white marlin, going 5 for 8 during the trip.

"D.A. Sea" - 6 releases "Miss Annie" - 6 releases "Reel Joy" - 6 releases "Par Five" - 5 releases "Spike's Boat" - 4 releases The action centered in the

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Norfolk Canyon where most were able to find white marlin in 30-50 fathoms, although some boats did pick up and run to deeper waters to hook a couple.

Overall, it was a good tournament with 13 boats competing from Ocean City and 23 from Cape May. White marlin releases numbered 99 with a sailfish released as well. Congratulations to our local boats for doing themselves and the Ocean City fishing

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Marlin

Outside of the tournament on Saturday, weather conditions kept boats at the dock during the majority of the week. We did see boats venture to the Washington and Norfolk Canyons on Wednesday to get some fishing in prior to the forecasted rough seas. The "D.A. Sea" released 33 white marlin in the Norfolk Canyon followed by the "Cerveza" (20), the "Osprey" (12) and the "Reel Joy" (9).

On Thursday, the "Miss Jane II" was the only boat we heard of that fished, and returned with 7 white marlin flags flying.

Based upon what we saw in the Challenge Cup, it appears that we haven't seen the end of the great white marlin bite anglers experienced this season and the good news is that the fish moved closer inshore into 30-50 fathoms.

### Dolphin

Anglers continued to hook dolphin during their search for marlin, tuna and wahoo. Most of the catches are peanut dolphin, but a few are coming in over 15 lbs. On Saturday, the "Marli" returned with 30 dolphin after fishing near the Rockpile and the "Samurai I" caught 20 in the Norfolk Canyon. Earlier in the week, the "Marli" went to the Washington Canyon and hooked 41 dolphin on cut bait.

### Tuna

With most boats focussing on the incredible white marlin fishery, those in search of yellowfin tuna have been few and far between. Good thing, because those that did search for tuna have been extremely disappointed. A few were picked up during the week when the "Samurai I" boated 2 on Saturday in the Norfolk Canyon and the "Sea Hunt" and "Marli" each caught a yellowfin near the Rockpile.



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#### www.coastalfisherman.net Wahoo

A few boats headed to the Hot Dog over the weekend in search of wahoo, but returned empty handed. Prior to the last blow, the Hot Dog was the place to be if you wanted to pick up a few speedsters and even some yellowfins.

Earlier in the week, the "Reel Joy" boated a wahoo in the Norfolk Canyon.

### Flounder

Flounder fishing last week was horrible. Water conditions have been slow to improve since Hurricane Earl blew by us a couple of weeks ago. Incredibly, the water still looks like mud, frustrating those in search of flatties.

Throwback numbers continue to run high. For example, on Saturday the "Get Sum" had 30 throwbacks while fishing between the East and West Channels north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. On Wednesday, the "Bay Bee" recorded 70 throwbacks and 3 keepers during their 2 trips.

It does sound like the Old Grounds, off the coast of Delaware, is starting to heat up. It's quite a run (20 miles), but if the flounder are hitting like they are known to do in this area, it is worth every minute.

### **Red Drum**

Like this time last year, the red drum bite is heating up for Assateague surfcasters and for boaters drifting baits in 40 feet of water, south of the inlet. Last year, the Mudhole was a productive location for reds.

#### Striped Bass / Bluefish

There was an excellent striper bite around the Rt. 50 Bridge last week for anglers fishing with live spot. We heard it really went off on Saturday when anglers had all the stripers they wanted. Most were undersized, but a few keepers were landed as well.

Bluefish are also in the mix for anglers tossing lures around the pilings. We had been seeing mostly small, snapper bluefish around the bridge, but last week some choppers moved in to tussle with local anglers.

I've been getting questioned by folks lately about when our fall striper season kicks into gear. I have found that the best action runs between Thanksgiving and mid-January. We can see a good bite both before and after this time period, but for the most part, the consistent bite runs during that time. My best 3 days last year were December 31st to January 2nd when I released over 100 stripers, all caught while jigging. Talk about fun! Keep an eye on our online fishing report for daily updates.

### Tilefish

Each year, we see more and more anglers getting into catching tilefish. For those who aren't familiar with this species, they are found in deep water and can put up quite a fight when trying to reel them up from the deep. Great northern tilefish, or golden tilefish, are found in very deep water and actually burrow into the ocean bottom waiting to pounce on prey. Since they are very stationary, having precise GPS numbers are of upmost importance.

That being said, having seen the GPS on the "Morning Star", it is no wonder that Capt. Monty Hawkins was able to put some anglers onto blueline and great northern tilefish last week. Capt. Monty himself landed 2 great northern tilefish, with the largest weighing 35 lbs. His trusty mate, Tucker Colquhoun boated a 12.5 lb. blueline tilefish. Others on the boat got into bluelines as well. Check with Capt. Monty's website for dates of future tilefish trips.

### Sea Bass

The weather made it difficult to get to ocean wrecks and reefs in search of sea bass during the week, but the weekend really picked up with good catches and larger fish. Capt. Monty said it was the most consistently good bite all year. The Great Eastern Reef, African Queen and Winter Quarter Shoal have been producing nice catches.

I want to take this time to thank those involved in bringing you the Coastal Fisherman each Columnists week. Dale Timmons, Sue Foster, Pat Rick Willman, Schrawder, "Mama" Jock and Mark Sampson put a lot of time and effort into their columns and I appreciate the value they bring to the paper every single week.

I would also like to thank our readers, whose loyalty both flatters and amazes me each season and inspires us to put out the best fishing newspaper we possibly can.

I would also like to thank the Coastal Fisherman "crew" consisting of artist Daina Kazmaier, my wife Mary, son Larry and my parents Larry and Maureen Jock. These folks work incredibly hard during the season and many times, go way beyond the "call of duty". I don't know where we would be without any of them!

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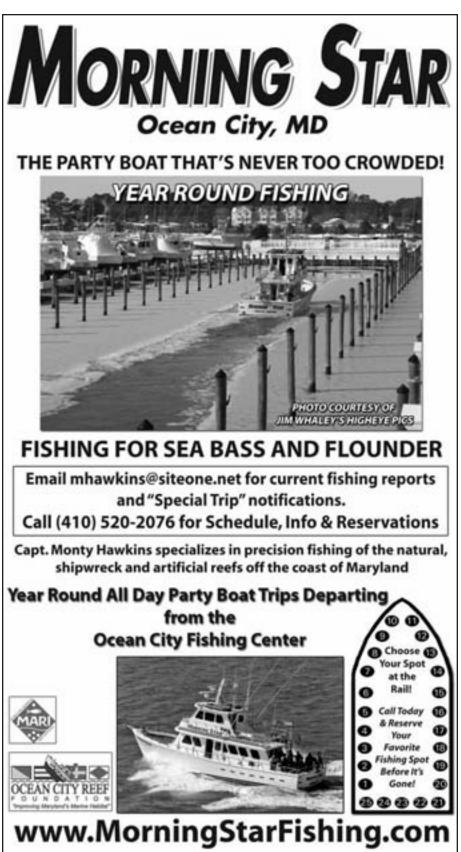
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Ed Weirick from Salisbury, MD muscled in this 27 lb. dolphin while trolling at the Chicken Bone aboard the "BLU BYE U" with Capt. Del Baker.





Local angler, Rayne Parker (top) released his 1st white marlin while fishing on "Rhonda's Osprey" with his family, Mitch, Nancy and Olivia Parker, Capt. Joe Drosey and Mates Rusty Reddish and Dave Caffrey. On the same day, Olivia and Nancy also released their 1st white marlin. The anglers released a total of 5 white marlin during the trip. www.coastalfisherman.net



Dave Webb used squid to fool these 2 flounder while fishing on the "Miss O'Webb" in the East Channel. Dave's flatties measured 21 and 23-inches with the largest weighing an even 4 lbs. The fish were caught on Gulp! artificial baits and weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.



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"Big Bird" Cropper from Powellville, MD was at it again, landing these 2 striped bass while tossing a roy rig around the Rt. 50 Bridge at night. The stripers measured 29 and 30-inches.



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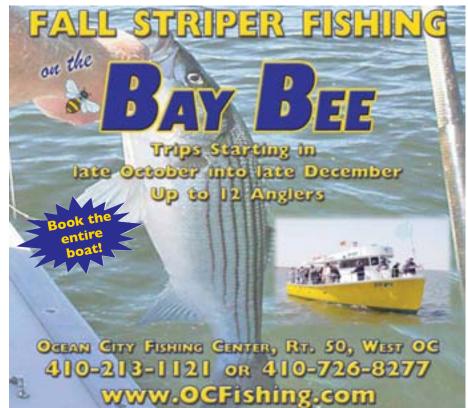
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Mary Mergott from Berlin, MD landed her first keeper flounder while fishing with her dad, Dan Mergott on the "Reel Determined". The 19.5-inch flounder was caught on a live spot in the East Channel.





# Driftin' Easy by Sue Foster

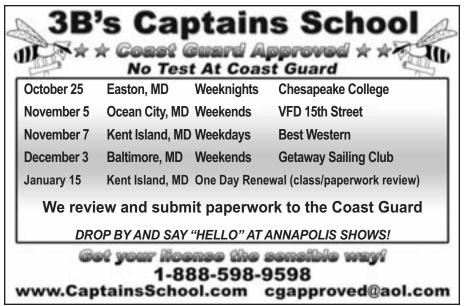
Well, it's the last Coastal Fisherman for 2010. We'll miss the color pictures, the heaviest fish page and the tide table you can read without putting on a pair of cheater glasses. We'll miss opening up the paper to see what Dale Timmons has to say this week and the excitement of Larry Jock's Fishing Report. It's always of interest to see what piece of electronics Pat will discuss (I always wish I was smart enough to understand it all), and whose boat is crossing Capt Mark's Chum Line. What is Mama Jock going to cook this week and what's happening up north in Rick Willman's "neck of the woods"? It's amazing how different fishing can be just a few miles from Ocean City!

Being in the bait and tackle business, customers are always asking me, "How was your summer? How is your business these trying economic in times?" I think all small businesses do their share of struggling. You have to buy right and sell the things you buy at a fair price. You have to stock what anglers ask for every day. I have found over the years that my business in Ocean City depends on two things that have nothing to do with the economy. We need the fish to be biting (and the seasons open to catch them)

and decent weather to bring the anglers to Ocean City to fish.

We were blessed this summer with a good flounder bite and some pretty good weather. We didn't have a lot of "keeper" flounder in the middle of the summer; but anglers fished anyway. There was usually action even though we had a lousy croaker run. Having a longer flounder season this year (April 17th-November 22nd) has given the local anglers a whole lot better attitude. They experimented with different kinds of Berkley Gulp! artificial baits. They found new holes, tried bigger baits, caged dozens of live spot and spent a lot of hours on the water getting ready for the "Second Season" which is upon us now! Last year (2009,) when flounder season closed in mid-September (and then sea bass was suddenly closed) the talk was "Gloom and Doom". Anglers released huge flounder while trying to catch stripers that just weren't there yet. This year, the talk is of "Hope and Optimism." We're going to catch those big flounder again this year, and we're going to be able to keep them! We're going to be able to go offshore and catch (and keep) some flounder and sea bass.

I was disappointed in the spring run of bluefish that



never really materialized in the surf. The finger mullet rigs remained on the shelf and the frozen finger mullet baits were a slow sell. But the May striper run was right on time. In 2009, we had nice big stripers from the surf in Ocean City during the month of May. In 2010 we had big stripers from the surf in Ocean City during the month of May. I see no reason why we shouldn't expect the month of May to be a good month in 2011! Anglers bought fresh and frozen bunker baits and we had anglers that had never caught a striper before bring fish in to the scales.

The summer surf season of 2010 did not disappoint any anglers that wanted to catch sharks. I'd rather see a good run of bluefish myself, but as long as the anglers are happy I am happy! We sold bunker, whole mackerel, chum, whole spot and big surf rigs for all the folks that wanted pullage and big sharks all summer long. They also caught humongous rays. Anglers stripped a lot of gears and popped out the rings on their surf rods pulling in these huge fish. Good for business. Hard on the pocketbook. Anglers fishing for sharks learned they had to buy a higher end grade of tackle to continuously reel in these huge critters.

During the 2010 surf season we saw a nice run of kingfish, some spot, and croaker at night to keep things interesting. Bloodworms and FishBite Bloodworms were a popular commodity in the tackle business. But where were the bluefish? They were biting on the Rt. 50 Bridge at night all summer long. Some of them weighing up to 11 pounds. In the middle of the summer! Gotcha Plugs flew off the shelf. Some nights the stripers bit too. And some nights they didn't!

2010 saw a fair tautog run inshore. Nothing spectacular. We're revving up now for an active tautog run this fall. As soon as the water starts to cool (which is now) the tautog bite is on with green crabs or sand fleas. Anglers don't often think about tautog fishing till it gets www.coastalfisherman.net

colder and other fish aren't biting, but they are there now. The best tautog fishing is usually in October and November.

Finally, finally... we are seeing bluefish in the surf again. This past week we heard about a lot of happy anglers catching 12-18 inch bluefish in the surf with whole finger mullet and mullet rigs. Bluefish are easy to catch and a good fish for the beginner angler to learn on. Not bad eating too, if you clean them right away and cook them right. Just ask Mama Jock!

Anglers always ask when the fall striper run is. Well, it's usually when the water cools down. October, November, and December are usually the best, but every year is different and anglers are already catching them around the Inlet and Rt. 50 Bridge. I'm a believer of "going fishing" when you get the chance or have the time. Waiting for that perfect day or perfect tide may find you missing out on something while you're waiting around.

As Libby Kelly says at Oyster Bay Tackle, "Quit analyzing so much and put some meat on your hook, and GO FISHING!"

Some people ask if the 2011 Fishing License will affect our business. Well, one thing is for sure, if we have fish and we have weather we'll certainly have fishermen!

Thanks to Larry Jock for another great season of the Coastal Fisherman. Thanks to Dale Timmons for some really good fishing rigs. Thanks to all of my faithful readers and customers.

Always feel free to e-mail me during the "Second Second" with your fishing questions at sue@oysterbaytackle.com and don't forget to read my weekly fish report online at: http://atbeach.com/fishrpt.html 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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Daniel Peltzer from Dallastown, PA caught this 22inch flounder while fishing on the "Ocean Princess" with Capt. Victor Bunting and Mates Tim Jenkins and Steve Smyth.



Sam Green from Middletown, DE took advantage of a good sea bass bite at the Old Grounds, landing this 3 lb. 4 oz. knothead on a strip of squid while fishing on the "Lil' Angler II" with Capt. Brent Wiest. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Alex Marsden from Annapolis, MD released his first white marlin while fishing on the "About Time" in 700 fathoms, south of the Baltimore Canyon.



John Thomas from Ocean City, MD, pictured with his dog, Jessie, boated this 21.5-inch flounder after hooking it on a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the West Channel.



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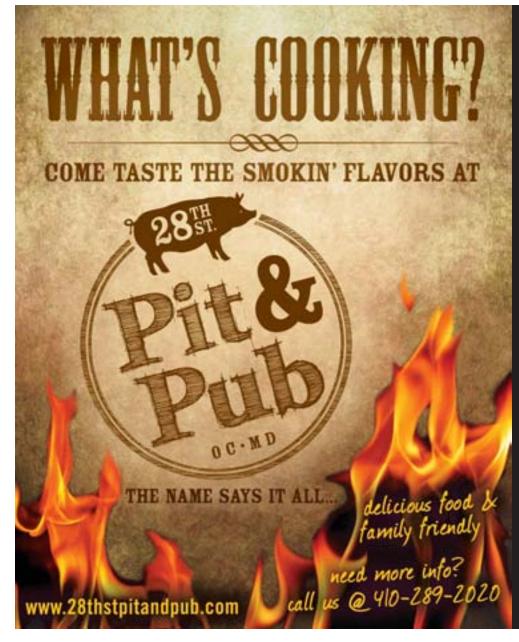
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Bobby Bryant caught 2 beautiful flounder while rubble bouncing at Reef Site #10. The flatties tipped the scales at 6 lbs. and 6 lbs. 6 oz. and were caught on squid and shiner combinations. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





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- 6 or 7 oz. lump crabmeat
- 2 TBSP. minced fresh parsley
- 1 TBSP. grated onion 1 jar Alfredo pasta sauce
- (16 oz.)
- 1 tsp. white sugar
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 tsp. dried basil
- 1/2 tsp. dried marjoram
- 1/8 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/8 tsp. dried thyme

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil.

Add manicotti shells and cook 8 to 10 minutes until tender but not mushy. Drain.

In a medium bowl stir together the ricotta cheese, crab, parsley and onion.

Spoon mixture into the



manicotti shells.

Place in a buttered oven proof baking dish.

In a saucepan, stir together the Alfredo sauce and chicken broth.

Season with basil, majoram, garlic powder and thyme.

Heat until warm over medium heat.

Pour over the shells in the baking dish.

Bake uncovered for 30 minutes.

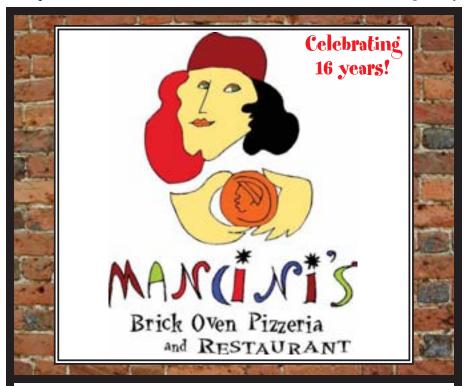
Let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

Serves 4.

### Pan Fried Tuna Cakes

1 1/2 lbs. tuna fillets, skin removed

- 1 1/4 cups plain
- breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup grated onion2 TBSP. fresh minced parsley



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1 1/2 TBSP. fresh lemon juice
3/4 tsp. salt
1/2 cup flour
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1/2 cup vegetable oil
Lemon wedges

Pat the tuna dry.

Place the tuna in the freezer for 15 minutes for easier chopping.

Chop into a fine mixture; do not puree in a food processor.

Gently stir 1/4 cup of the breadcrumbs, mayonnaise, onion, parsley, lemon juice and salt into the mixture.

Form this mixture into 8 patties.

Lay them in a single layer; cover with plastic wrap and freeze for 15 minutes.

Place the flour, eggs and remaining 1 cup of breadcrumbs in 3 separate shallow dishes.

Dredge each patty with the flour, dip into the egg, then coat with the breadcrumbs.

Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet over mediumhigh heat.

Cook until golden on both sides, 4 to 6 minutes.

Drain on paper towels and serve with lemon wedges.

Serves 4.

### Flounder with Sesame-Ginger Vinaigrette

4 flounder fillets Olive oil Salt and pepper 4 cups mixed salad greens

Vinaigrette:

- 3 TBSP. rice wine vinegar
- 3 TBSP. green onion, sliced
- 1 TBSP. soy sauce 2 tsp. minced jalapeno
- 2 tsp. minced jala
- 2 tsp. sesame oil
- 2 tsp. geated fresh ginger
- 1/2 cup olive oil Salt and pepper to taste

Combine all of the above

ingredients except the olive oil. Slowly add olive oil,

whisking constantly.

Preheat the broiler. Pour about 1/2 inch of water in a shallow baking pan with a rack.

Lightly oil the rack; brush fillets with the oil, salt and pepper.

Set the fish on the rack and transfer to the oven.

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Broil a few inches from the heat until the fillets are just opaque, 7 to 10 minutes.

To serve, toss the greens with 6 TBSP. of the vinaigrette.

Set fillets alongside the salad on the dinner plates and drizzle some of the dressing over the fish.

Serves 4.

### Spicy Tuna with Watermelon Salsa

### Watermelon Salsa:

2 TBSP. diced red onion

2 TBSP. red wine vinegar

2 TBSP. red wine

1 TBSP. sugar

1 1/2 cups finely diced watermelon

- 1/4 tsp. chives
- 1/4 tsp. sesame seeds,

toasted

Salt and pepper to taste

### Spicy Glaze:

- 1 cup honey
- 2 TBSP. fish sauce
- 1 TBSP. soy sauce
- 1 TBSP. cumin
- 1 TBSP. curry powder
- 1 TBSP. paprika

1 TBSP. black pepper

4 tuna fillets Salt and pepper to taste 4 TBSP. vegetable oil

Make the salsa.

Marinate the onion with the red wine vinegar, red wine and sugar for an hour.

Drain liquid from the onions. Combine onions with the remaining ingredients and chill. Make the glaze.

ingredients and bring to a slow

simmer for ten minutes.

skillet over medium heat.

dinner plates.

other side.

bottom of pan.

brown.

to taste.

top of salsa.

Serves 4.

Combine all the glaze

Divide the salsa among 4

Brush the spicy glaze on one

Heat a heavy bottomed

Add enough oil to cover the

Place the tuna topside down

Flip and cook 3 to 6 minutes.

Season with salt and pepper

and cook until fish is mahogany

Remove from heat and place on

side of the fillets, turn and place

a very heavy coating on the



Dash Babich from Alltackle Ocean City took some time off from the tackle shop and spent the day trolling Ilanders and naked ballyhoo at the Jack Spot with Capt. Chris Trovitch. Dash ended up with a couple of nice dolphin. Photo courtesy of Alltackle Ocean City.



Matt Leventry, Greg Shustrick, Kurt Karcher and Matt Herb took a trip on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder, returning with sea bass weighing up to 4 lbs. 8 oz. The fish were caught on both natural and artificial reefs. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Jen Falgowski boated this 5 lb. 6 oz. flounder while drifting a live mullet near the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay. Jen was on a hot streak, catching 2 flounder the day before that tipped the scales at 3 lbs. and 3 lbs. 10 oz. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina, home of the "Lewes Harbour Stretch".

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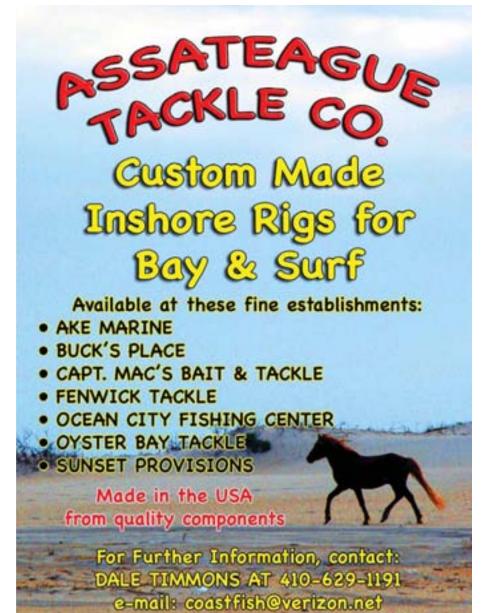
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Calvin Edson from Washington, DC, Dan Wellington from Annapolis, MD and John Hernandez from Frederick, MD brought back 3 keeper flounder, caught on cut bait at Reef Site #10. The fish weighed up to 6 lbs. and were caught while fishing on "First Light Charters" with Capt. Chuck Cook. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.





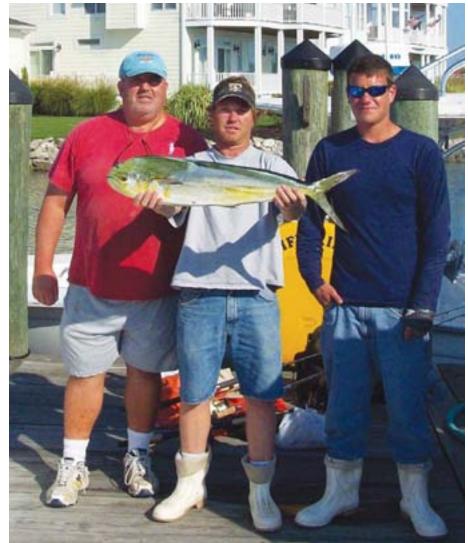
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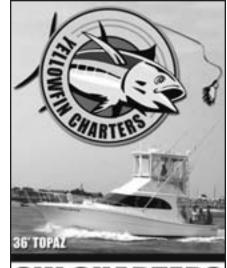
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Al Teresi, Matt Occupinti and Kevin MacArthur from Highlands, NJ released 8 false albacore tuna and captured this dolphin while fishing on the "Reel Attitude" with Capt. Mark Deimler. The dolphin was hooked on a black and purple Ilander at the Sausages. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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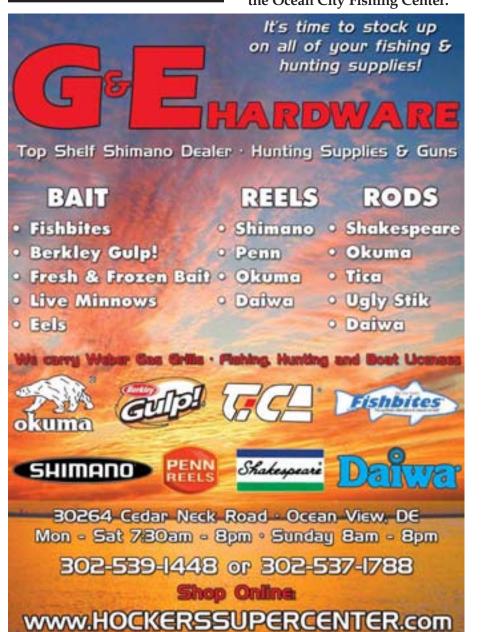
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Joe Gappa and Jordan Gappa, both from Millsboro, DE were fishing on the "Bud Bud II" when they hooked these 2 flounder on strips of squid at Site #10. Photo courtesy of Rick's Bait & Tackle.

**BRIDGE** 

Sandy Hufnal from Clayton, DE was fishing at Massey's Landing when she caught this 23-inch, 7 lb. 3 oz. tautog on a live minnow. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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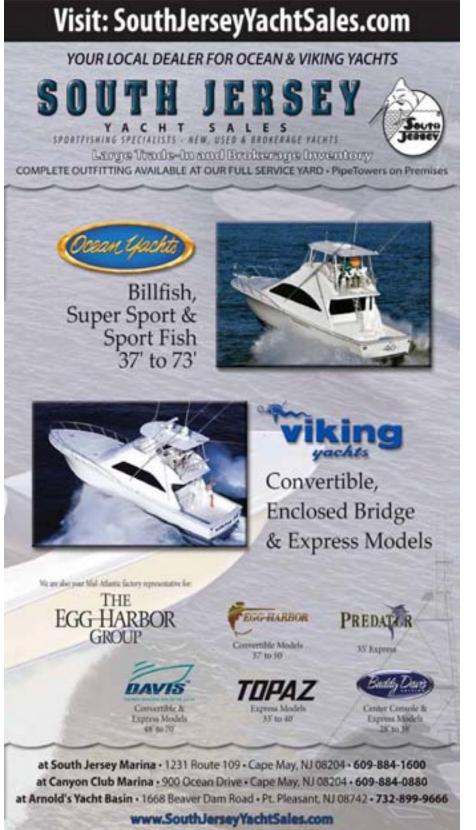
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Kristen Hovance from Ocean City, MD caught and released her first white marlin while fishing with Andy Smelter, Walt Smelter, Adam Muller and Brett Clayton. Adam and Brett also released white marlin during the trip aboard the "Contender 31".





Tom Lane landed this 11 lb. blueline tilefish while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun, Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder. The fish was caught in 325 feet of water in the Washington Canyon on a squid and false albacore tuna combination.





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Dave Neumayer from Hanover, PA looks amused after catching a 22-inch flounder and a 22-inch bluefish while Jim Kindig from Littlestown, PA appears ecstatic after landing a 20-inch bluefish, all on live spot near the Rt. 50 Bridge.

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Sharon Snyder ventured down from Phillipsburg, NJ and spent the morning fishing on the "Pony Island Express" with Capt. Alan Bowmaster and Mate Sonny Layton. Sharon was rewarded with this 24-inch, 6 lb. 2 oz. flounder caught on a strip of squid in the East Channel. Pictured at the Old Town Marina.





Steven Rouse, Josh Fiedler, Arthur Guido, Janet Smith, Lance Smith, Scott Watson and Dylan Ranson teamed up to land 75 dolphin while fishing in the Poor Man's Canyon aboard the "Longfin" with Capt. Tom Smith.



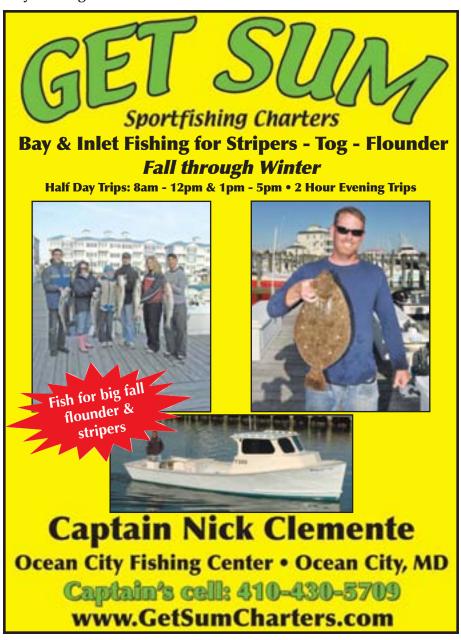
Gary German of Ocean City, MD and Ron Vance from Hummelstown, PA caught 2 flounder, measuring 21 and 22-inches, while drifting minnows and spot in the Thorofare. The anglers were fishing on the "Terrible Towel".



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Katie, Megan, Abbie and Madelyn Dern from Dillsburg, PA returned with a 19.25-inch and a 19.50-inch flounder after fishing on the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. The fish were caught on Gulp! Swimming Mullets between the East and West Channels, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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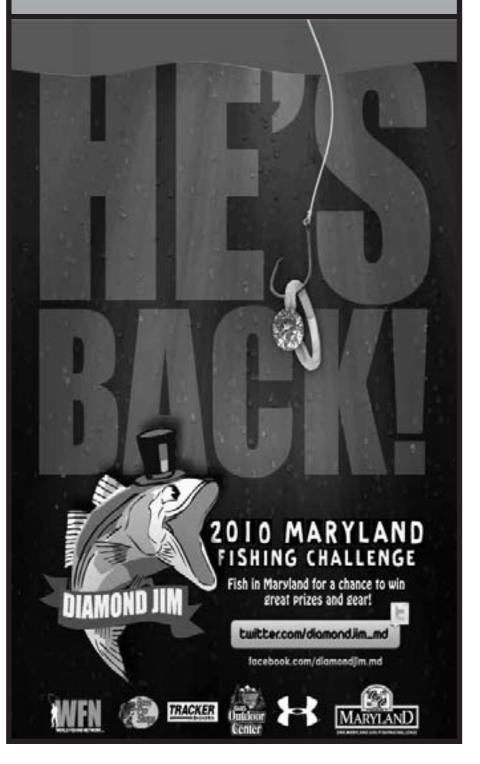


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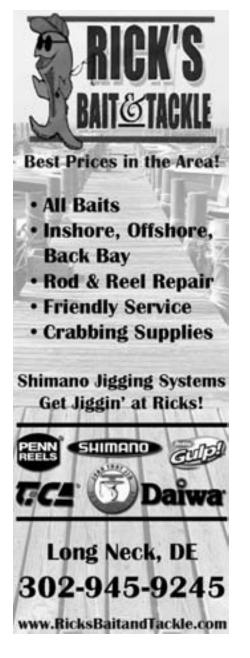


# **Delaware Fishing Report**

by Rick Willman

Hi folks. Well, it's the end of another season of the Coastal Fisherman and I hope you have both enjoyed and been informed by my column. Over the winter months I plan to do my homework and bring you some more interesting information in next season's column. For those of you who would like to stay on top of what is happening locally, you can log on to www.ricksbaitandtackle.com to get updated, weekly fishing reports. Over the winter, give some thought to what I said in earlier issues and let's take our fishing as a way of sport, fun, relaxation and camaraderie rather than just putting food on the table. I am sure there will be changes in the regulations next year and probably some we will like and some we will not. If we look at the sport and not the

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Damion Thomas of Bear, DE has already mastered the "Lewes

Harbour Stretch" as shown by the 5 lb. 1 oz. flounder he is holding after hooking it on a strip of squid at Site #10. Damion weighed the 25-inch flounder at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

plate we should be able to find a way to improve fishing over the long haul. Another thing to try over the winter is to get a young person involved in the sport and teach them what fishing is about. It will be a great experience for both of you and will instill ideals in a young mind that may keep them on the right track throughout their life.

It's the time of year when Mother Nature reminds us she will decide the days we will fish and the days we can't. Not only do we have to deal with the normal problems encountered with the winds, but we also have to deal with high seas created by storms not even close to our shores. But when she graces us with conditions most can deal with, the fishing continues to be fairly good.

Back bay fishing still centers around good flounder fishing although you need to weed through a lot of throwbacks.

Larry Hill of Millsboro fished in the Indian River using live spot to bag a 22-inch flattie that weighed in at 3 lbs. 11oz.

Croakers are still here, just not in the numbers we saw a few weeks ago.

Spot are still being caught and the Indian River Inlet is filling with bluefish on the incoming tide.

Stripers are also being taken in the inlet during the last two hours of the incoming tide.

Inshore action is fair at the inshore wrecks and Reef Sites. Find some structure and you are sure to find some hungry fish. "DB" Buoy to "DA" Buoy areas are providing some sea bass and flounder action. Capt. Chuck Cook of "First Light Charters" took Dan Wellington, John Hernande and Calvin Edson to Reef Site #10 for a real nice catch of flatties weighing up to 6 lbs.

Surf fishing is providing plenty of bluefish, spot, croaker

www.coastalfisherman.net and kingfish.

Offshore action has mostly been around the 30 and 40 fathom lines near the Hot Dog with some yellowfin activity, along with good wahoo action and lots of dolphin. The white bite slacked off and the fish are beginning probably their journey south.

Eric at Rattle and Reel Sporting Center confirmed great bluefish activity in the Indian River Inlet.

From Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, we are reminded that their 2010 Striper Tournament will be held from Oct. 15th till Dec. 10th. The entry fee is \$75 and an additional \$25 for the tautog division. It includes a free T-shirt and free buffet for you and a guest every Friday night. Entry forms are available at www.billssportshop.com. First place for the striper winner this year will be \$3,000, 2nd place, \$2,000 and third, \$1,000.

On the fishing front we received the following email from Brandon Boyer aboard the "My Sanity": "Saturday, me and Dave Keefer went out to Site 10. We got an early start and had lines in the water before sunrise. The croakers were like starving piranhas! As soon as your bait hit the water they were smashing it hard. We had clams and squid on but they weren't hitting the squid, so we switched over to all clams. Croakers were mixed in size with the biggest close to 13-inches."

Steve Petrone, Raymond Dagle and Phil went to the Hot Dog this past Saturday, trolling ballyhoo skirted with blue and white Ilanders, and picked up a 50 lb. wahoo along with some small skippies and 4 peanut dolphin.

Delaware Bay action included flounder, seabass and croaker. Lots of spot and some flounder are being caught at the Henlopen Pier. Offshore action at the Tea Cup to the 40 line included mahi and wahoo.

At Hook'em & Cook'em Bait and Tackle, Bert reports of plenty of blues in the Indian River Inlet. A few flounder were also captured in and around the inlet over the last few days. A lot of stripers are in the inlet, but most



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Joey Ribinsky landed this 19 lb. mahi-mahi while trolling ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon aboard the "Predator" with Capt. Mark Hess. Photo courtesy of Rattle & Reel Sporting Center.

won't stretch to 28-inches. That will change as the water cools. Inshore fishing is consisting of flounder and sea bass action with Site #10 being the spot for the flatties. Capt Bert said his headboats are seeing more seabass action although most are short. The "Capt. Bob" and "Judy V." are both seeing plenty of action. Capt. Bert reminded me the "Judy V." will be running trips year-round.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said good numbers of flounder came from the Old Grounds, but the vast majority were short of the 18 1/2-inch minimum. For example, the guys aboard the "Lil' Angler II" worked rough bottom between "DB" and "DA" Buoys on Wednesday for 51 flatties, but kept only three. They did have some nice sea bass mixed in, such as Sam Green's 3.22 pounder. Croakers and snapper blues were also caught on the open bottom. Keeper flatfish came from Reef Site #10, with proper drift conditions. Cut baits such as strips of squid, mullet, spot, bluefish and mackerel worked well, along with shiners and smelt. Bucktails tipped with Gulp! also got bit. Reef Site #10 continued to yield triggerfish too. The triggers, hardheads and bass liked clams and shrimp.

Flounder were still available in the Delaware Bay. Anglers

drifting Reef Site #8 reported fluke. Flatfish were also hooked around the Outer Wall and Ice Breakers. Jen Falgowski drifted live mullet near the Inner and Outer Breakwaters to capture some fine flatties weighing 3.0, 3.64 and 5.37 pounds.

Spot action remained good for fishermen in the Lewes Canal and on the Cape Henlopen Pier. Bloodworms and FishBites were favored offerings. Good-sized white perch, some over a pound, were captured at Oyster Rocks on the Broadkill River.

Inshore trollers told of catching false albacore between "DA" Buoy and Delaware Light. It's likely the scrappy turkeys can be found on much structure between the Shipping Lane and twenty fathoms. The 12 Fathom Lump, the Southeast Grounds, and the Pimple would be good spots to try. Towing cedar plugs, feather jigs or spoons behind inline sinkers should result in strikes from albies. The little tunny fight hard and are a blast to catch on light tackle. Their dark, oily flesh isn't much as table fare, but makes great cut bait for bottom fishing or dolphin bailing.

Until next season, have fun and be safe!!!

Rick and his wife Deb are owners of Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



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Tautog	February 2, 2010 Frank Graziano "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 10 oz.	April 22, 2010 Ryan Falgowski Outer Wall 11 lbs. 2 oz.	Thresher Shark	June 4, 2010 Kevin Taylor Hot Dog 627.6 lbs.	June 11, 2010 Jay Richwine "Saltwater Cowboy" 560 lbs.
Striped Bass	April 23, 2010 Tom Walker Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 4 oz.	May 7, 2010 Bill Winkler Indian River Inlet 42 lbs. 15 oz.	Bluefin Tuna	July 7, 2010 George Poveromo "That's Right" 126 lbs.	July 3, 2010 Thomas Miles Southeast Grounds 109 lbs.
Weakfish	No Weights Reported	June 6, 2010 Domenic Caputo Roosevelt Inlet 7 lbs. 2 oz.	Yellowfin Tuna	August 20, 2010 Brian Thompson "Reel Chaos" 105 lbs.	August 25, 2010 John Kucyk "American Ambition" 80 lbs.
Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna	August 20, 2010 Harvey Fisher "Jade II" 40 lbs.	July 16, 2010 Jimmy Saunders Spencer Canyon 47.3 lbs.
Flounder	August 31, 2010 Jerry Gray East Channel 10 lbs. 6 oz.	July 27, 2010 Lisa Koshinskie Indian River Inlet 12 lbs. 11 oz.	Bigeye Tuna	June 13, 2010 Ron Los, Jr. "Marli" 211 lbs.	August 25, 2010 Pat Hanley "Pandemonium" 188 lbs.
Bluefish	June 5, 2010 Jeremiah Leader Inside Rockpile 14 lbs. 5 oz.	June 12, 2010 Kyle Falgowski Hot Dog 12 lbs. 6 oz.	Dolphin	August 17, 2010 Vincent Baiocco "American Lady" 56 lbs.	July 8, 2010 Jere Bryant "Wave Dancer" 37.8 lbs.
Sheepshead	September 5, 2010 Mark Fleetwood South Jetty 11 lbs. 9 oz.	July 23, 2010 Herbie Shorthose Ice Breakers 12 lbs. 15 oz.	Wahoo	July 11, 2010 Gary Tanner "Bill\$ 4 Bills" 75 lbs.	August 14, 2010 Johnny Horning Baltimore Canyon 62 lbs
Cobia	June 24, 2010 Juan Franzetti African Queen 61 lbs.	July 27, 2010 Porter Krisher "A" Buoy 51.9 lbs.	White Marlin	<b>Most Releas</b> August 30, 2010 "Billfisher" 57 releases	<b>es in One Day</b> August 31, 2010 "Fish Whistle" 15 releases

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Austin and Bill Brittingham from Berlin, MD are all smiles after catching 3 flounder and a snapper bluefish while drifting live spot in the East Channel.





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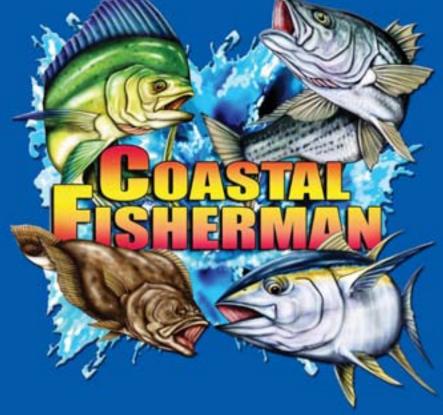
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Jeremy Read from Washington, NJ was fishing off the 2nd Street Bulkhead when he hooked this 19-inch flounder on a live spot. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.



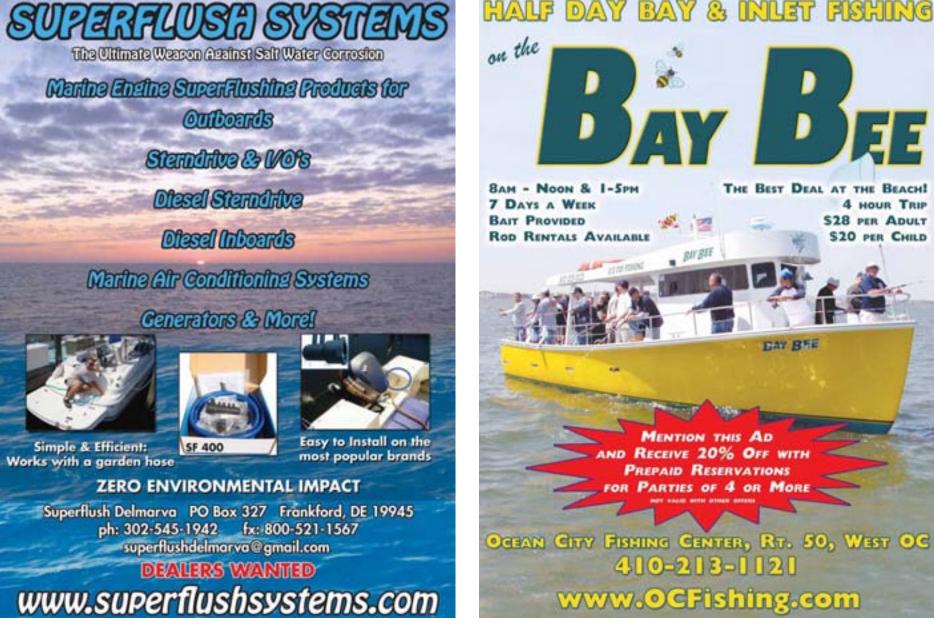


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Shane Shearer from York, PA caught this 21-inch flounder on a Gulp! Swimming Mullet/live minnow combination in the East Channel.





West Rhodes, Hailley Baker and Dillon Baker, all from Ocean View, DE, were fishing on the "BLU BYE U" with Capt. Del Baker in Massey's Canyon when they landed these 3 dolphin.



Aaron Hurd, Robin and Lisa Quann, Steve Bilinski and Jack Pyne teamed up to land some yellowfin tuna and dolphin while fishing on the "Contagious" in the Poor Man's Canyon. The heaviest tuna weighed 43 lbs. at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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by Capt. Mark Sampson

The summer might be over but our fishing season still has a lot of life left in it. So even though school is back in session, football season is underway, and hunting seasons are finally starting to open up, it's not time for anglers to start storing their boats and tackle away. Not yet anyway, because there's still a lot of hungry fish out there, and if history repeats itself anglers should still be pulling on



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striped bass, bluefish and tautog well into the new year.

Delmarva anglers have a lot to look forward to before the bitter cold and ice takes over and blocks access to our favorite fishing holes. But even then, anglers know that the fishing season never really "ends" for us, it just transitions into a period where we pullback and start making plans and getting our arsenal of boats and tackle cleaned up and ready for next season. Unfortunately, it would seem that another off-season ritual anglers have grown accustomed to is that of dealing with the annual salvo of public meetings, notices, and proposals of new fishery issues and regulations.

While sitting in an auditorium, public library or fisheries office building and listening to biologists discuss "spawning stock biomass," statisticians talk about "catch per unit effort," and fishery officials squawk about quotas and size limits is about as much fun as scraping slime and barnacles off the bottoms of our boats. We now find ourselves in an age where both duties share equal importance in safeguarding that our season ahead runs as efficient and friction-free as possible. I don't know of anyone who actually "likes" haggling over fishery issues, but just like the threat of barnacles on an unpainted hull, they're never going to go away, so the only thing we can do is stay diligent and do our best to keep ahead of them before they get so bad that they prevent us from fishing altogether.

Last year seemed like one of the most contentious ever when it came to sea bass and flounder regulations. No doubt this winter we will again be dealing with issues over these two fisheries and I expect that fishermen will still be frustrated with "the numbers" of fish we're "told" we caught compared to the amount of fish our own records show we landed. Maybe, just maybe, the new Saltwater Angler Registry will have helped this year to improve catch data reporting and make the final numbers a little more believable. Apparently Maryland is still on track for having a coastal saltwater fishing license in play for 2011, which should, we're told, make tallying the catch even more accurate.

Anglers should watch for notices of public meetings concerning flounder regulations. In order for the DNR to set flounder regulations that best suit the needs of all fishermen, public input from as many anglers as possible is critical. As they've done in the past, I'd expect that late in the winter DNR will present us with a list of options for different size and creel limits as well as season opening and closing dates to choose from. Though we might not particularly care for the options we're presented with, at least DNR allows us to choose for ourselves which plan suits our own fishing needs.

Surf shark anglers should also watch for notices of any proposed regulations that would affect their activities on the beach. During an Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) meeting in early August, a discussion was held on recreational shark anglers targeting prohibited and research species from shore after the HMS sent a letter to the board asking it to consider management measures to prevent recreational anglers from targeting sand tiger and sandbar sharks. The board agreed to forward the request to the Law Enforcement Committee who will report back to the board at the Commission's annual meeting in November. If the AFMFC decides to take action it could affect the conduct of shark fishermen on the beach. As I've recently been appointed as a member of the ASMFC Coastal Sharks Advisory Panel, I'll have the opportunity to work

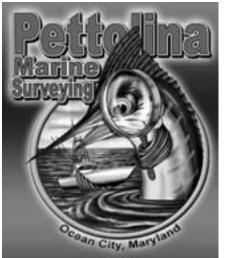
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more directly with those who might propose any regulatory changes within that fishery and I certainly welcome any comments, questions or concerns from Delmarva beach sharkers about the future of their activities.

It's hard to say where all this will go but I guess fishermen should also keep an eve out for tuna news this winter. In May the Center for Biological Diversity made a petition to list bluefin tuna as "threatened" or "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). After a required 90day review, NOAA Fisheries has determined that the petitioned action "may" be warranted. A determination on whether listing "is" а warranted is due in May 2011 after NOAA completes a comprehensive status review. As many will remember, it was just a couple years ago that environmental groups made a failed attempt to get white marlin listed under the ESA and we all came to realize how devastating such a listing would be, not just to billfishermen, but to the entire offshore fishing industry. An ESA listing for bluefin tuna would certainly create similar, if not more catastrophic results to the fishing industry and the communities that depend on it. This is an important issue that all fishermen should watch closely!

Between now and next spring I expect we'll all have our share of barnacles to scrape, bloody fish boxes to clean, rancid bait freezers to holding scrub, tanks to disinfect, and fishery issues to deal with. None of these tasks will ever fall into the category of "fun," but fishermen must accept them with equal importance as necessary tasks that will help ensure future seasons of trouble-free and productive fishing.

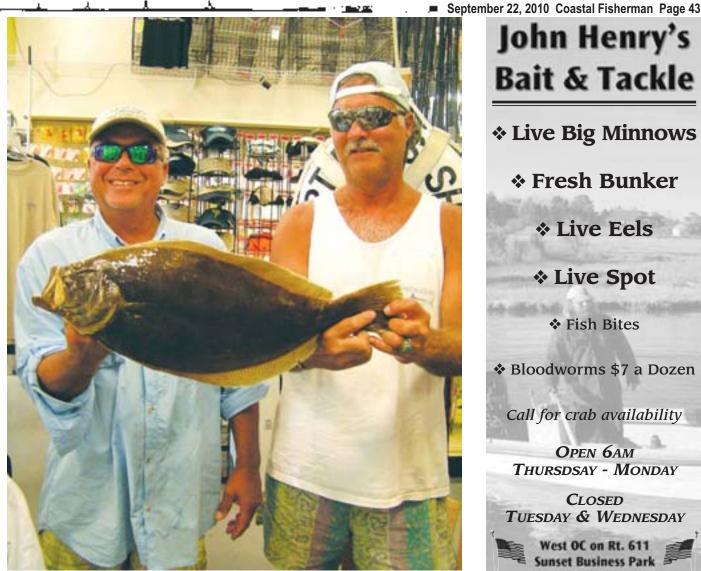
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Brian Lambie from Dundalk, MD, pictured with Charlie Flaig from Pasadena, MD, boated this 5 lb. 4 oz. flounder while drifting a minnow and squid combination in the Delaware Bay. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.

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# Ship To Shore

**—** by Pat Schrawder

### WHAT TO DO FOR THE OFF SEASON

There is still a lot of good fall fishing left but, the fact remains, that many of you will soon be putting your boats away until next year. There are things you can do and should do, when it comes to your electronic items, that will help protect and preserve them for next year.

Unless your equipment is flush mounted, you do not want to leave anything on your boat that can reasonably be removed. Therefore, all major display items should be taken off, cleaned and stored away in a closet or other dry location.

Even if your boat is in dry storage, unless it is climate controlled, the temperature

variations will cause some moisture to develop. The plugs and connections that are left on the boat should be sprayed with some anticorrosion chemical ( I prefer CRC 2-26) and bagged. It is a good idea to mark these connections. Some of them may be unique to their own item of equipment, but several others are quite similar if not identical. This is especially true when it comes to antenna connectors. While you may think you know perfectly well what goes to where now, when it comes to next year, it may not be so clear in your mind. An easy way to do this is to wrap the ends with colored electrical available at tape most hardware stores. Put the corresponding color on the

case of the equipment and, when it comes time to hook them back up, you just match the colors. Since power plugs that look the same may not be wired the same, getting them mixed up can be costly.

While you've got that anticorrosion chemical out, use it or plain old Vaseline, to coat the metal brackets and fittings on your boat. It will easily wash off next year and, in the meantime, it will protect that metal from becoming dull and developing surface corrosion that can bleed off on your white surfaces.

If you can manage it, remove your batteries and store them in your garage on cardboard or paper. Putting them directly on concrete will allow them to drain down. The battery posts should be coated with a substance made just for batteries.

If your equipment is flush mounted, it may be impractical to remove it and it will be relatively safe from theft. However, it is not

www.coastalfisherman.net protected from the harsh temperature and moisture changes that occur over the course of the fall and winter. You need to protect it from rain and snow as much as possible. This can be accomplished with plastic tape, if needed. and Remember that equipment which is advertised waterproof will still maintain its new look better if you keep it from overexposure to the elements. The plugs should still be removed from the equipment, sprayed and

bagged if at all possible. you have If been considering upgrading some of your equipment, do it now! Don't let it sit in your house or on your boat over the winter and then decide to unload it next year. It will be older, will look worse and will have devalued itself considerably. Trying to sell old equipment is difficult at best, but it is almost impossible as it ages more and more.

Expect to hear more about



high definition equipment as it relates to radar and fish finders. The computer world and the marine electronics field have definitely merged, so more and more computer type software is appearing in marine electronics items.

Whatever they are, you can be certain that new items will emerge over the winter which may make your current equipment obsolete or less desirable. As you get into the months of January and February, there will be new items and there will be several boat shows. That is a good time to buy new equipment as it is usually sold at a special discount during a show. Ocean City holds its Seaside Boat Show on President's Day weekend in mid-February. This show is a sell out every year. Don't forget to look for it.

Pat and her husband, Larry are owners of L&L Marine Electronics in West Ocean City, MD.



Tim Yerkes from Clayton, DE caught this 7 lb. 5 oz. flounder on a strip of squid while fishing at Site #10. Weighed Hook'em at Cook'em.

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John Sprenkle of Spring Grove, PA caught this pair of flatties, measuring 22 and 23-inches, along with 6 sea bass while fishing at the African Queen.





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"Hurricane" Murray Adams, Wally "King Possum" Walls, Tom "No Nickname" Uhlfelder, Ray "One Tug" Poole and "Tsunami" Steve Gladman, all members of the BGE Angler's Club of Baltimore, MD returned with 4 dolphin in the box after fishing with Capt. Mark Radcliffe and Mate Phil Knapp. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Tyler Hill, mate on the "Fish Finder" with Capt. Mark Sampson, hooked this false albacore tuna on a fly while fishing at the Jackspot.





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Lou Hionis landed a 19-inch flounder and Jack McLoy captured a 23-incher, both while drifting live bunker in the Ocean City Inlet. Photo courtesy of Fenwick Bait & Tackle.

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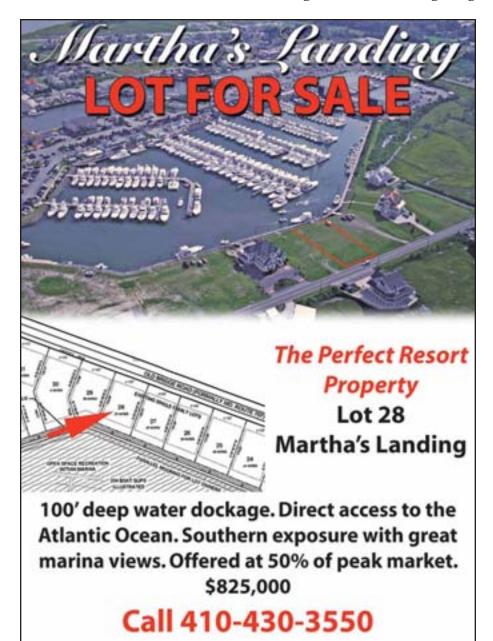
## Virginia Fishing Report Dr. Julie Ball I.G.F.A Representative

The fall fishing season is shaping up when boats can get out on the water, but sporadic windy days and tropical disturbances can make it difficult this time of year. When the weather allows, most inshore boats are targeting spot, red drum, flounder, and cobia, while the offshore boats are getting in on the outstanding white marlin bite.



The flounder action is still not up to where it was before the hurricane, but some folks are finding decent fish. Doormats ranging to over 9pounds are taking both live bait and drifted bait along the CBBT structure and drop-offs, with the 1st, 3rd and 4th islands producing the best lately. The deep channel edges at the mouth of the Bay are also providing some keeper flatfish for drifters. Surprisingly, many of the lower Bay fishing piers such as the Ocean View Fishing Pier are giving up keeper flounder this week. Some surf and pier anglers are catching limits of flatfish ranging from 19 to 25inches. According to the folks at Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle, the flounder in Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets are mostly throw backs right now. Offshore wrecks are also a good bet, where keeper seabass and grey triggerfish will also take offerings.

Big cobia are still lingering



on the pilings of the CBBT and the buoys near the mouth of the Bay and off the oceanfront. Large schools of cobia are also cruising on the surface as they gather to exit the area. Many of these fish are exceeding 60pounds, with tossed jigs and live bait working well. Also look for big schools of cobia assemble along the ocean front.



Big drum red are swarming all over the lower Bay right now. Folks are finding big schools of drum roaming on the surface, making easy targets for casters. But the big news is that the long awaited red drum run off of Sandbridge also began this week. To surf and pier angler's delight, big reds are taking cut bait cast into the sloughs along the surf lines off Sandbridge. A few red drum are also coming from both the Virginia Beach Fishing Pier and the Little Island Fishing Pier. Puppy drum are also available from the surf, as well as within Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets, and the Elizabeth River.

Speckled trout are beginning to show more promise for a good fall season. Although most fish are still small, good numbers of fish are coming from most of the usual haunts such as Rudee, Lynnhaven, and Little Creek Inlets, the Elizabeth River, Hungar's Creek, the Poquoson Flats, and Mobjack Bay. Look for this trend to continue to heat up over the next month.

Decent sized spot are pouring into the lower Bay and ocean front areas. The Virginia Beach Fishing Center reports that anglers are especially thrilled with the www.coastalfisherman.net

recent spot invasion just outside Rudee Inlet. All of the local piers are reporting good spot action lately, with the best bites occurring on a moving tide and at night. Both bloodworms and Fishbites are working well.



Horse croaker made a good showing this week inside the lower Bay inlets, with Little Creek and Lynnhaven Inlets producing the best hauls. Many of the larger hardheads ranging around 2 to 2.5-pounds are coming from the deeper channel just outside the Lynnhaven basin on squid, shrimp, or bait. live Sheepshead action has slowed a little along the CBBT, but the triggerfish will more than make up for it.

Spanish mackerel are still chasing trolled spoons along Sandbridge and Dam Neck in about 20 to 25 feet of water. Schools of false albacore in these same areas will also hit spoons. A few king mackerel are also taking trolled baits in these same areas lately.

Amberjack are still available on local wrecks, the Chesapeake Light Tower, and the South Tower. Jack Crevelle are also a possibility, but this action is hit or miss.

Deep droppers are having good luck near the Canyon edges lately. Limits of nice blueline tilefish, blackbellied rosefish, and scattered jumbo seabass are hitting the decks.

Good numbers of white marlin, with a few blue marlin, sailfish, and spearfish are available from the Washington Canyon to the triple 0's area in anywhere from 30 to 120 fathoms lately. Scattered yellowfin and blackfin tuna are also surprising a few boats this week. Wahoo continue to slam spreads, while gaffer dolphin are still a good backup. For more information, go to www.drjball.com.



Chester Cernava from Laurel, DE and Jack Webb from Whitehaven, MD were trolling and throwing cut bait in 30 fathoms inside the Rockpile when they hooked into these 13 dolphin. The largest mahi tipped the scales at an even 19 lbs.





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John Sloan from Arlington, VA was drifting minnows and squid at an ocean wreck when he caught these 2 flounder. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.





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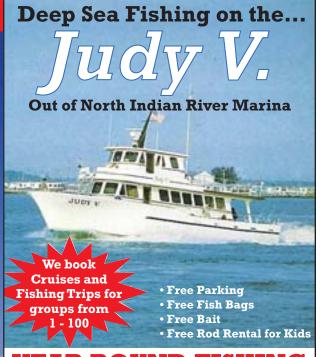


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Jamie Scott and Kyle Riley, both from Wilmington, DE were fishing on the "I Have Fissues" near Site #10 when they hooked these 3 lb. flounder on minnows. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



Matt Farr of Ocean City, MD muscled in this 19.5-inch flounder after hooking it on a live peanut bunker near Harbour Island. Matt was fishing with his brother, Josh Farr, Mate on the "Fin-ness".



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## October 15<sup>th</sup> to December 10<sup>th</sup>



Entry Fee includes T-Shirt and free buffet every Friday at Fisherman's Wharf in Lewes from 5 - 7pm for you and a guest

- Open to all
- Fish anytime, anywhere in Delaware
- \$75 entry fee for Striper and \$25 for Tautog
- Must be in Striper Tournament to enter Tautog Division
- Last sign-up is October 31st
- All weigh-ins at Bill's Sport Shop during business hours
- No weigh-ins after 12 noon on December 10th

### **Contact Bill's Sport Shop for Rules & Entry Form**

**Striper Prizes** l st Place: \$3,000 2nd Place: \$2,000 3rd Place: \$1,000

**Tautog Prizes** Ist Place: \$1,000 2nd Place: \$500 3rd Place: \$250

### **New This Year!**

- Calcuttas as follows, winner take all!
- Striper: \$50
- Tautog: \$25
- Wildcard prizes will be drawn on December 10<sup>th</sup> from ALL contestants
- \$500 Cash
- Full Day Charter on "Martha Marie"
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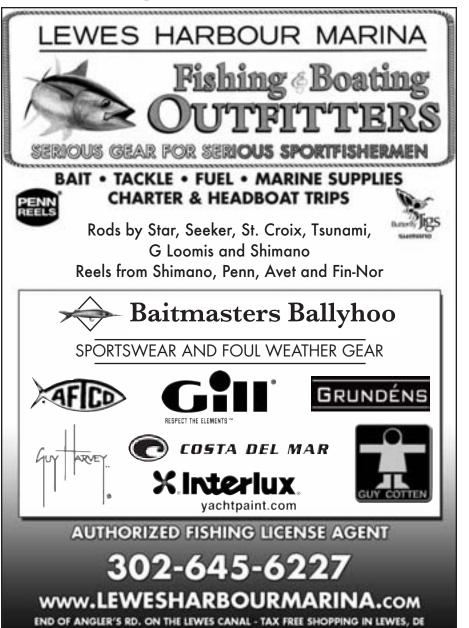


Jason Astle from Chadds Ford, PA landed a 21.75-inch flounder while fishing with Jennifer, Ryan, Sabrina and Jay Astle from Chadds Ford, PA, Jayne Astle from Annapolis, MD, Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. The flounder was hooked on a live spot in the East Channel. The group also went home with a 3/4 bushel of crabs. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





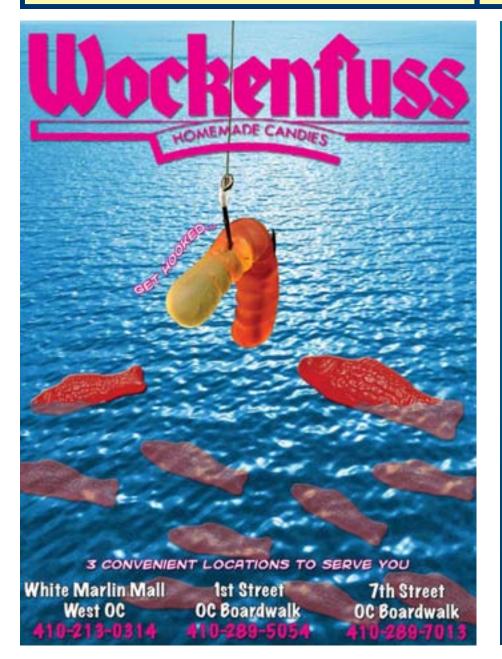
Katie Gichner from Ocean View, DE caught this greater amberjack while fishing on "Carol's Teakettle" with Tim Brinker and Mitch Hamby from Selbyville, DE. The fish was caught on a minnow at the Jack Spot.



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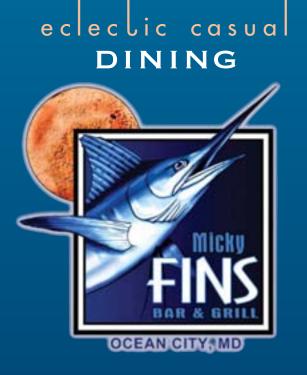
	MD	DE
Tuna:		
Longfin Albacore	36″	30 lbs.
False Albacore	24″	12 lbs.
Bigeye ***	60″	75 lbs.
Bluefin ***	60″	75 lbs.
Yellowfin ***	50″	75 lbs.
Atlantic Spadefish	24″	-
Bluefish	34″	14 lbs.
Cobia	44″	-
Croaker	18″	3 lbs.
Dolphin	45″	15 lbs.
Black Drum	48″	50 lbs.
Red Drum *	any size	-
Flounder	24"	7 lbs.
King Mackerel	40″	10 lbs.
Blue Marlin **	any size	any size
White Marlin **	any size	any size

\* Only released fish are eligible in Maryland program \*\*\* Use curved-fork-length measurements



	MD	<u>DE</u>
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14″	1 lb.
Striped Bass	40″	20 lbs.
Sailfish *	any size	-
Seabass	20"	3 lbs.
Shark:		
Blue Shark *	any size	100 lbs.
Hammerhead *	any size	100 lbs.
Mako *	any size	100 lbs.
Thresher *	any size	100 lbs.
Tiger *	any size	100 lbs.
Sheepshead	20″	8 lbs.
Spanish Mackerel	22″	5 lbs.
Spot	12″	-
Speckled Trout	24″	-
Swordfish *	any size	any size
Tautog	24″	7 lbs.
Wahoo	60″	20 lbs.
Weakfish	24″	9 lbs.

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Kate Fingles from the Ocean City Fishing Center Tackle Shop, released her first white marlin, estimated at 80 lbs., while fishing on the "Miss Annie" with Ryan Ellerman, Eddie Ellerman, Jeanette Beatley, Gary Beach, Capt. Matt Rabenstine and Mate Nick Lucov. Kate released the white marlin after hooking it on a naked ballyhoo in the Norfolk Canyon. Eddie also released his first white marlin during the trip.



Mandy Dean from Dillsburg, PA joined her mom, Barb Dean for some flounder fishing in the Indian River Bay and ended up with a 15-inch bluefish and a 21.5-inch flounder. Both fish were caught on squid and minnow combinations.





John Justison Jr. and John Justison, III of New Castle, DE caught these flounder, weighing 4.8 lbs. and 5.6 lbs., while drifting cut bunker in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em **Outfitters in South Bethany.** 



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## **OCEAN CITY INLET**

Wed. Sept. 22	Low 01:37 am Low 01:51 pm	High 07:52 am High 08:16 pm
Thurs. Sept. 23 Full Moon	Low 02:07 am Low 02:29 pm	High 08:31 am High 08:50 pm
Fri. Sept. 24	Low 02:36 am Low 03:07 pm	High 09:09 am High 09:24 pm
Sat. Sept. 25	Low 03:07 am Low 03:45 pm	High 09:46 am High 09:59 pm
Sun. Sept. 26	Low 03:40 am Low 04:26 pm	High 10:23 am High 10:34 pm
Mon. Sept. 27	Low 04:17 am Low 05:15 pm	High 11:00 am High 11:10 pm
Tues. Sept. 28	Low 05:00 am Low 06:02 pm	High 11:41 am High 11:51 pm
Wed. Sept. 29	Low 05:49 am Low 06:59 pm	High High 12:30 pm

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge. Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide - subtract 45 minutes to low tide Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide, - 21 minutes for low tide Quinby Inlet, VA - subtract 6 minutes for high tide These tides are only meant to be a guide, as tides can be affected by storms and weather fronts.

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## ~ SEPTEMBER ~

**Bill's Sport Shop Trash Fish Tournament** Now - September 30 • Bill's Sport Shop 302-645-7654

## ~ OCTOBER ~

**Lewes Harbour Marina Tautog Tournament** October 1 - 31 • Lewes, DE 302-645-6227

## Bill's Sport Shop

**Striper Tournament** October 15 - December 10 • Lewes, DE 302-645-7654

### **11th Annual Rocktoberfest** October 16 - 17 • Bahia Marina 410-289-7473

**Lewes Harbour Marina Striper Tournament** October 23 - November 23 • Lewes, DE 302-645-6227

## $\sim$ NOVEMBER $\sim$

**18th Annual MSSA Chesapeake Bay Fall Tournament** November 20 - 21 • MSSA 410-255-5535

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