

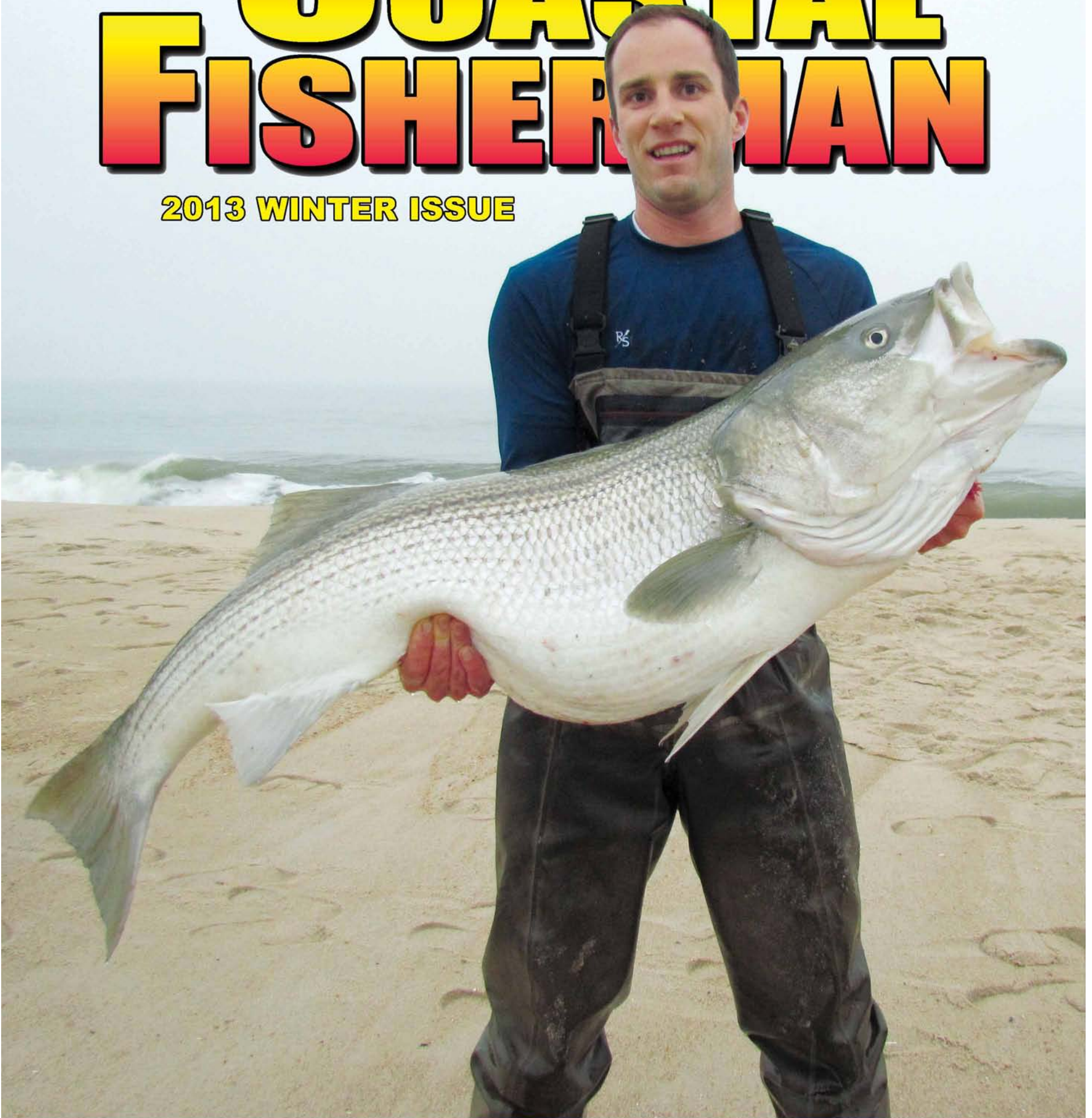
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On December 8th, Ben Smith of Bryn Mar, PA captured this 52 lb. striped bass to set a new Delaware state record for the largest striped bass landed in Delaware waters. Ben was fishing off the beach at 3R's Road when he hooked the 51-inch linesider while using fresh bunker for bait. The previous Delaware state record of 51 lbs. 8 oz. was set in 1978 by Betty Rosen while fishing from the South Jetty at the Indian River Inlet. Joining Ben on his record setting day were Eric Olsen, Zack Pillarelli, Andy Thomas, Ellis Casper, Steve Habowski, Ron Toporowski, Ryan Halverson, Chris Amone and Charlie Neal.



# NEW DELAWARE STATE RECORDS



In late October, Chris Wentz from Spring Grove, PA set a new Delaware state record with this 15.7 lb. sheephead that he pulled from the Outer Wall while using green crab for bait. Chris beat the previous state record sheephead caught by Randy Jensen at the Ice Breakers last fall that weighed 15.5 lbs. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Buddy Masten was fishing with box crab at the Ice Breakers when he muscled in a new Delaware state record grey triggerfish, weighing 6.3 lbs. Buddy caught the 20-inch fish on September 30th and beat the previous record, caught in 2007 by Clint Willman on an ocean wreck, by almost 6 ounces. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina in Lewes, DE.

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Tommy Fowler of North Bay Marina has become known for catching big flounder in the fall and he did it again this year, landing this 28-incher while fishing with Gulp! at the Twin Wrecks.



In mid-December, schools of bunker were moving down the Delmarva coast and this group of anglers aboard the charter boat, "Moore Bills" were there to take advantage of it, landing 10 feeding stripers down by the Sliver. Pictured are Shane Moore, Brian Gugliotta, Capt. Rob Skillman and mate Wayne Blanks. Not pictured is angler Kenny Hooper.



Back in mid-October, Bill Eadie caught this 93 lb. wahoo while trolling a skirted ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Bill was fishing on the "JoJo" with Tom Frederic, Karen Cunningham, Jeff Evans, Greg White, Capt. Steve Moore and mate Tony Congialdi. Weighed at Ake Marine.

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Shawn Harman of Bahia Marina muscled in this 60-inch wahoo caught on an orange and black skirted ballyhoo outside the Rockpile in late October. Shawn was fishing on the "Cah-Ching" with Josh Farr and Rob Chester and weighed the 43 lb. speedster on the scale at Bahia Marina.



Tom Whittingham and Mike Redel caught their limit of stripers while drifting live eels at the Sliver with Capt. Bruce McGuigan on the "Bullheaded M" in early December. Their 2 heaviest fish tipped the scale at 29 lbs. and 33 lbs.

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# 2012 Year in Review

by Larry Jock



It was a great year for fishing on Delmarva. Following is a summary of each week's issue. Issue dates are in bold.

**May 2, 2012** - An exceptionally warm winter and spring caused striper fishing to extend into February... The year started off great, when on January 11th, Charlie Donohue caught a new MD state record tautog (23 lbs.) while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star"... The first bluefin of the year was caught by Mike Sears in the Washington Canyon... Bluefins were also seen in the Baltimore Canyon... Tautog fishing in the bay was better than expected, even with the minimum size increase to 16-inches... Minimum size for flounder was decreased to 17-inches and the opening of the season on April 17th saw good fishing in the Thorofare from anglers using Gulp! artificial baits. In Delaware, thresher sharks were spotted just south of the Indian River Inlet... Flounder fishing was good in the Lewes Canal... A repeat of the epic striper bite in 2011 the Indian River Inlet didn't happen this year, although the bite was good at night... A few black drum were caught from the beach around 3R's Road.

**May 9, 2012** - Foggy and windy weather plagued fishing this week... Striper fishing was excellent from off the beach on Assateague Island and exceptionally good from the beaches in North Ocean City and around the South Jetty... Unusually high amounts of slur

slowed bay flounder fishing... Tautog fishing was hit or miss on ocean wrecks and reefs.. Sherry Stewart landed a 19 lb. 3 oz. tautog on an ocean wreck... Bluefin were caught in the Baltimore Canyon, at the Rockpile and near the 461 Lump... Dolphin were caught in the Washington Canyon in 75-77 degree water... A 197 lb. mako was caught at the Marine Electric... In Delaware, the striper bite at night in the Indian River Inlet was very good and the bite from the beach from Fenwick to Indian River was the best it has been in years... Coral beds produced good black drum action... Flounder fishing was sporadic... Tautog action was good along the Walls and at the Ice Breakers... Thresher sharks were caught around "B" Buoy... First bluefin out of Delaware was caught in the Baltimore Canyon.

**May 16, 2012** - Yellowfin tuna, averaging 35-45 lbs., were caught in warm water from the Baltimore Canyon down to the Washington Canyon... A 151 lb. swordfish was caught during an overnight trip to the Baltimore Canyon... Mako sharks were caught around the Sausages... Blue sharks were plentiful in the Baltimore Canyon... Flounder fishing was slow due to dirty water with the best bite in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge... Snapper bluefish were stacked around the Rt. 50 Bridge with the best bite coming during the outgoing tide... Tautog fishing was good around the South Jetty... Small stripers were

caught around the North Jetty and the Rt. 50 Bridge... Striper fishing off Assateague continued to be excellent but had to battle through sharks and skates to catch their linesider... Several fish over 40-inches were caught... Good sea bass bite at the Great Eastern Reef and around the Bass Grounds... In Delaware, the striper bite slowed in the Indian River Inlet but was on fire between Gordon's Pond and the Naval Crossing... Bluefish between 15 and 18-inches were caught in the Indian River Inlet... The best flounder bite was in Massey's Ditch and Baker's Channel... Tautog season is closed... Broadkill Beach produced excellent catches of weakfish... Good catches of black drum came from the Coral Beds.

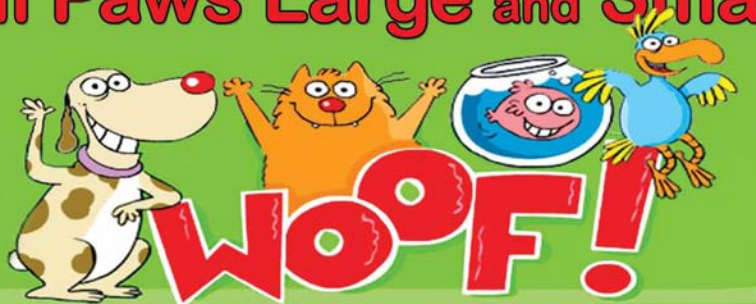
**May 23, 2012** - Never ending wind and dirty water killed flounder fishing this week... Tautog were caught off the 4th St. Bulkhead... Sea bass season opened 3 days earlier than expected with good catches coming from the Great Eastern Reef and at the Jackspot... Striped bass and black drum were caught by surfcasters off Assateague... Bad weather kept offshore boats at the dock... In Delaware, the Lewes Canal flounder tournament had 360 anglers participating with a 6 pounder taking 1st place... Striper action was good between Gordon's Pond and Cape Henlopen and in the Indian River Inlet at night... Larger bluefish were caught off the beach in Fenwick... Leading into the full moon, black drum fishing was good at the Coral Beds... Colby Hastings on the "Lil' Angler II" released a 48.8-

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inch black drum to set an I.G.F.A. All Tackle Length Live Release Record... Weakfish were plentiful off Broadkill Beach.

**May 30, 2012** - Yellowfins were abundant in 50 to 75 fathoms between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons... Charter boat, "Reel Chaos" had 14 YFT on Saturday and 24 on Sunday... The 1st white marlin was released by Grant Clubb in 65 fathoms between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons... Shark fishing was good in 20-25 fathoms around the Fingers... A 256 lb. mako was caught in 100 fathoms on the southern end of the Baltimore Canyon... The 1st wahoo of the season was caught in 75-degree water in the Baltimore Canyon... Good tilefishing was found deep in the Washington Canyon... Flounder fishing was horrible, with more being caught on ocean wrecks and reefs than in the bay... The Thorofare was the best spot in the bay for flatties... Sea bass fishing was steady at the Bass Grounds and African Queen... A lot of bluefish were caught around the Rt. 50 Bridge... The 1st sheepshead of the season was caught at the African Queen... Surfcasters got into black drum off Assateague... South Jetty produced good catches of stripers... In Delaware, headboats reported improved catches of sea bass... Black drum bite was sporadic... Anglers at Broadkill Beach and Roosevelt Inlet had good catches of weakfish... Flounder bite improved in the Lewes Canal but wasn't very good in the Indian River Inlet and back bays... Plenty of flounder were caught around "B" Buoy... Indian River Inlet had good bluefish action... Makos, tigers and blue sharks showed up around the Hot Dog.

**June 6, 2012** - The 20 fathom line produced good catches of sharks... A 576.5 lb. thresher was

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caught at the Fingers... A 280 lb. mako was caught at the Sausages... Yellowfin tuna were caught in good numbers in 66-degree water in the Poor Man's Canyon... White marlin were caught in the Baltimore... Good sea bass fishing on ocean reefs and wrecks... An 18 lb. tautog was caught on an ocean wreck... Small stripers were caught around the South Jetty with larger fish found around the Rt. 50 Bridge... The OC Inlet produced good catches of flounder... Chopper bluefish were caught at the Fingers and Jackspot... In Delaware, the striper bite was good at night in the Indian River Inlet and along the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay... Flounder fishing improved dramatically in the Indian River Inlet for anglers using spot for bait... The Old Grounds started to see more flounder... Weakfish continued to be caught off Broadkill Beach... Bluefish bite was off the hook in the Indian River Inlet...

**June 13, 2012** - Double digit catches of yellowfin tuna came from the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons during the week and moved to the Baltimore Canyon over the weekend... The 1st bigeye tuna of the season was caught in the Wilmington Canyon... No bluefins showed up at the dock... A few mako sharks were released in the Washington and keepers were found around the Hambone and Sausages... No threshers were caught this week... A good batch of flounder moved into the bay this week with a good bite coming from the South Jetty...

Bay was loaded with 2-inch spot... "Get Sum" had 17 keeper flounder in 2 trips around the South Jetty and in the East Channel... Jetties also produced a few sheepshead and good catches of striped bass... Sea bass fishing on wrecks was very good, but keeper ratio remained high... In Delaware, shark fishing was excellent for anglers at the Hambone, Sausages and Triple Wrecks... Massey's Ditch, the Old Grounds and Reef Sites 5, 6, 7 & 8 gave up some nice catches of flounder as did the Indian River Inlet... Morning hours in the Indian River Inlet produced numerous stripers, black drum and sheepshead... The 1st croaker of the season was caught in the Delaware Bay... Surf fishermen battled sharks, rays, skates, bluefish and kingfish.

**June 20, 2012** - Windy weather put a damper on fishing this week and severely affected the O.C. Shark Tournament with only 11 boats entered not a single shark weighed... Tilefishing was very good in the Baltimore Canyon... A few flounder were caught in the East Channel... In Delaware, good flounder fishing was found in the Indian River Inlet and at Massey's Landing... Nighttime fishing for stripers tapered off... Bluefishing was good during the incoming tide in the Indian River Inlet.

**June 27, 2012** - Bob Gummer caught a 12 lb. 6 oz. flounder while fishing off the bulkhead on 1st Street... Flounder fishing was tough, but 1 boat ended up with 7 keepers in the West Channel... Hugh Thomas Cropper caught a 15.4 lb. bluefish at the Tea Cup...

Large bluefish were also caught around the Rt. 50 Bridge... Sea bass fishing improved at ocean reefs and wrecks... Yellowfin tuna continued to bite in 50 to 75 fathoms in the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons with boats averaging between 6 and 12 fish per trip... A few bluefins showed up in 20 to 40 fathoms near the Dump Site, Chicken Bone and in Massey's Canyon... Pat Hurley landed a 227 lb. bigeye tuna in the Wilmington Canyon... "Lady Luck" had 3 bigeyes in the Washington... Wahoo showed up around the Hot Dog and in the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons... White and blue marlin were released in the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons... In Delaware, the Indian River Inlet saw some great flounder fishing with several fish over 5 lbs. being caught... Striper fishing in the Indian River Inlet got back on track... Small weakfish were caught at Reef Sites 5, 6, 7 & 8 in the Delaware Bay and from the surf off Fenwick Island... A few sharks were caught around the Fingers... Inshore sea bass fishing was fantastic, but the keeper ratio remains very low... "DA" Buoy provided the best knothead fishing.

**July 4, 2012** - Nine bigeye tuna were caught in the Canyon Kick-Off, with most coming from the Washington Canyon... Yellowfins were scattered in 50 to 75 fathoms in the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons... Large bluefins showed up from the Crotch to the Tea Cup, but centered on the Hot Dog and Baltimore Canyon... Good

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numbers of white marlin releases from the Wilmington Canyon down to the Washington... Gregory Benn landed a 50 lb. snowy grouper in the Norfolk Canyon... East and West Channels were the hot spots... Anglers off the Oceanic Pier also got into good numbers of flounder... Sea bass keeper ratio improved... Striper bite at night around the Rt. 50 Bridge was very good... In Delaware, flounder fishing was excellent around "DA" and "DB" Buoys... Triggerfish and sheepshead were caught at the Outer Walls... Summer slot season opened for striped bass and good catches were made in the Lewes Canal and Broadkill River... Fenwick Shoal produced numerous weakfish.

**July 11, 2012** - Joe Costello caught an 82 lb. cobia at Russell's Reef, which would have set a Delaware State record had Delaware had a classification for cobia... Flounder fishing continues to be the best we have seen in a decade, with the East and West Channels producing the best catches... Several boats recorded double-digit catches of flatties, unheard of in past years... Inshore spots like the Bass Grounds and the Old Grounds are also seeing good numbers of flatties... Several bigeye tuna came in from the Washington Canyon... "Reel Chaos" landed an incredible 9 bigeyes in a single week... Susan McCart boated a 230 pounder and the "Reel Chaos" boated 4 eyeballs... Yellowfins were hooked in the Baltimore Canyon... Bluefins

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were caught on the chunk at the Hot Dog... Good numbers of white marlin were released in the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons... At least a half dozen blue marlin were released in the Poor Man's... In Delaware, big bluefish up to 10 lbs. were caught in the Indian River Inlet and on Fenwick Shoal... Weakfish and triggerfish were also hooked on Fenwick Shoal... Kingfish and snapper bluefish were caught in the surf... Slot stripers got landed in the Lewes Canal... The keeper ratio for sea bass is back to reasonable levels with "DB" Buoy producing some good catches... Croaker showed up at Sites 5 & 6... Flounder fishing was outstanding in the Indian River Inlet and at the Old

Grounds.

**July 18, 2012** - Bigeye tuna took the top spots in the O.C. Tuna Tournament... Bigeyes were landed in the Washington Canyon... Yellowfins were caught in good numbers on the chunk at the Hot Dog... White marlin were released at the Hot Dog and in the Washington Canyon... Excellent blue marlin fishing was found in the Washington Canyon... Bay waters warmed considerably, so flounder were found in cooler, deeper water... Most bites came during the incoming tide... Inshore structure gave up good catches of sea bass... In Delaware, inshore spots such as "DA" and "DB" Buoys produced excellent catches of flounder... Bob Bryant caught a 31.5-incher that weighed 10 lbs.

15 oz... Indian River jetty jockeys picked at small stripers during early morning and evening hours... Lewes Canal produced slot stripers... Small bluefish in the Indian River Inlet... Kingfish, bluefish, stingrays and large sharks were caught in the surf.

**July 25, 2012** - Anglers crushed yellowfin tuna at the Hot Dog... White marlin and blue marlin were released between the Baltimore and Washington Canyons... A couple of wahoo were captured in the Poor Man's Canyon... Anglers ventured down to the Norfolk Canyon for some good tilefishing... Outstanding flounder fishing continued in the East and West Channels... Larger flatties were caught on ocean structure... Good sea bass fishing was found on ocean reefs and wrecks with several fish over 3 lbs. being caught... In Delaware, a mahi was actually caught in the Indian River Inlet... Anglers fishing from the shoreline in the Indian River Inlet and inshore at the Old Grounds saw good catches of flounder... Most of the stripers being caught have been during the incoming tide, at night in the Indian River Inlet... Slot stripers were also caught in the Lewes Canal around the Drawbridge... Warm water has put a damper on tautog fishing... Plenty of small croaker were caught in the Indian River Inlet on Fishbites.

**August 1, 2012** - "Bill\$ 4 Bills" brought back a 304 lb. bigeye tuna from the Washington Canyon... White and blue marlin were released in 1,000 fathoms outside the Washington and Poor Man's Canyons... Yellowfin tuna fishing was red hot for chunkers at the Hot Dog during the week but petered out over the weekend... Trollers ended up doing as well as those chunking... A couple of wahoo were caught

at the Hot Dog... A 93 lb. swordfish was caught during an overnight trip to the Baltimore Canyon... A 69 lb. cobia was landed at Great Gull Shoal... Ocean structure was loaded with sea bass and flounder this week... The East Channel and along the rocks off Martha's Landing was hot for flounder fishing... The Middle Channel also produced some nice catches of flatties... In Delaware, anglers had good luck with flounder at the Star Site Reef and in the ocean at Sites 10 and 11... Croakers showed up in the back bays behind Indian River... Bluefish were caught on the troll on Fenwick Shoal... Triggerfish were caught at the Outer Wall.

**August 8, 2012** - Joe Walker, Jr. caught an 11 lb. 6 oz. flounder at Site 10... Yellowfin were caught on the chunk at the Sausages, but overall was not as good as it has been... Flounder fishing slowed due to bad weather but some good catches were made by anglers fishing off the 2nd Street Bulkhead... Ocean wrecks and reefs also produced some big flounder... Charter boat, "Lucky Break" caught 11 weakfish in the OC Inlet... Wahoo were caught in the Baltimore Canyon... Billfish showed up in big numbers for boats in 1,000 to 1,500 fathoms outside the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons... In Delaware, anglers pecked away at flounder in the Indian River Inlet, but overall was inconsistent... Croaker were found at the Star Site Reef, and the Outer Wall... Stripers were caught on live eels by the Lewes Canal Drawbridge... Bluefish bite was good during the incoming tide in the Indian River Inlet... Tilefish were caught deep outside the Washington Canyon.

**August 15, 2012** - Bill Woody won the White Marlin Open with a 72 lb. white marlin that earned



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him over \$1,429,000... The tournament had 253 boats entered, up 16 versus the prior year... A total of 961 white marlin were hooked... No blue marlin were weighed during the tournament... Bigeye dominated the Tuna Division, with a 238 pounder taking 1st place... Susan McCart won Top Angler honors with 840 points... A 266.5 lb. scalloped hammerhead shark was caught to set a new Maryland state record... Flounder fishing cooled this week, with some catches in the East Channel... Croaker were snapping behind Bahia Marina... The South Jetty produced good catches of striped bass on spot and mullet... Yellowfin bite died... In Delaware, flounder fishing in the Indian River Inlet was scattered... Gulp! artificial baits continued to be the top producer... Flounder were snapping at Reef 8, the Star Site Reef, "DB" Buoy and Reef Sites 10 & 11... Slot stripers were caught in Canary Creek... Good numbers of croaker were landed in the Indian River Inlet... Snapper bluefish were found under birds at the Outer Wall.

**August 22, 2012** - Yellowfin tuna were scattered in 40 to 70 fathoms inside the Poor Man's Canyon... Bigeye tuna were hooked in 200 fathoms in the Washington... Blue marlin were released in the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons... The rocks off Martha's Landing produced good catches of flounder for those fishing with live spot and mullet... Anglers found larger flounder on inshore wrecks... Croaker and puppy drum were plentiful in the bay... A few stripers were caught at the Rt. 50 Bridge... In Delaware, most flounder fishermen had luck hitting inshore structure... Delaware Bay reefs gave up a few flatties, but much depended on the strength of the current... Larger stripers were caught in the Indian River Inlet, but action was dominated by bluefish... Big brown sharks and sand tigers were numerous in the lower Delaware Bay... Croaker were caught in the Indian River Inlet.

**August 29, 2012** - Ocean City dominated the Mid-Atlantic \$500,000 taking over 90% of the prize money... The "Reelentless" took top honors for their 79 lb. white marlin, worth over \$667,000... "Why Not" weighed a 416 lb. blue marlin to win the

Blue Marlin Division... 460 white marlin and 40 blue marlin were hooked during the tournament... "Fin-ness" released a white marlin, 2 blue marlin and a sailfish at the 800/800... Bigeye tuna were caught in the Wilmington Canyon... Yellowfin tuna were landed around the 461 Lump... Calm weather allowed fishermen to hit inshore wrecks, where they found excellent catches of flounder... Deep holes in the East Channel produced numerous flounder... Excellent striper bite at the South Jetty... Small red drum were caught and released in big numbers all over the bay behind OC... In Delaware, croaker showed up in good numbers in the Indian River Inlet... Larger hardheads were caught at the mouth of the DE Bay... Bluefish were found at the Outer Wall... Sea bass fishing improved greatly over ocean coral beds... Flounder fishing was sporadic, with the best coming from Delaware Bay reef sites.

**September 5, 2012** - Big flounder were caught in the bay, led by a 31-incher caught in the East Channel... Better flounder action was on ocean wrecks and reefs, such as Russell's Reef and the African Queen... South Jetty continued to produce good catches of striped bass... Sheepshead started showing up around the South Jetty... Croaker were caught all over the bay... An angler broke off a 6-foot hammerhead shark in the Thorofare... Tuna bite was pretty bad... Bluefins were released in the Poor Man's Canyon... A lot of white and blue marlin were released in 80 to 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons... In Delaware, croaker fishing was so good on the south side of the Indian River Inlet that anglers were getting tired catching them... Bluefish were caught at night in the Inlet on metal lures... Stripers were showing up in the Inlet at night... Red drum seemed to be more plentiful this year in the Lewes Canal... Croaker were caught at the Outer Wall... Flounder fishing was not good this week due to strong tidal currents... Surfcasters off Henlopen Point caught good numbers of snapper bluefish.

**September 12, 2012** - The sheepshead bite exploded at the South Jetty... Flounder fishing suffered due to heavy rain and wind with some being caught  
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around the South Jetty... Fishing with live bait was the key this week for catching keeper flounder... Stripers were found around the South Jetty and under the Rt. 50 Bridge... With most anglers fishing for flounder on ocean structure, not many sea bass showed up on the docks... Tilefish were caught in deep water in the Washington Canyon... White and blue marlin were released in good numbers in the Washington Canyon in 50 to 100 fathoms... "Game Over" released 3 white marlin, a blue marlin and a great white shark... Only a couple of yellowfins were caught around the Rockpile... In Delaware, undersized flounder dominated the action in the Indian River Inlet... Small red drum were also caught on clam flavored Fishbites... Ocean structure produced a lot of croaker... Reef Site 8 and the Star Site Reef saw puffers, triggerfish, spadefish, croaker, bluefish, spot and sea bass... Anglers fishing around the Inner and Outer Walls and in the Roosevelt Inlet caught a lot of weakfish... Red drum surprised anglers in the Roosevelt Inlet... Stripers were

caught in the Lewes Canal, Broadkill River and Canary Creek.

**September 19, 2012** - Poor weather hurt flounder fishing this week... Some were caught by anglers tossing rubber shads under the Rt. 50 Bridge... Better flounder action was on wrecks and reefs... Good numbers of croaker were caught in the Fishbowl... Sheepshead were thick around the South Jetty... A few tautog were also caught around the South Jetty... Marlin fishing was excellent with a few sailfish caught as well... Action centered in the Washington and Norfolk Canyons... Tuna bite was very weak... In Delaware, croaker, puppy drum, flounder, stripers and bluefish were all caught in the Indian River Inlet... Sharks, rays, skates and bluefish were caught from the surf... "DA" Buoy saw catches of sea bass and flounder... Fishing on the bottom around Reef 8 in the Delaware Bay produced kingfish, croaker, puffers, triggerfish, spadefish, porgies and weakfish... Some legal stripers were caught at the mouth of Canary Creek and near the Lewes Canal Drawbridge.

**October to December, 2012** -

After the last issue of the Coastal Fisherman went to press, we really didn't see a good flounder bite in either the bay or the ocean like we expected.

Sheepshead continued their incredible bite around the South Jetty well into October and anglers also tangled with numerous puppy drum in the Ocean City Inlet and behind Assateague Island.

Offshore, it was a horrible fall for weather, which kept boats at the dock on far too many days, and I'm not even talking about the time when Super Storm Sandy rolled by but luckily produced only some heavy winds.

When boats could get out, white marlin and blue marlin releases were plentiful in the Washington and Norfolk Canyons, and the Rockpile produced some great catches of wahoo. Unfortunately, tuna fishermen never got another shot at either yellowfins or bluefins.

Inshore, bluefish were about as common as a State Trooper doing the speed limit and striper fishing seemed to start even later than it did last year, not really heating up until around

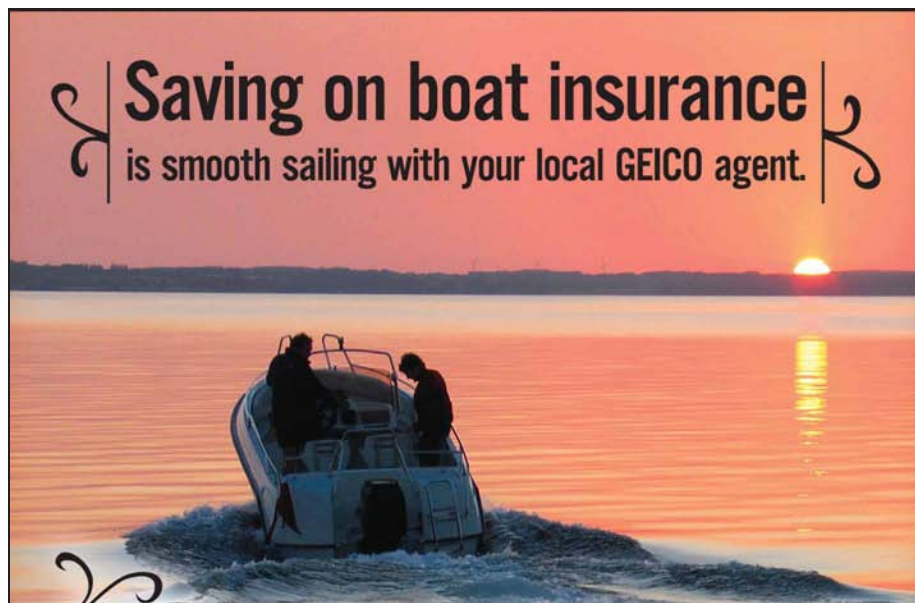
November 11th when water temperatures started to cool. Early in the season, stripers stayed mainly beyond the 3-mile line, gorging on sand eels on top of the shoals, but in early December, we starting seeing increased activity from gannetts diving on schools of bunker around Little Gull Shoal and the Sliver.

Surfcasters off the beach had a great fall, staying busy catching red and black drum early in the fall and big linesiders closer to Thanksgiving. The highlight was Ben Smith's 52 lb. striper caught off 3R's Road on December 8th to set a new Delaware state record.


Two other state records were set this past fall. Chris Wentz caught a 15.7 lb. sheepshead at the Outer Wall and Buddy Masten landed a 6.3 lb. grey triggerfish. Pretty work, guys!


Overall, it was a great year with numerous record catches, good marlin action, fantastic flounder fishing, an incredible run of red and black drum and some big striped bass hitting the scales.

Have a safe and happy offseason and we look forward to seeing everyone at the dock in 2013!



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John Wittmyer of Crabs-To-Go decked this 45-inch, 40 lb. striped bass on Black Friday while trolling 2 miles off the beach near 95th Street (Pyramid Hotel). John was fishing on "The Ship of Fools" with Bobby Reynard and Mike Tihilla, who landed himself a 36-inch linesider during the trip.



Jay Tucci landed this 10 lb. 14 oz. bluefish to win Heaviest Bluefish honors in Bill's Sport Shop/Irish Eyes Striper Tournament. Jay was fishing aboard the "On Delivery" with Capt. Mike Rivera when he caught the 31-inch gator while trolling a blue and white Bomber CD30 at the "Reliance" wreck off Fenwick Island.

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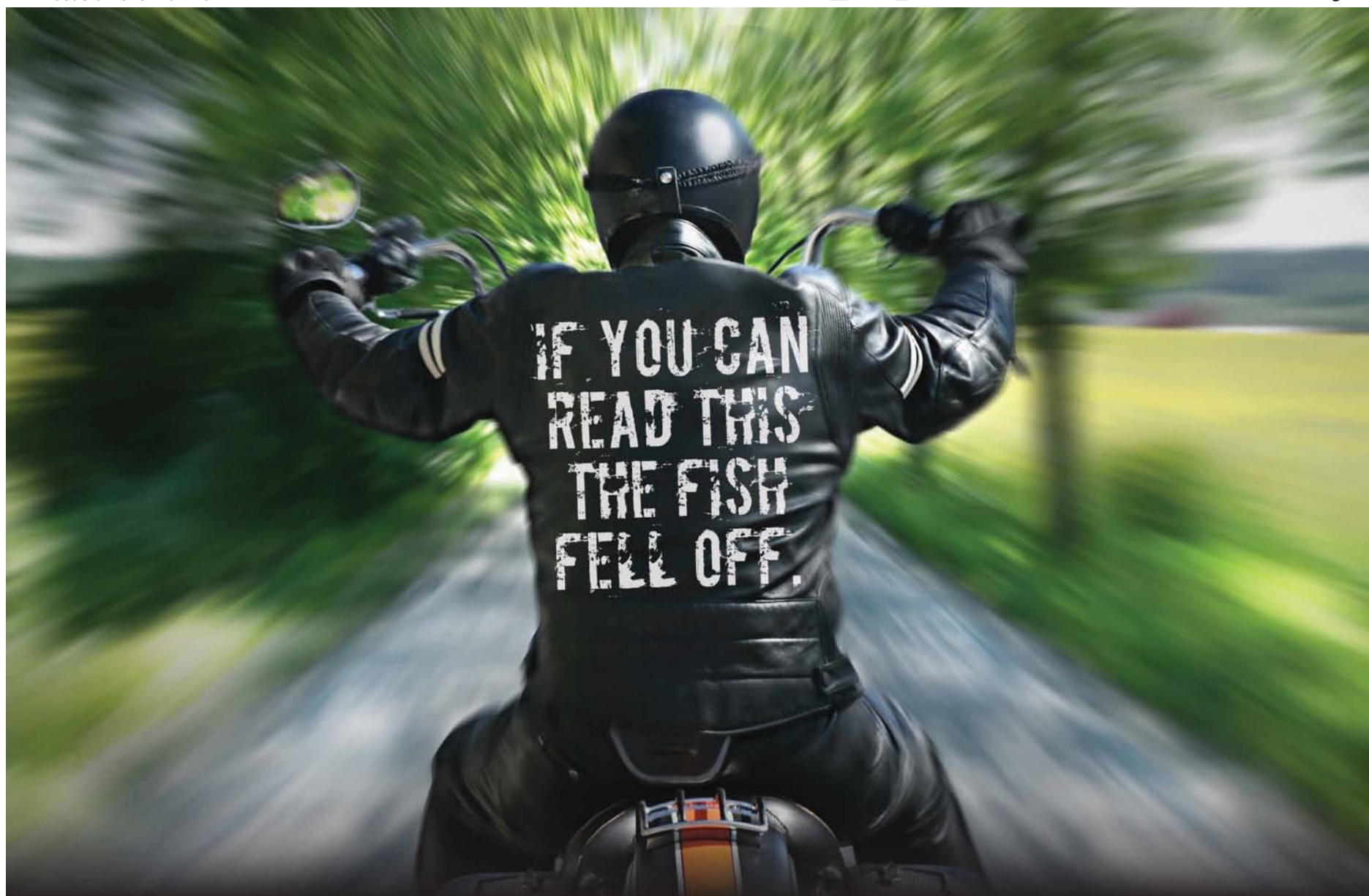
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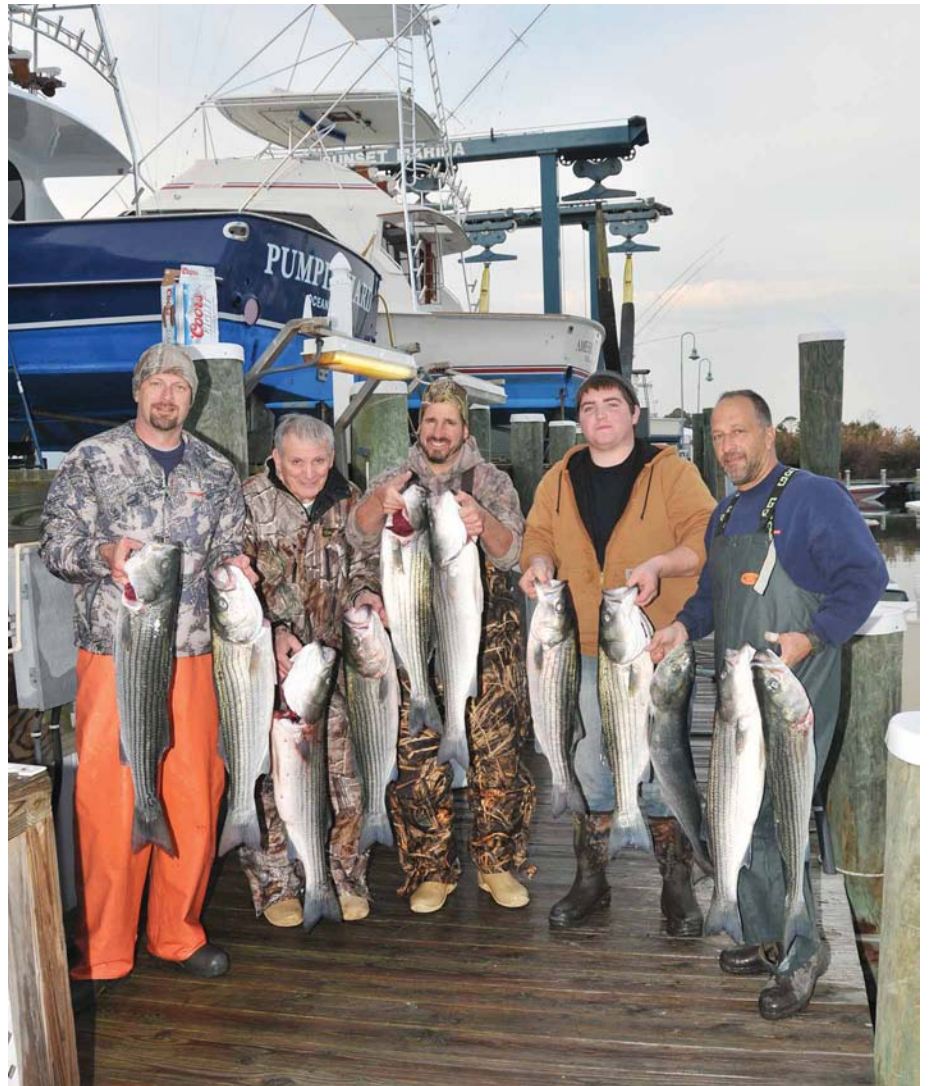


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In late November, Tony Diesel was trolling for stripers off 45th Street in Ocean City when he hooked this 27-inch flounder.



At the end of November, Wes Lang, John Cianci, Guy Cianci, Michael Milowicki and Tim Shep found schools of stripers feeding under diving birds down by the Sliver and ended their day with 10 nice keepers in the box. Water temperature was hovering around 50-degrees. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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It was an epic early fall for sheephead fishing around the South Jetty and on this day Anthony Cannuli pulled 2 from the rocks, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. and 12 lbs. Both were caught while using green crabs for bait.



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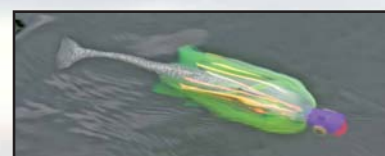
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Russell Marsh of Lewes, DE was fishing with sand fleas at the Ice Breakers when he hooked into this 23-inch, 10.2 lb. sheephead. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.



Kirby Kaeufer of Ocean Pines, MD muscled in this 37-inch linesider while trolling on the "Gotcha" with his grandfather, Jack Kaeufer behind the sea buoy.



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Jim Downs is all smiles after landing this 11 lb. chopper bluefish while trolling at Hen and Chickens Shoal at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.



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Danny Cox landed a 40-inch striper and Rob Jager followed that up with a 37-incher, both while trolling parachute rigs north of the Ocean City Inlet.



In mid-October, John Gudknecht had an unusual catch, landing this cottonmouth jack during a trip to the Wilmington Canyon aboard the "Quintessa". The fish sported a snow white tongue and was caught on a chunk of bait while swimming among some bailer dolphin. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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—by Sue Foster



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First and most important! Flounder are site feeders. If the

conditions are such that they can't see your bait, you won't catch many flounder. That's why many anglers fish the tide in Ocean City. If you fish 3 hours before high tide and two hours after high tide you will usually have the clearest water. This is the single, best summertime advice I can give you.

Spring is a totally different story! In the very early part of the season, water temperature is critical. When water temperatures are on the "edge", anglers find that the outgoing tide can be 15 degrees warmer than the incoming tide. With that in mind, if you are out there fishing during that last three hours of the incoming tide with no bites, don't leave until the tide turns around and starts going out. The bite can suddenly turn on!

In the early spring, the last part of the low outgoing tide can be VERY effective. Even though outgoing water can sometimes get dirty, when it slows up and starts to ebb (get low) the sediment in the water settles to the bottom, and the water clears up. Anytime the tide slows, water will be clearer, no matter whether it is high or low tide!) If you fish in VA during the early part of the season, flounder can bite the best during the whole outgoing tide.

**"Why is the outgoing tide warmer?"**

Water coming in from the ocean is cooler. The sun warms the water that has been up in the shallow back bays. When the tide starts out, these warmer waters move right into your flounder hole! Hint: remember, this is only really important in the spring and sometimes in the fall when the water temperatures are on the edge. Another hint: you do better in the spring when the sun is out to warm the water. Days of overcast cool weather can turn a flounder bite off!

Once the season gets into full swing, the most important part of flounder fishing is to find clear water. Put on your polarized sunglasses and you can actually see tide lines. It will be clear here, and dirty there.... follow the clean, clear water!

Light, easterly breezes usually give you clearer water. That always seems to be the best for flounder fishing. If the ocean is calm and clean, the incoming tide will be clear and clean. If we had a storm overnight, and the ocean is dirty, this ugly water will come into the bay during the incoming tide. In that instance, the outgoing water will be cleaner and clearer.

The upper parts of the bay behind Ocean City can be excellent in the spring. The bay up by the Route 90 Bridge and the bay down behind Assateague Island can be productive. If you start running your boat in the bay behind Assateague, heading towards buoys #8 through #13 (a favorite area for locals) and you suddenly start seeing globs of grass and muddy, foamy water, just forget it and come back closer to the Inlet! Hint: the bay behind Assateague gets dirty when you have a hard, south wind.

Later in the season, from July through October, flounder tend to bite best in the main channels closer to the Route 50 Bridge. Flounder really liked "structure" this past year. Anglers did well drifting in the

East Channel close to the bulkheads and rocks between 1st Street and 14th Streets. Anglers butting up close to the Route 50 Bridge and then drifting off did well. The South Jetty rocks also produced good catches of flounder. The West Channel on each side of the Route 50 Bridge gave up a surprising number of flounder this past season. Be careful on the north side of the West channel, just offshore of Hooper's Crab House. It is not marked, so anglers need to stay on their toes.

Hint: watch other boats and note where the bay party boats are fishing. Don't get in their way, but learn by observing. Look for anglers netting fish. Eighty percent of the flounder are probably caught in twenty percent of the bay waters. If you're not fishing in the right place, you won't catch fish. Fish the edges of channels, deep water next to green marshes or sand bars, drop offs, close to structure such as rocks, bulkheads or piers and near mussel beds. Hang out in local tackle stores and marinas and get pointers from good flounder anglers to add to your own!

My husband Bob is a really good flounder fisherman, and he says that to catch flounder you need clean water and maintain an optimal drifting speed of .8 to 1.2 miles per hour. If the drift is too fast, the flounder can't catch up with your bait! If the drift is too slow (like barely moving) the fish aren't seeing your bait move across the bottom floor. He also suggests a limber tip rod so your bait stays on the bottom as you drift along. A rod rated for 8 to 15 or 8 to 17 pound test is good for flounder.

Most avid flounder anglers fishing from a boat invest in a trolling motor so they can move the boat faster on a slow tide or run against the tide when it is moving too fast. Anglers without a trolling motor can "buck" the tide with their motor in reverse when

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the tide is running too hard or they can "bump" their motor in and out of gear to move faster when the tide is moving too slow.

All boaters should have a depthfinder when they are drifting along. Changes in water depth usually produce good flounder catches. Flounder feed on ledges and underwater slopes. Sometimes you will notice that all the bites happen at a certain depth. If that's the case, keep fishing that depth! It might be a certain underwater water temperature that the fish like. Always be aware, and see where you got the last bite, what depth it was, what tide it was, and what color flounder rig was working best. Good flounder anglers aren't half asleep just drifting easy in their boats. They are moving, working, watching, changing baits and rigs and looking for clean water.

Denny Blessing at Oyster Bay Tackle works the channels hard in the Ocean City Bay in his boat the "O.C. Joy". His comment on flounder fishing is this: "The best boat method is to drift the edges of the channel. Remember, it is illegal to anchor in the main channels. I have really good luck with a rig made by Great Eastern called the "Tap Dancer", which is a high/low rig made with a 2-ounce ball jig with a bucktailed hook."

#### "What about baits?"

Since flounder are site feeders, you need to keep your bait clean. If your live minnow isn't lively anymore, replace it. If your squid strip gets dirty, put on a new one. The basic flounder baits are live minnows, frozen shiners and strips of squid. It's best to use a live minnow OR a frozen shiner with a strip of squid hooked along side the minnow or shiner bait for extra attraction. For anglers looking for big flounder, the old adage "bigger bait=bigger fish" generally runs true.

Budd Heim, an avid local flounder fisherman, believes in big baits. "To catch these

larger fish, my philosophy has always been that large fish take large bait. While that is not 100% true, it works more often than not. In the spring, use large bait such as frozen finger mullet and smelts. During the summer months, get the cast net out and catch live spot, finger mullet and peanut bunker. You will not be disappointed. Also, circle hooks work great with the live bait." (Budd likes to use an Owner Multi-light circle hook.)

Rusty Daub from Ocean Pines also believes in big baits. He gives us his advice on successful flounder fishing, "I'm primarily fishing from a boat and often take inexperienced fishermen along. The keys to successful flounder fishing for me are fishing the "drop offs" and matching the current with the correct sinker weight. You need to have the smallest amount of weight possible but still be on the bottom. Keep those lines tight with no slack from rod tip to bait. You need to feel the sinker bouncing on the bottom so you can feel the hit. If you are just out to catch any size flounder, a squid/minnow combination will do. If you want to target large flounder, there is no better bait than live spot. Your catch rates will go down but your box will have big fish in it!"

Starting sometime around the end of June to early July, anglers can start catching live spot on small hooks and bloodworms (or Fishbite bloodworms) around the Route 90 Bridge, in back bay canals and lagoons, from the shore at Northside Park at 125th Street, the 9th Street Pier and in the Commercial Harbor. You need to keep them alive in an aerated bucket. Anglers can also cast net small bunker and finger mullet. All these make excellent flounder baits!

Berkley Gulp! has become one of the most popular artificial baits for flounder there is. I personally like to use it in conjunction with a live

minnow but many people use it by itself. If you do, you need to keep it moving. The 4-inch Swimming Mullet, in either pearl white or chartreuse, are the best summertime colors. In the spring, pink and orange are also popular. I slide the Gulp! Swimming Mullet all the way up on the hook shank, just like you are putting a plastic worm on the lead head. Then I hook a live minnow through the lips. Anglers fishing the flats and in relatively shallow water (5 to 8 feet) will use a simple lead head in the 3/8 to 1/2 ounce size and add the Gulp! and a live minnow. Then, they "work" it along the

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## Driftin' Easy cont'd

bottom just like a lure. Cast it uptide and let it bounce back along the bottom. I use this technique when fishing from the Route 50 Bridge sometimes, bouncing the lead head off a bar and letting it fall down into the deeper water along side. Deadly....

Jeffrey Grimes fishes Gulp! a lot. Here is his advice on flounder fishing and using Gulp!: "When I rig for flounder, I always use a double hook rig with some type of spinner or bucktail on each hook. Why use two hooks? The bottom hook is for a live or frozen bait and the top hook is always for a Gulp!. Many years of trial and error have proven to me the two-hook rig with Gulp! on the top hook catches more fish. I have found over the last several years that Gulp! has outfished any other live, frozen or artificial bait on most days. When I start the first drift of the day, I will try several different colors of 4-inch Gulp! Swimming Mullet in white, chartreuse or pink to

see if the fish have a preference on that day. Some days they prefer chartreuse or pink, but I have found the white/pearl color catches the most fish. Last summer we were getting the tails bit off one after another right before a tide change. After going through about a dozen tailless baits in 30 minutes we started catching a few flounder on the Gulp! bait with one flounder having three different color Gulp! tails in its mouth! So much for color preference! The key to using Gulp! is to keep changing out the Gulp! baits with fresh ones every 15 to 20 minutes and never using a bait that has any part of the tail bitten off. By changing out the bait every 15 to 20 minutes, you keep that fresh scent in the water and have a much better chance of hooking up. The tail section of the bait is what makes the bait come alive and attracts the fish. If any section of the tail is missing the bait loses its effectiveness. The bottom line is Gulp! catches more fish!"

Gulp! can work great, but

many anglers use nothing but live or fresh strip baits.

Wilson Cropp of Wilson Cropp Charters and Guide Service in Cape Charles, VA had this to say, "The spring bite is best on Virginia's Eastern Shore starting April 15th. Bull minnows work best with a teaser in front. After July 1st our bites move to the Chesapeake Bay. Big fish like live bait the best, such as live spot and finger mullet. Also, large strip baits on a lure work good around the bridge pilings."

I've fished with Wilson Cropp more than once and he's really a good angler. I learned the "spec rig" trick with him one day while fishing around the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel pilings. When the tide was slacking, we put a bank sinker on the spec rig, added strips of fresh cut bait (I believe we were using croaker strips that particular day), and casted close to the pilings. Then, with the sinker staying on the bottom (no bouncing up and down), he would twitch

his tip of the rod like crazy. That made the baits wiggle and twitch, but let it stay close to the structure! He caught flounder right away. It was amazing how that worked. When I first tried it, I bounced the sinker up and down and the rig quickly drifted away from the piling in the tide and I got no bites. I learned quickly how to do it right.

I tried this technique on the Route 50 Bridge one day with a spec rig and bluefish strips. I caught a lot of flounder right away!

I'm a big believer in strip baits. When I fish in the middle of the summer and right into fall, I always keep the first legal bluefish I catch. I love using a bluefish strip for flounder bait. Offshore on the wrecks, it's my favorite bait. Those ugly lizardfish you catch when flounder fishing in the late summer and fall make excellent strip baits for flounder as well. So do fresh mullet, though they need to be

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Kendra and Colin Maccari of West Ocean City, MD had a great day of striper fishing aboard the "Moore Bills" with Capt. Rob Skillman and mate Wayne Blanks. The group ended up with 8 striped bass in the box, measuring 30 to 36-inches, after trolling mojos just north of the Sliver. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Young Yoo, Sr., Chris Choi, Des So and Young Yoo, Jr. experienced some epic sheepshead fishing, landing 20 while fishing on "Skip's Charter & Guide Service" with Capt. Skip Maguire. The sheepshead were caught on green crabs at the South Jetty.



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**Driftin' Easy cont'd**

really fresh. After three days in the cooler, they get too mushy. Fresh spot fillets are excellent also. If you go spot fishing for small spot and catch one too big for live baiting, don't throw it back. Fillet and cut it into strips about 1 ½ to 4 inches long and wow, you have a pretty bait. Flounder belly works, but of course, you have to catch a legal flounder first and then keep the carcass with you! Sea robins, a legal-size croaker and almost anything you catch out there that's legal will work.

Fresh bunker will work too, but it's got to be really fresh. Flounder start biting in our bays around mid-April and bite through October and even into November. The flounder run is best in May through July and sometimes shows up a bit in August. That's when anglers start to catch flounder offshore on the wrecks. Popular wrecks are the African Queen, Bass Grounds and the Great Eastern.

Walter Moore of Oyster

Bay Tackle goes offshore and fishes for flounder on the wrecks with his dad. They caught some whoppers this year. Here's his advice for you: "Flounder fishing inshore at the wrecks off Ocean City, MD can be an enjoyable day. I prefer a 3 or 4 oz. Spro bucktail jig on the bottom of a top-and-bottom style rig. Color doesn't seem to make much of a difference, as long as the hook above the Spro bucktail jig has a similar color teaser on it. Dress both hooks with squid strips. When you get to a wreck determine which way your drift will carry you across the wreck. Start out ahead of the wreck and drift over it, watching your line so you don't get snagged. Continue your drift a couple hundred yards past the wreck. A bouncing action with your rod helps a lot!"

For sure about the bouncing action! Capt. Monty on the "Morning Star" is the best flounder angler I've ever seen, except for maybe Flounder George! He likes to

cast out away from the boat when anchored. I e-mailed him and asked him what his technique was: His answer was: "Bounce, bounce, slack and twitch like a nervous wreck." Capt. Monty always uses long strips of cut bait and always encourages his anglers to keep their baits fresh and moving.

Capt. Dan Stauffer goes into this technique in more detail while adding even more flounder fishing advice. "I would say the most important thing about flounder fishing is NOT to snatch the rod up the first tap you feel. Many times flounder are simply trying to kill the bait with their first bite. Subsequent bites are where they're actually swallowing the bait. Many of my more experienced flounder masters will actually fish with their reels in free spool waiting for the bite. As soon as they feel the first thud, they start paying line out allowing the flounder to freely have the bait without any resistance. It is then, and only then, they lock the reel and set the hook."

"The most common method for flounder fishing is drift fishing. However, when conditions don't allow for drifting, another technique is to anchor right next to the structure you want to cover and cast your bait as far up current as you can and work your bait back towards you. This can be deadly when targeting fish next to wrecks. One key aspect to this method is to "pop" your bait along the bottom as you work it back toward you. This creates little puffs of sand that will draw the attention of fish several feet away. Another element to this style of fishing is watching your line much like a freshwater bass fisherman would do while working a plastic worm. The fish normally strike while your bait is falling back down from the "popping" action. When you see your line jump, it usually signals a strike."

"Bait is very important. Flounder will eat HUGE baits

in the ocean, much larger than you would expect. We commonly use strip baits 8 to 10 inches long. If you're using minnows, get the largest bull minnows you can find. While many very good flounder fisherman put a lot of emphasis on lure color, I have found that day in and day out good old white seems to consistently produce."

"Water clarity is of great importance. If the water is dirty and turned-up, you might want to look for some sea bass or tog. Flounder are sight feeders and need to be able to see the bait."

Wow. I really like that part about watching the line! I'll have to try that!

If you fish offshore for flounder it is of utmost importance to get yourself a set of charts from the Ocean City Reef Foundation. They only cost \$25 and pinpoint each and every artificial reef structure out there. You can buy them online at <http://www.ocreeffoundation.com> or at many local area tackle stores.

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Well, you just received a lot of advice on flounder fishing. You can see that most of the advice from good flounder anglers talk about water clarity and using larger baits for larger fish. Tides are important and technique is critical when targeting big flounder. And of course, you have to be at the RIGHT place at the RIGHT time.

Good luck and good fishing...

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Michael Lewis landed this 21-inch tautog while drifting by the Indian River Bridge. Michael was using green crabs for bait.

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Fred Nelson caught this near record triggerfish while fishing with green crabs at Reef Site 6. The big trigger weighed 6.23 lbs. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Ed Dunn - 51  
Jeremy Duffie - 26  
Richard Benn - 23

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Austin Moore - "Moore Bills"  
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"Reelentless" 95

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#### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Bluefish Tournament

Chairman: Franky Pettolina

Registration: May 24, 6:30 p.m.

Fishing Days: (1 of 2)  
May 25 & 26

Awards Banquet: May 26, 6:30 p.m.

*You do not need to be a member of OCMC to participate in this tournament*

#### 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Boat Tournament

Chairman: Bill Regan

Registration: June 21, 6:30 p.m.

Fishing Days: (1 of 2)  
June 22 & 23

Awards Banquet:  
June 23, 6:30 p.m.

*You do not need to be a member of OCMC to participate in this tournament*

#### 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Canyon Kick Off

Chairmen: Bill Regan & Annette Cropper

Registration: July 3, 6:30 p.m.

Fishing Days: (2 of 3)  
July 5, 6 & 7

Awards Banquet: July 7, 6:30 p.m.

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#### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Kid's Classic

Chairmen: Bill Regan,  
Annette Cropper & Pat Svehla  
Registration: July 19,  
6:30 p.m.

Fishing Days: (1 or 2 of 2)  
July 20 & 21

Sunday Carnival & Awards:  
July 21, 5 - 8 p.m.

*You do not need to be a member of OCMC to participate in this tournament*

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual OCMC Ladies' Tournament

Chairmen: Franky Pettolina &  
Amanda Shick

Registration: August 1, 6 p.m.

Fishing Days: (1 of 2)  
August 2 & 3

Awards Banquet: August 3,  
6:30 p.m.

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#### 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament

Chairmen: Franky Pettolina,  
Al Rittmeyer, Bob Wimbrow &  
Bill Fenwick

Registration: Aug. 29, 6:30 p.m.

Fishing Days: (2 of 3)  
Aug. 30, 31 & Sept. 1

Awards Banquet: Sept. 1, 6:30 p.m.

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#### 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Challenge Cup

Chairman: Jon C. Duffie  
Registration: Sept. 12, 7 p.m.

Fishing Days: (2 of 2)  
Sept. 13 & 14

Awards Banquet: Sept. 14  
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At the 2012 Ocean City Marlin Club Season Awards Banquet, several boats joined the 25 Club, recognizing their releases of between 25 and 49 billfish during the 2012 season. Pictured are representatives from "The Stacey" (31), "Brenda Lou" (26), "Grandé Pez" (40), "Dawg Haus" (29), "Par Five" (44), "Marli" (41), "Last Call" (33), "Pool Party" (34) and the "Reel Estate" (35)



The crews on the "Reel Chaos" (103) and the "Reel Joy" (110) were both recognized for releasing over 100 billfish during the 2012 season. Pictured at the Ocean City Marlin Club Season Awards with their "100 Club" plaques are Capt. Anthony Matarese, Sr. from the "Reel Chaos" and Andy Helms, mate on the "Reel Joy". Not pictured is a representative from the "D.A. Sea", who was awarded a plaque for their 114 releases.



At the 2012 Ocean City Marlin Club Awards, Gregory Benn of Fenwick Island, DE won the award for Top Junior Angler for his 27 billfish releases during the 2012 season. Gregory is pictured with Ocean City Marlin Club President, Franky Pettolina.





In recognition for releasing between 50 and 99 billfish during the 2012 season, several boats joined the "50 Club" at the 2012 Ocean City Marlin Club Seasonal Awards in October. Pictured are representatives of "Reelentless" (95), "Wound Up" (79), "Sea Slammer" (63), "Makara" (83) and "Pumpin Hard 58" (86).



Maddie Pettolina of "Last Call Charters" was recognized as the Top Recreational Angler at the 2012 Ocean City Marlin Club Seasonal Awards ceremony. Presenting the award is Maddie's son, Ocean City Marlin Club President, Franky Pettolina.







The Edna Hodgens Award for Outstanding Service to the Ocean City Marlin Club was won by Capt. Dan Burt of "Pumpin' Hard Charters". Dan is pictured at the award presentation by Ocean City Marlin Club President, Franky Pettolina.





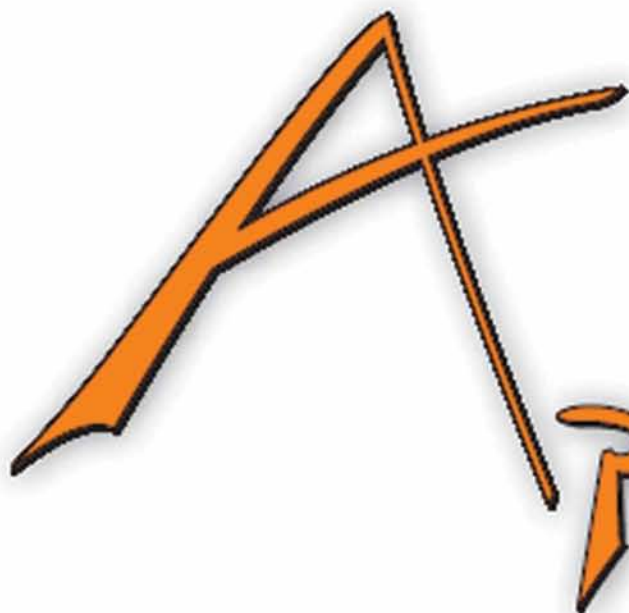
# Maryland State Records



<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bluefish	23 lbs. 8 oz.	Lillian Morris	1974	Assateague Island
Cobia	72 lbs.	Chris Toner	2009	Great Gull Shoal
Croaker	No classification			
Dolphin	67 lbs. 8 oz.	Kim Lawson	1985	53 miles off Ocean City
Drum, Black	79 lbs.	Stanley Ilyes	1985	Bass Grounds
Drum, Red	70 lbs.	Robert Light	1977	Assateague Island
Flounder, Summer	17 lbs.	Anthony Vacari	1974	Assateague Island
Flounder, Winter	4 lbs. 7 oz.	Jeremy Kuhn	2006	Ocean City
Kingfish, Roundhead	2 lbs. 8 oz.	Grace Walker	1975	Assateague Island
Mackerel, King	47 lbs.	Gerald Kauffman	1985	Great Gull Shoal
Mackerel, Spanish	No classification			
Marlin, Blue	1,010.5 lbs.	James Kontos	2010	Spencer Canyon
Marlin, White	135 lbs.	George Pierson	1980	Poor Man's Canyon
Porgy	6 lbs. 3 oz.	Pearl Hoppie	1966	Fenwick Shoal
Sea Bass	8 lbs.	Hayward Madison	1978	Jackspot
Sheepshead	17 lbs. 8 oz.	Raymond Daniel	2004	Ocean City Inlet
<b>Snowy Grouper</b> 	<b>66 lbs.</b>	<b>Gregory Benn</b>	<b>07/30/12</b>	<b>Norfolk Canyon</b>
Spadefish	11 lbs. 6.5 oz.	Noel Lohr	2004	Triple Wrecks
Striped Bass	57.2 lbs.	Gary Smith	2006	Assateague Island
Tarpon	No classification			
<b>Tautog</b> 	<b>23 lbs.</b>	<b>Charlie Donohue</b>	<b>01/11/12</b>	<b>12 Miles Off O.C.</b>
<b>Tilefish, Blueline</b> 	<b>20 lbs.</b>	<b>Bob Purcell</b>	<b>09/12/12</b>	<b>Norfolk Canyon</b>
Tilefish, Golden	62 lbs.	Steve Doctor	2009	Baltimore Canyon
Triggerfish, Grey	No classification			
Trout, Gray (Weakfish)	16 lbs.	Donald Cannon	1976	Ocean City Inlet
Trout, Speckled	13 lbs.	Jack Miller	1973	Sinepuxent Bay
Tuna, Bigeye	375 lbs. 8 oz.	Cecil Browne	1977	Ocean City
Tuna, Blackfin	32 lbs.	Bob Zang	1998	30 fathom line
Tuna, Bluefin	625 lbs.	James Daniels, IV	1975	45 miles off Ocean City
Tuna, False Albacore	22 lbs. 8 oz.	Kevin Sheckells	1995	Third Lump
Tuna, Longfin Albacore	74 lbs.	Victor Gardner II	2005	Baltimore Canyon
Tuna, Yellowfin	236 lbs. 8 oz.	Mark Bennett	2002	Washington Canyon
Wahoo	111 lbs.	Christian Tiller	2003	Poor Man's Canyon
Sharks				
Black Tip	193 lbs.	Brian Zysk	1991	Ocean City
Blue	280 lbs.	Martin Waltman	1997	Ocean City
<b>Hammerhead, Scalloped</b> 	<b>266 lbs. 8 oz.</b>	<b>Scott Cusick</b>	<b>08/08/12</b>	<b>Washington Canyon</b>
Hammerhead, Smooth	375 lbs.	George Ford V	2004	Parking Lot
Mako	876 lbs.	Jim Hughes	2009	Poor Man's Canyon
Thresher	642 lbs.	Brent Applegit	2009	Fingers
Tiger	1,210 lbs.	Grace Czerniak	1983	Ocean City

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Jim Thompson from Wilmington, DE fished from the beach in Fenwick Island, DE and caught a pair of stripers measuring 30 and 33-inches. Both were hooked on bunker chunks. Photo courtesy of Fenwick Tackle.



In early December, Morgan Huntzinger muscled in this 35-inch striped bass while trolling off 60th Street in Ocean City. Morgan was fishing with Bobby Anderson, Mark Hill and Gary Campbell.

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Tim McGuire, Johnny Oliver and Rob Skillman ended their day with 4 stripers in the box after trolling mojo rigs between 30th and 94th Street off Ocean City. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Marty Riley was casting a Storm Shad along the marsh of the Lewes Canal when he hooked into this 2.8 lb. speckled trout. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Ryan Freese of Barlow, PA caught this 40-inch striped bass while fishing on the "Sportcatcher" with Paul Turner at Little Gull Shoal.



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Ralph Short, Paul Daisey, Mark Stephens and Ryan Short trolled Stretch 25+ lures at Overfalls Shoal and caught their limit of stripers weighing up to 25.9 lbs. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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The new pass will grant members of the military admission to Delaware State Parks that charge an admission fee without having to pay each time they visit. The pass may be purchased at any state park office or from the central office in Dover at 89 Kings Highway or at the Outdoor Recreation Center, building 275 at the Dover Air Force Base.

The Annual Pass program allows pass holders unlimited access to specific parks

throughout the fee season, which runs from March 1 through Nov. 30 each year. Every year, a new shape and photo are chosen for the pass design. Different passes have different color borders to identify them. The new Military Pass has a camouflage border to distinguish it from other passes.

In June of this year, the General Assembly passed HB 235 to recognize those who have honorably served or are currently serving in the armed services of the United States including service as a member of the Delaware National Guard.

"We deeply appreciate the sacrifice of these men and women on behalf of our state and our country and offer this pass as a small sign of our gratitude," said Representative William J. Carson, lead sponsor of the bill.

More information about the Military and other Annual Passes is available at [destateparks.com/military](http://destateparks.com/military) or at park offices throughout the state.



Lex Robertson used cut spot to fool this 2.4 lb. weakfish while fishing in the Lewes Canal in late October. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Dennis Myers was fishing with bunker in the 60 Foot Slough when he hooked into this 35.8 lb. striper. Dennis was fishing on the "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Dave Walker. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Arthur Clubb of West Ocean City, MD was fishing with Chris Mizurak when this 38.5-inch striped bass hit their Stretch lure off 50th Street.

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Pat "Captain Ahab" Hurley put the meat rakes down between 48th and 61st Street, only 1 mile off the beach, and was rewarded with a limit of stripers for himself and Bo "Rodhog" Smeltzer on their first striper trip of the fall. Pat had the largest fish of the trip, measuring 38-inches. Pictured at Sunset Marina.




Anglers on the "Jezebel" took advantage of the good wahoo bite, landing a pair before going sea bass fishing. All of the fish were caught between the Great Eastern and Grand Mariner sites. Pictured are Jeb Burton, Buster Slaton, Tim Kane, Terry Ryan, Jim Daniel, Don Riggins and Capt. Chester Sadowski. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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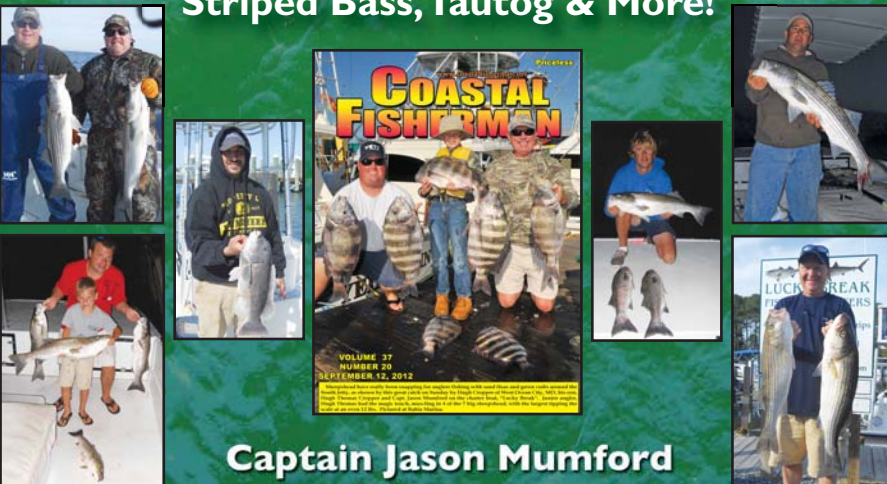
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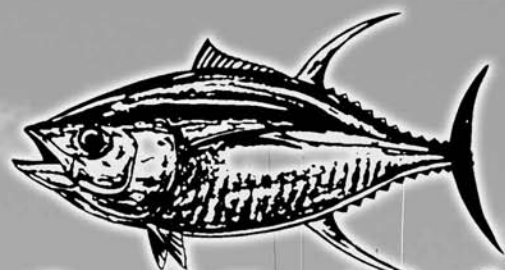
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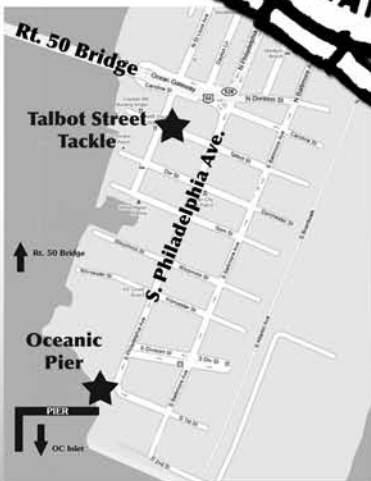
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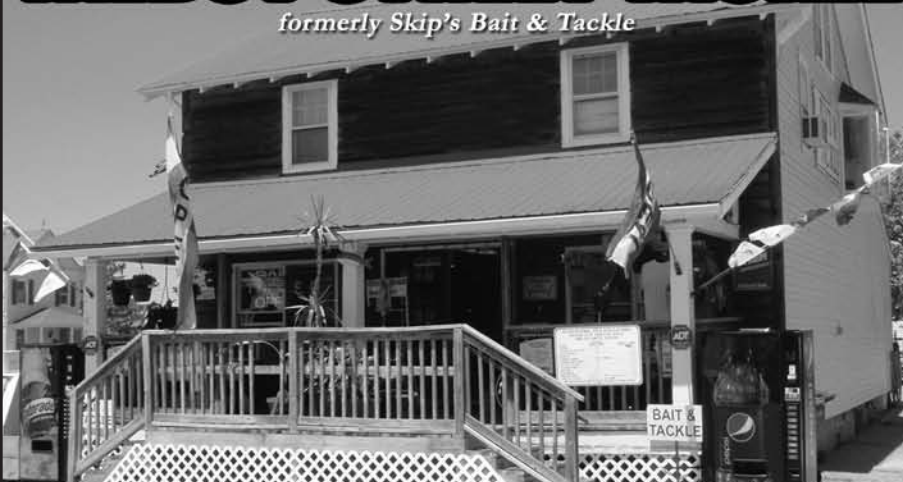
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Yvonne Pruitt of Salisbury, MD landed a pair of stripers, measuring 34 and 36-inches, while trolling off Ocean City around 30th Street. Yvonne was fishing on the "Tuna Box" with Steve Schonberger and Shane Heimer. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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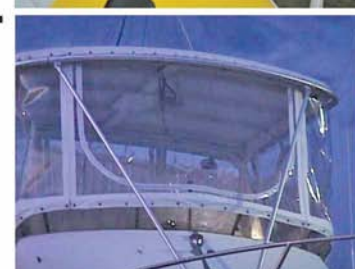
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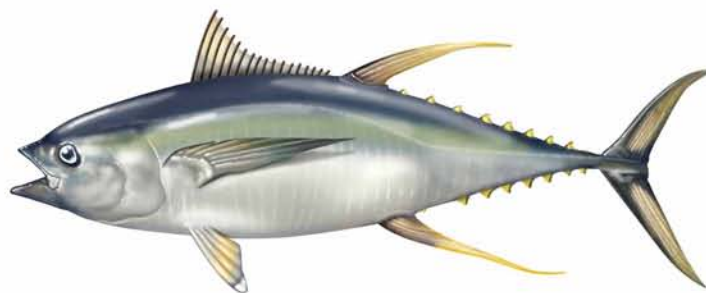
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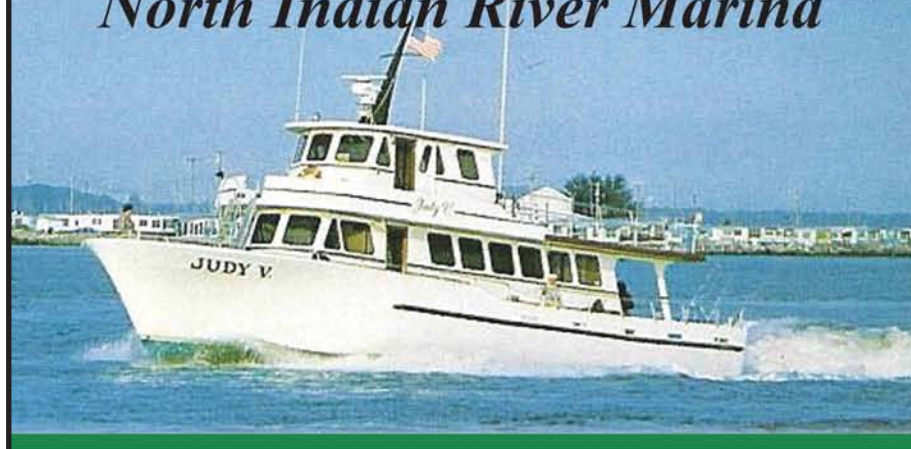




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On December 7th, Wes Pollitt caught this 51-inch, 53 lb. striper while trolling tandem rigs in the Tangier Sound.



This 32-inch striper fell at the hands of Doug Andrews from Berlin, MD while trolling 1.5 miles off Ocean City around 45th Street.



J.D., Jacob and Justin Eddy enjoyed some fall tilefishing aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. The anglers caught a golden and some bluelines up to 12 lbs. in the Poor Man's Canyon.





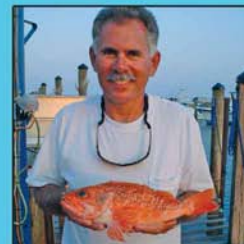
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# The Galley

by Mama Jock



## Shrimp and Fresh Asparagus Over Penne

*Courtesy of Gabby Mancini  
Mancini's Italian Restaurant  
and Brick Oven Pizzeria  
Fenwick Island, DE*

- 2 lbs fresh asparagus
- 1 lb. large (U10) shrimp,  
peeled w/tail on
- 2 TBSP. butter
- ½ cup chicken stock
- ¼ cup dry white wine
- ¼ cup heavy cream
- 1 TBSP. chopped garlic
- ½ cup grated parmesan  
cheese
- Salt
- Pepper

In a medium sauté pan,  
heat 2 TBSP butter over  
medium heat.

Sauté 1 TBSP chopped

garlic in butter until tender.

Add shrimp

When shrimp are salmon  
color on both sides, remove  
from pan with a slotted spoon  
and set aside.

Deglaze pan with white  
wine.

Add ½ cup chicken stock  
and asparagus puree (see  
following recipe) to the butter  
and garlic.

Add remaining asparagus  
tips and shrimp.

Mix thoroughly while  
heating. Approximately 3 to 5  
minutes.

To serve, combine heated  
mixture with 1 lb. cooked  
penne pasta in a large bowl or  
pasta platter.

Toss and serve from platter  
"family style".

Finish with freshly grated  
parmesan cheese.

## Asparagus Puree

Thoroughly wash  
asparagus bundles (leave the  
rubber bands on) and trim the  
bottom by 1 inch.

Cook bundles in boiling  
water for 7 to 10 minutes  
depending on asparagus size,  
making sure not to overcook.

When tender, remove from  
boiling water and rinse with  
cold water to stop cooking.

Cut asparagus into thirds,  
saving the tips in one bowl  
and the bottom two-thirds  
into another.

Using a blender or food  
processor, blend bottom 2/3 of  
asparagus with heavy cream,  
parmesan cheese, salt and  
pepper until the mixture  
becomes a smooth puree  
(thick but not a paste).

Set aside.

## Striped Bass with Mushrooms

- 3 TBSP. unsalted butter
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme

- 5 large shallots, thinly  
sliced

Salt

Pepper

- 10 oz. white mushrooms,  
trimmed and quartered

- 4 striped bass fillets, one  
inch thick with skin on

- 2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive  
oil

- ¾ cup dry white wine

- ¾ cup heavy cream

- Chopped fresh parsley or  
chives, for garnish

Heat the butter in a large  
skillet over medium heat.

Add the shallots and  
thyme. Cook until the shallots  
are translucent, about 7  
minutes.

Season with salt and  
pepper.

Add the mushrooms; cook,  
stirring occasionally, until  
brown and tender, about 8  
minutes.

Season fish with salt and  
pepper.

Heat the oil in another  
large skillet over medium

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heat.

Add the fish, skin side down; cook until the skin is crisp, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer to a plate.

Add the wine to the skillet and scrape up any browned bits with a wooden spoon.

Boil over high heat until syrupy, 2 to 3 minutes.

Add the cream and simmer to thicken slightly, 3 minutes.

Season with salt and pepper.

Pour the cream sauce over the mushrooms in the skillet and add the fish, skin side up.

Simmer until the fish is firm and translucent.

Garnish with parsley or chives, if desired.

Serves 4.

## Seafood Enchiladas

2 medium onions, coarsley chopped

1 (7oz.) can of diced green chilies

1 ½ TBSP. butter

1 lb. crabmeat

1 lb. shrimp

1 cup walnut halves, toasted

1 can medium pitted ripe olives, drained and halved

1 lb. Monterey Jack cheese, shredded

Vegetable oil

16 corn tortillas

2 cups half & half

1 cup sour cream

½ cup butter, melted

1 ½ tsp. dried oregano

1 tsp. garlic salt

Saute onions and chilies in butter until onions are transparent.

Remove from heat; add crab, shrimp, walnuts and olives.

Combine cheeses.

Set aside 1 ½ cups of cheese mixture for top of casserole.

Stir remaining cheese into seafood mixture.

Fry tortillas in ¼ inch of oil, just long enough to soften, about 30 seconds. Drain on paper towels.

Fill each tortilla with seafood mixture, roll up and place seam-side down in large greased baking dish.

Can be prepared in advance and refrigerated or frozen at this point.

In a medium saucepan, combine half & half, sour cream, butter, oregano and garlic salt.

Stir frequently over medium heat until lukewarm and blended.

Pour over enchiladas.

Sprinkle with reserved cheese mixture.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until bubbly.

Garnish with avocado slices, shredded cheese and sliced black olives.

Serves 6-8.

## Broiled Flounder with Parmesan and Herbs

½ cup parmesan cheese, divided

2 TBSP. mayonnaise

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2 TBSP. Greek style yogurt or sour cream

2 TBSP. melted butter

2 TBSP. lemon juice plus zest from 1 small lemon

½ tsp. dried basil

½ tsp. dried tarragon

1/8 tsp. onion powder

Sea salt and black pepper, to taste

4 flounder fillets

Combine ¼ cup parmesan cheese with remaining ingredients (except fish).

Coat fillets in mixture and place in baking dish.

Marinate for 15 to 20 minutes.

Pre-heat broiler.

Transfer fillets to foil-lined broiler pan.

Spoon a few TBSP. of marinade on top and sprinkle with remaining parmesan cheese.

Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat until topping is lightly browned and fish flakes easily with fork.

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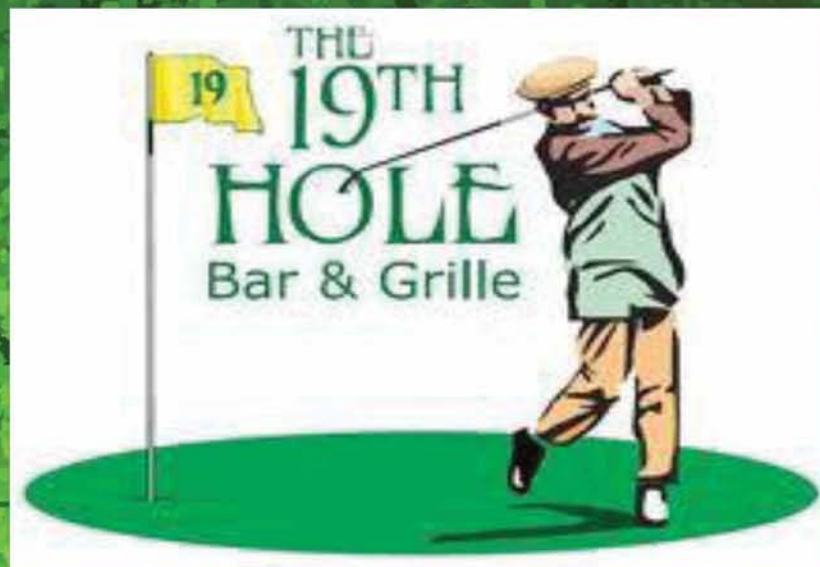


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8 tuna steaks  
 8 tsps. butter  
 8 sprigs fresh tarragon  
 8 lemon slices  
 4 cups cucumber, peeled, seeded, thinly sliced  
 2 tsps. sugar  
 3 TBSP. white wine vinegar  
 2 TBSP. olive oil  
 Salt and pepper, to taste

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Place a 12-inch square piece of foil on a flat surface.

Lightly butter center of foil.

Place 1 tuna steak in center; season with salt and pepper.

Top with 1 tsp. butter, 1 sprig of tarragon and 1 slice of lemon.

Bring 2 sides of foil together and fold over.

Fold remaining sides over to create tightly sealed package.

Repeat with remaining tuna.

Bake in oven for 12-15 minutes or until tuna is cooked to desired doneness.

While tuna is cooking, prepare cucumber salad.

Combine cucumbers, and

next five ingredients and mix well.

Serve tuna over salad.  
 Serves 8.

### Scalloped Oysters

1 medium onion, chopped  
 3 sticks butter, melted  
 1 1/2 tsp. celery salt  
 Dash of pepper  
 Juice of 1 lemon  
 1 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce  
 2 TBSP. parsley, chopped  
 5 cups coarsley crumbled saltine crackers  
 1 quart shucked oysters, drained (reserve liquor)  
 1 cup reserved oyster liquor  
 1/2 cup light cream  
 1/2 cup milk

Saute onion in melted butter until tender, not browned.

Add celery salt, pepper, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, parsley and crackers.

In a buttered 2 1/2 quart casserole, layer 1/3 of the crumbs, half of the oysters, another 1/3 of the crumbs, remaining oysters and the remaining 1/3 of the crumbs.

Pour oyster liquor, cream and milk over all.

Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes or until oyster edges curl.

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## Flounder with Creamy Spinach Sauce

6 flounder fillets  
6 TBSP. butter  
4 TBSP. flour  
1 (10 oz.) box frozen chopped spinach, thawed and well drained  
Salt  
Pepper  
¼ tsp. ground nutmeg  
1 TBSP. minced garlic  
1 tsp. fennel seed  
¼ cup minced white onion  
1 ¼ cup plain yogurt  
Scallions, thinly sliced  
¼ cup grated parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a large saucepan, melt the butter.

Stir in the flour; cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until smooth.

Reduce heat; stir in the spinach, salt, pepper, nutmeg,

garlic, fennel seed and onion.

Stir and cook just until heated.

Remove from heat and gradually stir in the yogurt.

Grease a baking pan with olive oil.

Spoon in the spinach mixture.

Place the fillets over the spinach and sprinkle with salt and pepper, to taste.

Place the scallions on top and then sprinkle with the parmesan.

Bake 375 degrees for 15-25 minutes or until the fish flakes easily with fork.

Serves 6.

## Scallops, Pineapple and Bacon with Jalapeño Vinaigrette

4 slices bacon  
16 scallops  
Fresh pineapple cut into 1 ½ inch cubes  
2 fresh jalapeños  
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil

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1 TBSP. honey  
½ cup chopped cilantro  
½ cup chopped parsley  
2 large scallion greens,  
chopped  
2 cloves garlic, finely  
chopped  
8 oz. rice noodles  
1 lime, cut in 4 wedges

Fry bacon until cooked but not crisp. Cut into 1 ½ inch pieces.

Prepare grill, slightly oiled at medium heat.

Alternately thread pineapple, scallops and bacon onto 8 metal or soaked bamboo skewers.

Grill jalapeños, turning until charred and tender. Remove seeds and stems and coarsely chop.

Transfer to blender with oil, honey, lime juice, cilantro, parsley, scallion greens and garlic. Pulse until just combined for vinaigrette.

Coat skewers with cooking spray and grill, turning until

golden and scallops are cooked through, about 5 minutes.

Prepare noodles per package directions while skewers cook.

Drain noodles and immediately toss with ¼ cup of the vinaigrette.

Season with salt and pepper.

Divide among 4 plates and drizzle with remaining vinaigrette and serve with lime wedges.

Serves 4.

### Lobster Mac and Cheese

2 TBSP. vegetable oil

Salt

1 lb. cavatappi or elbow macaroni

1 quart whole milk

1 stick unsalted butter

½ cup flour

4 cups grated Gruyere cheese

2 cups grated extra-sharp cheddar cheese

½ tsp. black pepper

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½ tsp. ground nutmeg  
1 ½ lbs. cooked lobster meat, ½ inch dice  
1 ½ cups Panko bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Place oil in a large pot of boiling water, add the salt and pasta; cook al dente according to the directions on the package. Drain well.

Heat the milk in a small pan, but do not allow it to boil.

In a large pot, melt 6 TBSP. of the butter and add the flour, stirring constantly, over low heat for 2 minutes, with a whisk.

Still whisking, add the hot milk and cook for 2 minutes until thickened and smooth.

Off the heat, add the Gruyere, cheddar, 1 tsp. salt, the pepper and nutmeg and stir until the cheese melts.

Stir in the cooked pasta and lobster.

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of butter with the breadcrumbs and sprinkle on top.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes until the sauce is bubbly and the top is lightly browned.

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## Cajun Shrimp Alfredo

- 8 oz. linguine or fettuccine
- 10 oz. large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 3 TBSP. Cajun seasoning
- 3 TBSP. butter
- 1 ½ cups chopped mushrooms
- 2 tsp. garlic, minced
- ¾ cup diced tomatoes
- ½ cup milk
- 3 oz. cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 egg yolk
- ½ cup chopped green onions

In a large pot of boiling water, cook the pasta al dente; drain, but do not rinse.

Toss shrimp in 1 TBSP. of the Cajun seasoning.

In a heavy skillet, melt the butter; add the shrimp and saute for 1 minute, turning several times during the cooking process.

Add the mushrooms and cook for several minutes.

Add the garlic and tomatoes, continue stirring for a few seconds.

Add the milk, cream cheese, egg yolk and green onions; stir over medium heat until the sauce thickens, but DO NOT BOIL. (Too high a heat will cause the egg yolk to curdle.)

Place the drained pasta in a serving bowl and tossing lightly, pour sauce over all.

Serves 4.

## Fish and Chips with Spicy Tartar Sauce

- Large deep skillet or deep fryer (375 degrees)
- Peanut oil
- 2 cups flour, divided
- 1/3 cup cornstarch

- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- Ground black pepper
- 1 cup beer
- 8 flounder fillets

In a large bowl, whisk together 1 cup of flour, the cornstarch, garlic powder, cayenne, smoked paprika, baking powder, salt and pepper.

Add the beer and whisk until incorporated.

The batter will be slightly lumpy.

Place the remaining 1 cup of flour in a pie plate.

In batches, dredge the fish fillets in the flour, then the beer batter.

Let the excess batter drip off and gently lower into skillet or fryer.

Fry until golden brown and flip.

Remove to drain on paper towels and arrange on serving platter.

## Spicy Tartar Sauce

- 1 cup mayonnaise
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# Chum Lines

—by Capt. Mark Sampson



They say “there’s more than one fish in the sea,” and as fishermen, we know how right “they” are! Even if you never leave our home waters there’s probably more fishing options here on Delmarva than most could experience in a lifetime. While it’s not too hard to learn the ins-and-outs of catching the more popular species, some of the less mainstream fish are a little more difficult to get acquainted with. Here’s an introduction to just a few.

## Hickory Shad



A few years ago I was striper fishing in mid-December when I noticed a few birds working near the Rt. 50 Bridge. Motoring closer to the activity, I could see periodic flashes from some kind of fair-size fish in the water below the birds. They didn’t look like rockfish so at first I assumed the fish were snapper bluefish. Casting a small fly out into the mayhem I soon had a hook-up. But when I actually got the fish to the boat, I was very surprised to see that it was not a bluefish but a hickory shad.

My surprise stemmed from

the fact that I’d never seen or heard of shad showing up so late in the season. Usually we enjoy a strong run during May and early June, but shad in December was a new one to me. The stripers weren’t biting that afternoon but the fun we had catching and releasing 18-21 inch shad on light tackle more than made up for the lack of action from our intended quarry. That late season shad run lasted for at least a couple of weeks and during that time the fish proved every bit as aggressive as we’d come to know them to be in the spring. Even though this species of shad has no open season in Maryland and are, therefore, a catch-and-release fish only, they can be one of the most enjoyable fish our inshore waters have to offer.

Hickory shad might be caught at any time during the spring, summer or fall, but the most intense and reliable bite typically occurs from mid-May until early June and they are ideal targets for light, ultra-light and fly tackle fishermen. As a matter of fact, very light line not only provides the most fun, it’s also the most effective tackle to use as it’s better suited for casting the very small artificial lures used for shad. Got-Cha plugs, tiny bucktails, spoons, shad darts, Spec-Rigs and a variety of flies are some of the most popular offerings for shad. Anglers will find that by replacing the treble hooks with single hooks and smashing down the barbs will make it a lot easier to unhook and release the fish once they’re brought to the boat.

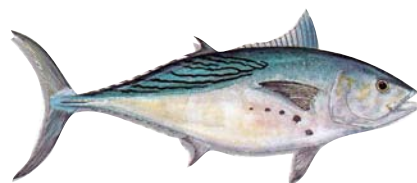
Shad are even kid-friendly! Since they don’t have teeth, they’re a lot safer to handle than even small bluefish, and with the help of a wet rag to keep the fish from banging around the boat or pier too much, anglers of all ages should find little trouble restraining, unhooking and releasing their catch in a good and healthy condition.

Shad might be hooked at any depth, but most of the time anglers will take them when they’re up, close to the surface pushing bait. That’s when the birds will likely be working over them and when they’ll provide the best action and most excitement. Feeding shad won’t be in tight schools, instead they’ll be spread out over a fairly wide area which will allow multiple boats to work the same bunch of fish without interfering with each other. And since shad don’t seem to spook too easily from boats, anglers should always be ready to hook fish at the end of their retrieve - just 4-5 feet from the hull!

Most of the shad action occurs from the mouth of the Ocean City Inlet up to the Rt. 50 Bridge, but during the spring I’ve also caught them in the Thorofare and heard reports of them as far north as the Rt. 90 Bridge. The falling tide is usually best, but sometimes the fish will show a preference for an incoming flow. As long as the water is moving there’s a chance. The shad bite pretty much quits when the current slacks.

## False Albacore

Every fall, anglers from all over the country converge on North Carolina to get in on what many consider some of the most exciting and enjoyable light tackle action on the East Coast. Each morning the fleet heads out in search of the prize quarry which is sure to test every inch of line, every knot, every drag washer and every tensed muscle between man and fish. It’s the kind of quality, light tackle fun that we read about in the glossy pages of national fishing magazines and watch on the outdoor channels.



Fortunately, Delmarva anglers don’t have to run to North Carolina to get in on the fun, because the fish I’m referring to is the wonderful, or lowly (depending upon how you look at them) false albacore, a.k.a. little tunny, albi,

apple-knocker, turkey or bonito. In these parts, most anglers have traditionally not looked too favorably upon the false albacore because the little 5-20 pound members of the tuna family typically attack baits and lures intended for more popular fish such as tuna, dolphin and billfish, so it can be quite a disappointment when someone plunks themselves down in the fighting chair with the thought of engaging battle with one of the larger “glory” fish only to realize that their “big catch” has turned out to be a false albacore.

But as “one man’s trash is another man’s treasure,” false albacore under the right circumstances are a wonderful resource for anglers to tap into. They’re strong, fast and willing to hit both natural and artificial baits on the surface and at mid-depths and are often available in great quantities. What more could you ask for out of a game fish?

Okay, I know, how about good table-fare? Well, as far as that goes - forget it. The super-strong taste of false albacore makes them virtually inedible. But what they lack in taste, the false albacore more than makes up for in pure fun.

In September and October, false albacore can be found anywhere from 10-25 miles offshore. Good places to look for them include the Jackspot, Twin Wreck area, Southeast Lumps, the Bass Grounds and all along the 20-fathom line. A good way to locate these fish is to troll small spoons or feathers, and once you get a few bites in one area, shut down and either anchor or drift. Then do some light chunking to hold them around the boat.

Anglers can use chunking-type baits such as cut butterfish, small bunker or squid on small circle hooks to catch false albacore, but for even better fun they should consider casting small diving plugs like Rapala’s or Rattle-Traps, jigs or medium size surface poppers. And as anyone who is into saltwater fly fishing knows - hooking and landing a false albacore on fly tackle is a pinnacle achievement of the sport!

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dolphin or dig deep like a big tuna, but these miniature members of the tuna family will always give the light tackle enthusiast the kind of fun they'll not likely forget. When hooked, a false albacore will typically stay just under the surface as it make a series of long fast runs that often end with a quick change of direction that sometimes has them racing back towards the boat. Anglers can only hold-on during the runs, crank like mad when the fish charges in and then be ready to run, crawl or climb around the boat as the fish darts from one end to the other. Exciting fishing? You bet!

So few fishermen actually target false albacore around here that Delmarva anglers will find they usually have all the fish to themselves and don't have to worry about other boats interfering with their efforts. Another nice thing is that a half-hour run offshore sure beats a five-hour drive to North Carolina!

#### Triggerfish

Though black sea bass are clearly the most popular stars of

the wrecks and reefs, they're certainly not the only inhabitants of offshore structures. In late June and early July, scores of gray triggerfish move inshore and begin living fin-to-fin with their buddies the sea bass, tautog, jacks, porgies and other fish



that thrive among the rubble.

At first glance, triggerfish may look more like a fish that should be swimming around a tropical coral reef or in someone's aquarium, rather than flopping about the inside of a Delmarva fisherman's cooler. But triggers are no strangers to these waters, and local anglers who have come to know them are very aware that they're challenging, strong fighters and one of the best tasting fish that swims off our coast.

Anglers will find that triggerfish have a Jekyll-Hyde

type personality in that sometimes they'll ferociously attack and consume fishermen's baits as fast as they are dropped into the water, and other times they'll show little, if any, interest in taking a bait at all. Unlike most other fish, triggers have the ability to stop dead in the water and even swim backwards. This allows them to cautiously approach a bait and use their little mouth and big rabbit-like teeth to gently pick a hook clean from all sides before the angler even knows what happened! To help combat this aggravating talent, anglers should consider using modest size baits clumped on relatively small hooks for triggers, rather than the typically long "fluttering" type baits often used for sea bass. Triggerfish will eat just about any bait you put over, but squid has proven to be one of the most durable offerings anglers can employ. When the triggers get really "picky," squid tentacles can even be threaded on the hook as one might with a worm, thereby minimizing the chance of the bait being stolen

without the fish being hooked.

Anglers hoping for triggers should look for them first with their depthfinder as they pass over a wreck or reef. They will often show up as a small school of fair size fish, 5 to 10 feet over the structure, rather than right down in it. While fishing, anglers should keep watch below their boat every time a fish of any type is cranked up to the surface. A few, or even an entire school of triggers will often follow a hooked fish right up to a boat and then hang 5 to 10 feet below the surface. Not unlike what is sometimes done while dolphin fishing, by leaving the hooked trigger in the water close to the boat, fishermen can often hold the rest of the school close and catch a number of them before they retreat back to the depths.

After successfully catching a triggerfish, there's one more hurdle anglers must overcome before they can finally sit back and enjoy a wonderful meal of these great tasting fish - they still have to clean them! Triggerfish have incredibly

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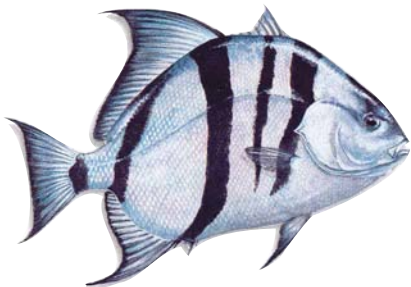
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tough, leather-like skin that does not yield easily to even the sharpest of knives. On the *Coastal Fisherman* website ([www.coastalfisherman.net](http://www.coastalfisherman.net)) there's a great instructional video showing how to quickly and easily fillet a triggerfish by inserting a thin blade fillet knife in the vent and then cutting from the inside out that makes the tough job a cinch.

### Spadefish

Spadefish are one of those fish that you typically see a lot more than you catch. With a habit of popping up close to the surface a few yards away from the boat, but not close enough to bite a single thing that comes with any kind of "string" attached, it's like the little black and white banded demons just love to tease the heck out of anglers! I'm thinking that spadefish must have learned that trick from their friends the cobia, but unlike the usual appearance of a cobia under the boat, there is no such thing as "one spadefish". They're "always" in a school - maybe that's why they're so smart!



Spadefish are structure fish and the more relief to the

structure the better. Spades don't hang out right in and among the structure, like sea bass and tautog, but instead will choose to stay around the perimeter or above the debris. I've found these fish over wrecks in as little as 20-feet of water and in as much as 90-feet, and most times it has been on hot-clam days in the middle of the summer, though I can't say if those conditions have anything to do with success other than it makes it easier to spot the fish and put a bait in front of them.

When it comes to finding spadefish you don't really find them as much as they find you. Though the school can be easily spotted on a depthfinder, by just looking at them on a screen there's no way to tell for sure that they're not triggers, bluefish, jacks or any other schooling fish down below. Fortunately for fishermen, a characteristic of spadefish is to rise up close to the surface when a boat sets up over the structure they're on. The school won't usually come right up to the boat, but most of the time they'll at least be within casting range.

Seeing the fish is important because if spades are deep they're not likely to be caught. These are not a fish you just drop a line over the side and wait for a bite. Spade fishing is a directed thing where your bait and tackle is specifically set up for them and no other fish.

Look closely at a spadefish and you'll see that they pretty much resemble "angelfish" in that their bodies are tall but relatively narrow and their mouth is very small. That small mouth is the "problem" because it allows them to be even better at stealing bait off a hook than a triggerfish, and that's saying a lot!

Because they are so darn selective about what they eat, spadefish are not going to be caught on the same tackle wreck fishermen will likely be using for sea bass and tautog. Their little mouths and finicky habits require small hooks tied to very light line and leader. I like spinning tackle in the 10 to 15-pound class and a 3-foot leader of 12-pound fluorocarbon. When the fish are being super finicky I've had luck by just tying the hook directly to 6-pound test line with no leader or swivel. Just hook, line and bait - it doesn't get much simpler than that! Sometimes it helps to position a small float about 6-feet above the hook to help keep the bait in the strike-zone, but anglers should always strive to keep their terminal tackle to a bare minimum. In some areas spadefish are more abundant and more aggressive feeders so anglers can get away with bigger rigs and heavier tackle. So far I haven't met any of those fish in the waters off Ocean City.

The technique for catching spadefish is simply a scaled-down version of tuna chunking except that instead of butterfish, anglers will use clams. The process involves mincing up the clam and throwing small bits of it out to hopefully get them feeding. Once they start to eat it's just a matter of casting or drifting back to the fish a small bit of clam that's been threaded on the hook in such a way that it conceals the hook and looks like just another chunk that the fish are feeding on. It helps if anglers can see the fish take the bait so they know just when to set the hook - a split second too late and the fish gets a free meal and the fisherman gets to rebait. However, if their timing is just right an angler will have a chance to enjoy an exciting light

tackle fight with one of these beautiful fish that also happen to be one of the best tasting fish off our coast!

### Red Drum

Big red drum (AKA; redfish, channel bass) are not a fish that most local anglers tangle with. And that's not so much because they aren't available, but because they're more of a specialty fish that rarely show up in the kind of huge numbers that makes it easy for any old "Joe Fisherman" to go out and intentionally or even accidentally catch. Most drum are caught by surf anglers who pretty much have the knowledge to deploy the right bait and tackle at just the right time when the fish are moving past our coast. Landing a big red in the surf is certainly a great accomplishment and testimony to the skills of



anyone who enjoys fishing from the beach.

Local surf anglers know that late September and October is the time when they have the best shot of hooking one of these migrating, big "bulls" from the beach. But as they move down the coast the drum can also be found from the shoreline and out five or more miles, so the joy of doing battle with these fish isn't necessarily reserved strictly to surfcasters.

Before going much farther, I'd better point out that most, if not all, of these nearshore drum run 40-50 inches in length. While that makes for a nice big fish, anglers need to know that it's too big to show the gang back home anything but a photo. Red drum have a "slot-limit" which allows only fish that measure between 18 and 27 inches in length to be kept. So keep in mind that this is strictly a catch-and-release fishery. Anglers who can't handle such a thought had better avoid the temptation and steer clear of these fish altogether!

This nearshore drum fishery is not one that's widely recognized or even publicized by those who know about it, but for at least a few weeks each

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fall it allows anglers a fun and somewhat unique fishing opportunity.

I sort of stumbled into these fish accidentally while bottom and shark fishing over the years in areas such as Little Gull Shoal, McCabes and Great Gull Shoal. Usually what happens is the big fish hit our bottom rigs intended for trout and croaker or they snap-up one of our deep shark baits. Since these fish usually run 35-50 pounds it's easier to get them to the boat when they take the tackle intended for sharks, but even when they hit our light bottom tackle (two-hook rig baited with squid), we've been fortunate to land most of those that we've hooked.

Just because they're caught in one place today doesn't mean they'll be in the same spot tomorrow, so nearshore anglers will not likely encounter the big reds every time, or even most of the time that they go fishing, therefore, catching one is an accomplishment that usually requires persistence and dedication on the part of the angler. When deciding where to fish I usually look for places where my fishfinder shows a good presence of baitfish and a lot of trout and croaker on the bottom. Pulling into such areas, the machine will sometimes "mark" big fish close to the bottom but there's no way to tell for certain if they are drum or sharks, unless the fish show up in a definite "school" which is not a characteristic of sharks.

When a likely spot is found I usually prefer to anchor the boat and allow the moving fish to come to us. In most cases, we simply go about our business of bottom and shark fishing and figure that if the drum pass by we'll get our shots on whatever lines they chose to take. But if drum are the primary target, then single (circle) hook bottom rigs baited with clam or larger strips of squid or cut fish are used. Such baits must be checked frequently because at this time of the year they are easily stolen off the hook by snapper blues and other small fish.

The areas these fish might be found could range in depths anywhere from 25-feet on top of

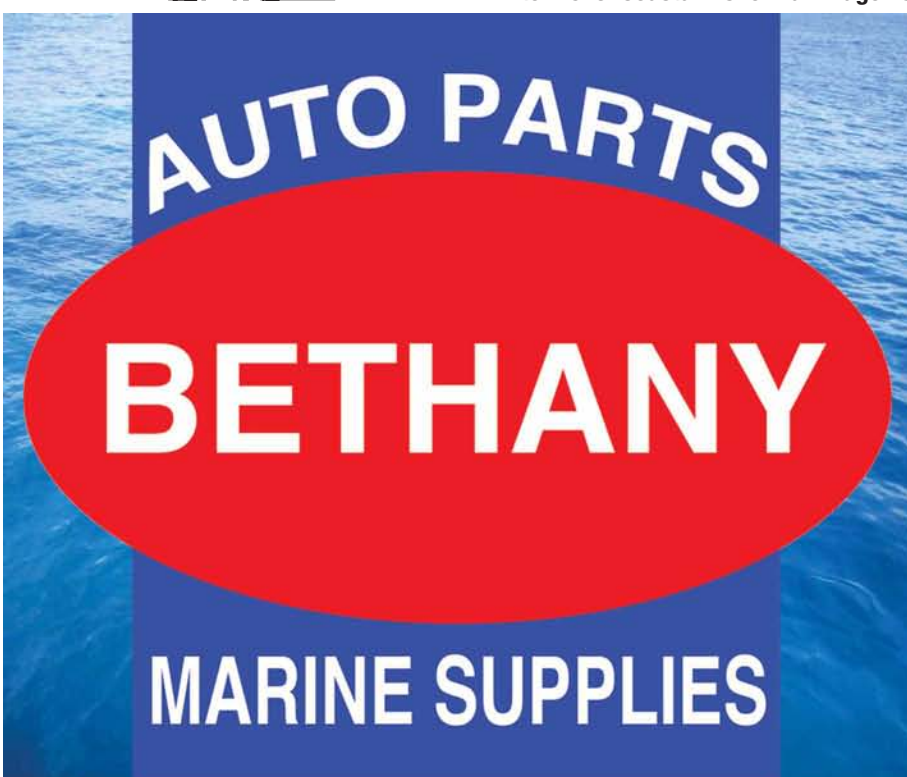
a shoal to 70-feet in the middle of a slew. Unless the drum is caught on the shallow side of that spectrum, anglers should be prepared for the fact that the fish might not be able to swim back to the bottom after it's been released. This is caused by a change in pressure on the fish's swim bladder which allows the internal gases to expand and act like a life jacket for the fish.

All the drum needs to do is swim down a few feet so the gases can recompress, but particularly if the fish was taken on light line, the struggle often saps so much energy from the fish that it has trouble getting down. Anglers who have a "venting" tool can use it to vent the gas and allow the drum to descend, but those who don't have such a tool can make a "lowering device" by tying a tiny hook and a pound or more of weight to the end of a long cord - I use the sash-weight and line that anchors my wreck-marking buoy. The hook is put through a thin sliver of flesh on one of the drum's lips and the fish and weight is lowered 30 or more feet down. Then, by snatching on the cord the small hook will pull free and the fish will be at a safe depth.

Since any drum caught must be released as quickly as possible, anglers should keep their photo sessions short and if a lowering device is used it should be made up ahead of time. I know this sounds like a lot to go through just to release a fish, but when you figure that these big drum are the mature breeders of the species it only stands to reason that they should be given every chance possible to survive their encounter with what will surely be a very happy angler!

Enjoy the diverse fishery we are lucky to have off the coast of Delmarva. You just never know what fish will be at the end of your line.

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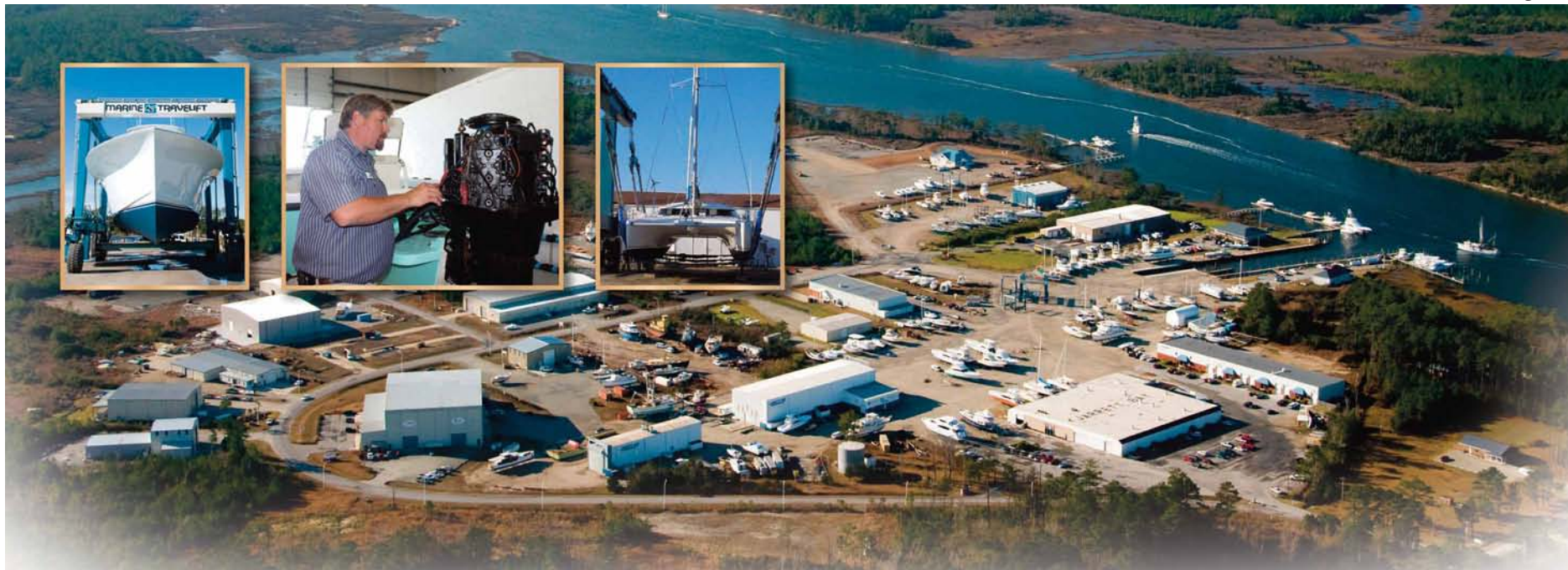
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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	June 29, 2012 Alicia Scelsi "Judith M" 5 lbs. 10 oz.	June 25, 2012 Holly Ann Firuta "Katy Did" 4 lbs.	 <b>Mako Shark</b>	June 3, 2012 John Loar Sausages 280.9 lbs.	June 10, 2012 Alex McClure Massey's Canyon 221.5 lbs.
 <b>Tautog</b>	January 11, 2012 Charlie Donohue "Morning Star" 23 lbs.	April 21, 2012 Clark Koehn Delaware Bay Reef 17 lbs.	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	June 1, 2012 Dave Nolan Fingers 576.5 lbs.	July 14, 2012 Bob Henry "B" Buoy 373 lbs.
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	February 10, 2012 John Rogowitz Little Gull 41 lbs.	<b>NEW</b> December 8, 2012 Ben Smith 3R's Road 52 lbs.	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	June 29, 2012 John Conrad "Marli" 137 lbs.	June 19, 2012 Dave Cook & Sean Herlihy 19 Fathom Lump 162.6 lbs.
 <b>Weakfish</b>	August 26, 2012 Ashton Schoen South Jetty 3 lbs. 2 oz.	May 12, 2012 Adam Ford Broadkill Beach 6 lbs. 2 oz.	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	July 30, 2012 Frank Rotondo "Espadon" 174 lbs.	August 4, 2012 Phil Young Poor Man's 156.3 lbs.
 <b>Speckled Trout</b>	August 7, 2012 Tim Sakawski Montego Bay bulkhead 2 lbs. 6 oz.	July 14, 2012 John Davis Indian River Inlet 3 lbs. 4 oz.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 <b>Flounder</b>	June 21, 2012 Bob Gummer 1st St. Bulkhead 12 lbs. 6 oz.	July 30, 2012 Joe Walker Site 10 11 lbs. 6 oz.	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	July 28, 2012 Kevin Banagan "Bill\$ 4 Bills" 304 lbs.	July 14, 2012 David Kaplan Washington Canyon 250 lbs.
 <b>Bluefish</b>	June 24, 2012 Hugh Thomas Cropper Tea Cup 15 lbs. 4 oz.	September 12, 2012 Nino Mallari Indian River Bridge 14 lbs. 6 oz.	 <b>Dolphin</b>	August 21, 2012 Kenneth Chouinard "Moore Bills" 43 lbs.	August 9, 2012 Casey Smith Baltimore Canyon 40 lbs.
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	July 20, 2012 Mike Orchulli, Jr. "Lucky Break" 14 lbs.	<b>NEW</b> October 20, 2012 Chris Wentz Outer Wall 15 lbs. 11 oz.	 <b>Wahoo</b>	<b>NEW</b> October 10, 2012 Matt Englehart "Restless Lady" 93 lbs.	August 7, 2012 Rick Rossman Tea Cup 69 lbs.
 <b>Golden Tilefish</b>	August 18, 2012 Paul Hannum "Oasis" 54 lbs.	August 4, 2012 Jake Kaplan Washington Canyon 43 lbs. 8 oz.	 <b>White Marlin</b>	<b>Most Releases in One Day</b> August 2, 2012 "Billfisher" Poor Man's Canyon 32 releases	
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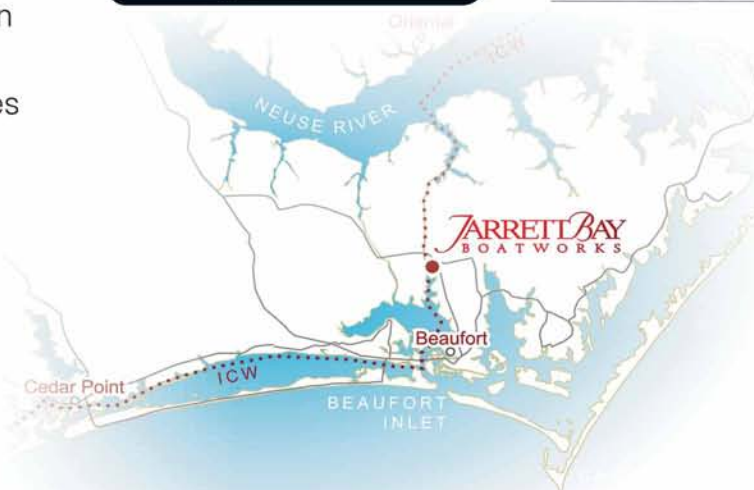
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Tyler Bankowski nailed this 38-inch, 25 lb. striper while fishing in the Indian River Inlet in mid-November.



Dick Gibbs was fishing off the beach at Assateague Island when he hooked this 39-inch striper while using bunker for bait.



Julie BelClaire of Ocean City, MD caught this 34-inch striper while trolling south of the Ocean City Inlet on the "No Scales".



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John Joe Kabino won 3rd place in the Lewes Harbour Marina Striper Tournament with this 29.2 lb. striper caught on a trolled, Stretch 25+ at Overfalls Shoal, at the mouth of the Delaware Bay.



Second place in the Lewes Harbour Marina Striper Tournament was won by Beau Kemeys with a 29.7 lb. linesider caught while drifting an eel at Overfalls Shoal. Beau was fishing on the "Quintessa" with Capt. Chris Thurman.

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# Delaware State Records



<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bluefish	21 lbs. 15 oz.	Bill Thoroughgood	1980	Rehoboth Beach
<b>Cobia</b> 	<b>82 lbs.</b>	<b>Joe Costello</b>	<b>07/07/12</b>	<b>Russell's Reef</b>
Croaker	5 lbs. 3.5 oz.	Catherine Simpson	1980	Indian River
Dolphin	52 lbs.	Charles Ciociola	2003	Hot Dog
Drum, Black	115 lbs.	Kenneth Smith	1978	Delaware Bay
Drum, Red	No classification			
Flounder, Summer	17 lbs. 15 oz.	William Kendall	1974	Indian River Inlet
Flounder, Winter	No classification			
Kingfish, Roundhead	4 lbs.	Billy Hastings	1973	Bethany Beach
Mackerel, King	48 lbs. 9 oz.	Gordon Harris	1992	"B" Buoy
Mackerel, Spanish	6 lbs. 4 oz.	Eric Ludwig	2000	Light Ship
Marlin, Blue	820 lbs.	Bruce King	1986	Poor Man's Canyon
Marlin, White	120 lbs.	William Garner, Jr.	1972	Baltimore Canyon
Porgy	5 lbs. 5 oz.	Herman Schmidt	1979	Not recorded
Sea Bass	7 lbs. 6 oz.	Steve Samluk	1988	Fenwick Shoal
<b>Sheepshead</b> 	<b>15.7 lbs.</b>	<b>Chris Wentz</b>	<b>10/20/12</b>	<b>Outer Wall</b>
Spadefish	No classification			
<b>Striped Bass</b> 	<b>52 lbs.</b>	<b>Ben Smith</b>	<b>12/08/12</b>	<b>3R's Road</b>
Swordfish	276 lbs. 12 oz.	Albert Scott	1978	Delaware Bay
Tarpon	No classification			
Tautog	21 lbs. 4 oz.	Glen Cave	2005	Delaware Bay
Tilefish, Blueline	No classification			
Tilefish, Golden	No classification			
<b>Triggerfish, Grey</b> 	<b>6.34 lbs.</b>	<b>Buddy Masten</b>	<b>09/30/12</b>	<b>Ice Breakers</b>
Trout, Gray (Weakfish)	19 lbs. 2 oz.	William Thomas	1989	Delaware Bay
Trout, Speckled	No classification			
Tuna, Bigeye	No classification			
Tuna, Blackfin	No classification			
Tuna, Bluefin	873 lbs.	Dan Dillon	2005	Atlantic Ocean
Tuna, False Albacore	17 lbs. 9 oz.	Scott Werner	1980	30 Fathom Line
Tuna, Longfin Albacore	80 lbs.	David Francella	1987	Atlantic Ocean
Tuna, Yellowfin	No classification			
Wahoo	106 lbs.	Will Stahlgren	2007	Atlantic Ocean
<b>Sharks</b>				
Black Tip	No classification			
Blue	No classification			
Hammerhead, Scalloped	No classification			
Hammerhead, Smooth	No classification			
Mako	975 lbs.	Thomas Barnes	2000	Poor Man's Canyon
Thresher	No classification			
Tiger	No classification			

Note: all Atlantic Coast records recognized as of December 12, 2012





After the last issue of the Coastal Fisherman went to press, Faiden Monroe caught this 26-inch, 6 lb. 8 oz. flounder while drifting around the South Jetty. Weighed at Ake Marine.



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Ellen White of Millsboro, DE showed Bill Baker, Jr. how it is done, landing this 35-inch striper while trolling at Hen and Chickens Shoal aboard the "Slicker III".



"Flounder George" Henning, Bill Travis and Capt. Monty Hawkins show off some nice size flounder and sea bass caught while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star". The fish were caught on squid and clams at ocean wrecks. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Fred "Beaver" Ruff wrestled this 4.61 lb. triggerfish from the China wreck after hooking it on a green crab. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Dubi Mejia landed this 23-inch weakfish while casting a spoon in the Indian River Inlet. The fish weighed 4.1 lbs. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.



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Second place in Bill's Sport Shop Striper Tournament was won by Evan Falgowski with this 34.15 pounder caught while trolling at Overfalls Shoal and was worth \$3,750 in award money.

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Tyler Smith was chunking in the northern section of the Delaware Bay when he landed stripers weighing 23.4 and 32.95 lbs. The larger fish was good enough to win 3rd place in Bill's Striper Tournament and a check for \$500. Pictured at Bill's Sport Shop.



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Mark Couchman was fishing with green crabs at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay when he hooked this 8.9 lb. tautog to win 1st place in the Tautog Division of Bill's Sport Shop Striper Tournament. Mark took home a \$500 check for his 1st place finish. Pictured at Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE.



In Bill's Sport Shop Striper Tournament, 2nd place in the Tautog Division was won by Bob Murphy of Milton, DE with a 6.85 lb. blackfish caught on a green crab at an ocean wreck. For his 2nd place finish, Bob won \$300 in award money. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.

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Third place in the Tautog Division of Bill's Sport Shop Striper Tournament was won by Paul Pergeorelis with a 6.4 pounder caught while using green crabs on Delaware Bay structure. Paul weighed his fish at Bill's Sport Shop and won \$200 for his catch.



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John Mizurak used green crabs to fool this 10 lb. sheephead while fishing with his son, Capt. Chris Mizurak at the South Jetty.



Jacob Ness was drifting eels in deep water near 8 Buoy when he hooked this 38.1 lb. striper. This was Jacob's first striper and was caught aboard the "Katydid". Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





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Boots and Connor McGinnis were fishing with their granddad, Mel McGinnis when they captured these 2 stripers while trolling Little Gull Bank. The anglers were fishing on the "Salty Sons" with Capt. Mel McGinnis Jr. and mate Jimmy Ruppert.




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Evan and Jack Miemkiewicz from Chadds Ford, PA were drifting live spot just north of the Ocean City Inlet when they caught these 3 stripers. The largest fish of the day measured 41-inches. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.



Kevin "The Gas Man" Baggett landed this 37-inch striper while fishing on the "57 Chins" with Pat Hurley and Charlie Sitskorn. The fish was caught jigging south of Little Gull Shoal.




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Larry Jock of the Coastal Fisherman landed a 44-inch, 33 lb. striper, his personal best, and Kevin Weber nailed a 34-incher, both while trolling mojos just north of the Ocean City Inlet.



Ayrton Pryor from Selbyville, DE displays 1 of 4 stripers caught on this day while fishing with Paul Lebling, also from Selbyville, DE. The duo was trolling mojos and casting Storm lures on the lumps between 90th Street and the MD/DE line. The fish measured between 31 and 35-inches. Photo courtesy of Capt. Mac's Bait & Tackle in Fenwick, DE.



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# Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest



In the 13th Annual Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Fishing Tournament, Rich Daiker of Reisterstown, MD won 1st place in the Rockfish Division with a 13 lb. 10 oz. linesider and his son, Baron won top honors in the trout division with a 1 lb. 7 oz. weakfish. Both fish were caught on live spot at the South Jetty while fishing with Mike Miller. Rich won \$5,254 for his 1st place rockfish and Baron took home \$528 for his trout. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Cleon Aitkins from Harrisburg, PA won 2nd place in the Rockfish Division of the 2012 Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Fishing Tournament with an 8 lb. 15 oz. striper caught on live spot near the Rt. 50 Bridge. Cleon was fishing on the "Miller Time" with Brandon Miller and Neil Callahan and took home a check for \$720 in award money. Pictured at the check presentation with Tournament Director, Shawn Harman.



## 2012



## Rocktoberfest Results

### ROCKFISH DIVISION

1st - Rich Daiker 13 lbs. 10 oz. \$5,254  
 2nd Place - Cleon Aitkins 8 lbs. 15 oz. \$720  
 3rd Place - Steve Kuhlman 7 lbs. 13 oz. \$1,013

### JUNIOR ANGLER AWARD

Wyatt McWilliams  
 3 lb. 5 oz. Tautog

### OPEN DIVISION

Jeff Landis  
 14 lb. 3 oz. Bluefish  
 \$528

### FLOUNDER DIVISION

Les Givens  
 4 lbs.  
 \$528

### TAUTOG DIVISION

Travis Piscitella  
 3 lb. 14 oz.  
 \$528

### TROUT DIVISION

Baron Daiker  
 1 lb. 7 oz. weakfish  
 \$528



Third place in the Rockfish Division of the 13th Annual Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Fishing Tournament was won by Steve Kuhlman from Bound Brook, NJ with a 7 lb. 13 oz. *marone saxatilis* caught on a live spot in the East Channel. Steve, who won \$1,013 for his catch, was fishing on the "Yellowfin" with Eddie Mehalick, Butch Himpler and Tony Maddow. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



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**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**Mako Mania  
Shark Tournament  
June 7-9**



**20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**Captain Steve Harman's  
Poor Girls Open  
August 15-17**



**9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**Flounder Pounder  
Sunday, Sept. 8  
10 a.m. Bimini Start  
at Bahia Marina**

**Captain's Meeting  
& Sign - up  
Sun. 8 - 9:30 a.m.**



**14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

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In the 13th Annual Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Fishing Tournament, Les Givens won 1st place in the Flounder Division with this 4 lb. flattie caught on live spot in the East Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Les was fishing on the "One More Drift" with Brandon Givens, Chris Sharpe and Preston Walls. Les won \$528 in award money for his 1st place finish. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



First place in the Open Division was won by Jeff Landis with a 14 lb. 3 oz. bluefish caught while fishing on the "Sceanic Route" with Brandon Speilman, Frank Speilman and Nick Skidmore. Jeff caught the big gator on a live spot near the Rt. 50 Bridge and won \$528 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Travis Piscitella from Willards, MD caught this 3 lb. 14 oz. tautog, good enough to win 1st place in the Tautog Division of the 13th Annual Bahia Marina Rocktoberfest Fishing Tournament. Travis caught the tog on a green crab at the South Jetty while fishing with Paul, Billie Jo and Wyatt McWilliams and Mel McGinnis. Travis took home a check for \$528 for his 1st place finish. Wyatt McWilliams won Top Junior Angler in the tournament for catching a 3 lb. 5 oz. tautog. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



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## MAY

**30th Annual MSSA Spring Rockfish Tournament**  
May 3-5 • M.S.S.A • 410-255-5535

**Lewes Canal Flounder Tournament**  
May 17 • Lewes Harbour Marina • 302-645-6227

**4th Annual Marlin Club Bluefish Tournament**  
May 25-26 • Ocean City Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

## JUNE

**33rd Annual South Jersey Shark Tournament**  
June 6-9 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400

**17th Annual Mid-Atlantic Mako Mania**  
June 7-9 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7473

**55th Annual Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament**  
Ladies Event - June 8 • Tournament - June 10-15  
Morehead City, NC • 252-247-3575

**33rd Annual Ocean City Shark Tournament**  
June 13-15 • O.C. Fishing Center • 410-213-2442  
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**24th Annual MSSA Tuna-Ment**  
June 21-23 • Sunset Marina • 410-255-5535

**34th Annual Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament**  
June 22-23 • Ocean City Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

## JULY

**31st Annual Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off**  
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**5th Annual Pier Point Marina Flounder Tournament**  
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**24th Annual Ocean/Viking Showdown**  
July 10-14 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400

**26th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament**  
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**9th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic**  
July 20-21 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

**Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament**  
July 26-28 • Sunset Marina • 410-213-9600

## AUGUST

**5th Annual Marlin Club Ladies Tournament**  
August 2-3 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

## AUGUST (continued)

**6th Annual Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce  
Flounder Tournament**  
August 3 • Ocean Pines Yacht Club • 410-641-5306

**40th Annual White Marlin Open**  
August 5-9 • Harbour Island Marina • 410-289-9229

**20th Annual Capt. Steve Harman Poor Girl's Open**  
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**2nd Annual MSSA Beach N' Boat Flounder Tournament**  
August 24 • Sunset Marina • 410-255-5535

**55th Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament**  
Aug. 30 - Sept. 1 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

## SEPTEMBER

**8th Annual Flounder Pounder**  
September 8 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7473

**12th Annual Ocean City Fishing Center Spot Tournament**  
September 11 • O.C. Fishing Center • 410-213-1121

**35th Annual Challenge Cup**  
September 13-14 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

**12th Annual A.M.S.A Red Drum Tournament**  
September 19-22 • 410-957-4516

## OCTOBER

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

**34th Annual Mid-Atlantic Surf Fishing Tournament**  
October 3-5 • Ocean City, MD • 410-957-4516

**14th Annual Rocktoberfest Tournament**  
October 12-13 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7473

**9th Annual A.M.S.A. Ronald Bounds Fishing Tournament**  
October 17-19 • 410-957-4516

**Bill's Sport Shop / Irish Eyes Striper Tournament**  
October 18 - December 6 • Lewes, DE • 302-645-7654

**Lewes Harbour Marina Striper Tournament**  
October 26 - November 26 • Lewes, DE • 302-645-6227

## NOVEMBER

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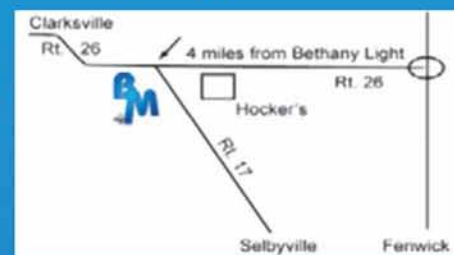
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# Tackle Shop

by Larry Jock



I'm a big fan of gadgets, especially those that are cheap and make your life easier and more enjoyable.

Like many fishermen, I keep some of my rods in the cabin of my boat and no matter how careful I am storing my fishing rods, when it comes time to pull them out of the cabin, they always seem to be tangled.



Well, I stumbled upon this product at Bass Pro Shops called the XTS Rod Sock. They are nothing more than a tube of woven, expandable mesh that slips over your fishing rod. The tube protects your guides and keeps your rods from getting tangled with each other, whether in your boat or the back of your truck or van.

The XTS Rod Socks come in 2 different styles, one for

spinning rods and one for baitcast rods. They also come in 3 different lengths, accommodating rods from 4'6" up to 8'.

I would suggest that if your baitcast rod has larger profile guides, order the Rod Sock designed for spinning rods. The baitcast model was too narrow and wouldn't slip over all the guides on my trolling rods, so I had to send it back.

The XTS Rod Sock sells for only \$4.99, which is not very much when you think about the frustration you encounter with tangled rods. It is money well spent.

By now, everyone is familiar with Berkley's line of Gulp! artificial baits. They have taken the fishing world by storm and are still expanding their line of products. Their latest innovation is the Gulp! Heads that won the top prize for Top Terminal Tackle at the 2012 ICCAST show in Orlando.

The Gulp! Head is made from a lead-free composite material that comes in 3 different models: Darter JiggHead, Minnow JiggHead

and the BDS, which stands for Bait Delivery System.

The Darter JiggHead is designed for inshore flats fishing and comes in 6 weight and hook size combinations, from a 1/8 oz. with a 1/0 hook up to a 3/8 oz. jig with a 4/0 hook. They come in 5 different colors: chartreuse, new penny, red, white and unpainted. A pack of 3 sells for \$4.99.

The Minnow JiggHead are designed for targeting fish with thinner skin mouths, such as weakfish and speckled trout. The thinner diameter hooks come in jigs ranging from 1/16 oz. up to 3/8 oz. Available colors are black, chartreuse, chartreuse/pearl, green/chartreuse, orange, pearl and smelt. Except for the 1/16 oz jigs, which come in packs of 4, the jigs come in packages of 3 and retails for \$4.99.



Finally, the BDS JiggHead are designed to allow anglers to choose how fast or slow their baits fall, ranging from 1.5 feet per second (1/8 oz.) up to 3 feet per second (5/8 oz.). According to the company, "the controlled sink rates and an extended ballasts force a bait to fall in a more natural, horizontal manner, giving the

fish more reason and time to react". These jigs are a little more expensive, costing \$4.99 for a package of 2 jigs. They are available in chartreuse, white, red, new penny and unpainted.

Local hardcore fisherman Big Bird Cropper is no stranger to the readers of the Coastal Fisherman. You will find his picture in the paper numerous times throughout the season, whether he is tossing lures around the North Jetty and Rt. 50 Bridge for stripers or fishing the South Jetty and Inlet for flounder, Big Bird is an excellent fisherman and usually returns to the dock with fish.



One of the questions I get asked most frequently from readers is "what is a RoyRig?", which is the rig that Big Bird uses pretty exclusively, to the point that he has set up a website called RoyRig.com, where folks can log on and read about the rig, check out pictures of catches and purchase the exact rig Big Bird likes to use.



The RoyRig is basically a short-shanked jig head with a salt and pepper rubber swim shad. According to Big Bird, the key to fishing the RoyRig effectively is using the proper weighted jig head to get you in the zone when casting and retrieving. The other key is the short shank on the jighead that allows the tail of the rubber shad to swim more naturally and freely.

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If you are interested in learning more about the RoyRig, you can check out Big Bird's website, or just look for the guy with the ZZ Top beard and the yellow suspenders. He's hard to miss.

There's a reason why you see so many fishermen on Delmarva wearing Costa Sunglasses. It's because they are well made, stylish and have some of the best lenses available today, so it was no surprise to see that they were a big winner at the 2012 ICCAST show with their 580P Sunrise lens.



The 580P lens lets in the most light possible and was designed for anglers who fish during early morning / late afternoon hours, when natural light is low.

Costa's 580 lens has been out for a couple of years and

has been very well received by the fishing community. According to the company, "the lens blocks yellow light from entering the eye, creating razor sharp color enhancement and superior visual acuity."

The 580P Sunrise lens is available in some of Costa's most popular frame styles including Corbina, Fisch, Fathom, Hammerhead, Jose, Zane and a few others. Costa styles available with the award winning 580P lens start at \$159.

Due to their popularity, Costa Sunglasses are available in the majority of our local tackle shops. If you enjoy fishing early in the morning or late in the afternoon, you might want to give the new Sunrise lens a try.

Another winner at the 2012 ICCAST show in Orlando, FL was the Penn Spinfisher V spinning reel.

I assume Penn named the reel like it did because it is the

5th generation of spinning reels manufactured by the company since 1932. For several years, it appeared that the company lost its way, and Shimano gained massive ground in market share and overall customer satisfaction. I've spoken to folks who repair fishing reels and they all seemed to recommend Shimano reels over Penn reels for product quality. Could we be seeing a comeback of the Penn Fishing Tackle Company since its purchase by the Jarden Corporation back in 2007?



The Spinfisher V top feature is its water tight design resulting from 6 seals in their standard reel and 9 seals in their live liner models. Other

- Superline Spool with rubber gaskets that doesn't require backing when spooling with braided line
- Full metal body, sideplate and rotor
- Friction trip ramp that prevents premature bail trip when casting
- Heavy duty aluminum bail wire
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- Line capacity rings

The Spinfisher V comes in a full line of spinning reels, from the SSV3500 that has a maximum drag pressure of 20 lbs. and weighs only 13.4 oz. up to the heavier SSV10500 with 40 lbs. of drag that can hold 750 yards of 50 lb. braid.

I'm a huge fan of live liner reels that give you the flexibility of live bait with basically an open bail. There is nothing more fun than drifting live eels with a live liner reel that has the secondary drive set to basically zero drag. The Penn

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Spinfish V series includes 3 models of live liner reels (4500, 6500 and 8500).

According to a representative from Pure Fishing, the Spinfisher V reel has been shipping since mid-October, but the company is having trouble meeting demand. Our local tackle shops should be receiving their shipments very soon, if they haven't already.

In her Ship to Shore column this past summer, Pat Schrawder wrote about the new, high definition sounders and GPS units that were on the market, and this past fall I had an opportunity to see one in operation, and it is extremely impressive.

Currently, Simrad and Garmin are the only two companies that have units on the market utilizing the new CHIRP technology. This breakthrough had been used by the military, but was considered too expensive for

the general public. However, a drop in the cost of processing chips made it possible for sonar companies to come up with receivers that could utilize the CHIRP technology that were in a price range that a lot of boat owners could afford.



As Pat explained, most anglers are used to setting their sounder to broadcast at either 50 kHz when fishing in deep water or 200 kHz when fishing in shallow water. The downfall of this single-frequency system is that it fails to give you detailed images in certain situations.

Without getting too technical, CHIRP is a frequency-modulated pulse

broadcasted by a transducer that changes the pulse across a range of frequencies, resulting in a much more detailed picture of targets beneath your boat. How detailed you ask? On the Garmin 5212 system installed on my World Cat, I can see my diamond jig bouncing on the bottom in addition to my 30 lb. braided line. I couldn't believe it when I saw it!

Since the modulated pulse is so sensitive, the amount of power the CHIRP sonar requires is much lower than a single-frequency unit, so the amount of interference shown on your display decreases considerably.

With the Garmin 5212 you get your choice of an 8", 12" or 15" touchscreen, or you can go with units with dials instead. I chose the 15" touchscreen model, allowing me to have my GPS and fishfinder screens side-by-side. The screen is very easy to read, even on bright, sunny days. The touchscreen can be a little tricky, especially when you are running to the fishing grounds. Bouncing around and trying to touch a spot on the screen can get tough at times. I also find that selecting a waypoint location is clumsy and requires way too many screens to navigate through to finally get to your waypoint list. My unit is very new, so it is possible I just haven't discovered the best way to use the Garmin 5212. I might be making it harder than it needs to be.

Since the units require 2 transducers, they are not cheap. But if you are looking to replace your current single-frequency system, and you have a chunk of cash available, you may want to seriously look at the CHIRP systems. You'll be pretty amazed.

Winning first place in an individual category at ICCAST is an honor, so you can imagine the big deal it is to win Best of Show. In 2012, this went to the Hobie Mirage Pro

Angler 12 kayak.

Just like when we saw the catamaran boat explosion in Ocean City 10 years ago, we are starting to see more anglers paddling around the bay in kayaks. Looks like too much work to me, but hey, to each their own.

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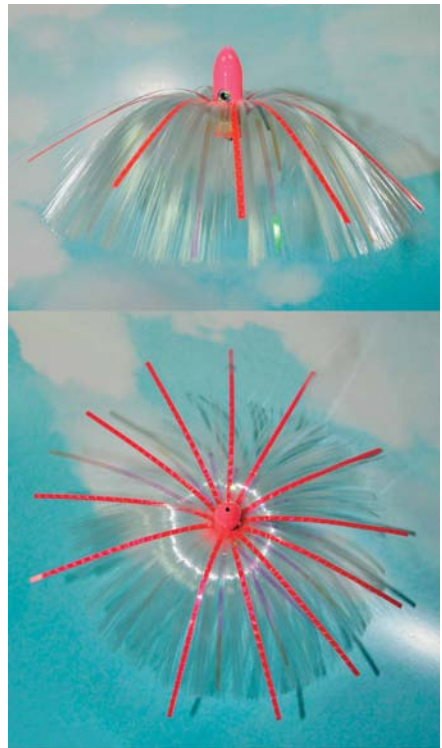
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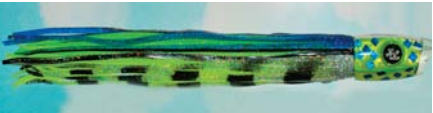


Over the last couple of years, when taking pictures of good catches of tuna, I noticed more and more anglers trolling Joe Shute's Fish Finder Lures and Laceration Lures. I personally had never heard of these lures, so it was noticeable when their names started popping up more



frequently. Joe Shute lures are hand made and tied by Joe himself through Fish Finder Tackle, Inc. out of Atlantic Beach, NC. and are now available online at RestlessLadyTackleBox.com and some area tackle shops.

First developed in 1999 for commercial bluefin fishing, the Joe Shute skirts are all hand-tied with tapered heads and a mate friendly design that allows the nose of the ballyhoo to fit snugly into the back of the lure promoting improved tracking. All of the heads are double powder coated to increase durability. The heads and the skirts can be mixed and matched based on the preference of the angler and come in the standard weights in addition to 5 and 8 oz. models.



Laceration Lures have been on the market for the last 2 years after 5 years of



Art Crum, Terry Sandy, Ricky Sandy, Alan Winik and Tom Stinton ended their day with 5 stripers in the box of the charter boat, "Get Sum" after spending the day trolling mojos and parachute lures at the Sliver with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Bill Kelly. The fish measured between 34 and 37-inches.

research and development. They are produced by Joe Massey in Raleigh, NC and are made from all-American materials. The heads and skirts can be mixed and matched with either hair or rubber skirts and can even be further customized with the boat or angler's name imprinted right into the

acrylic head. Laceration Lures can be found in small, medium and large models and generally cost less than comparable Black Bart lures. Like the Joe Shute lures, Laceration Lures have been used by several successful charter boats and can be found at RestlessLadyTackleBox.com.



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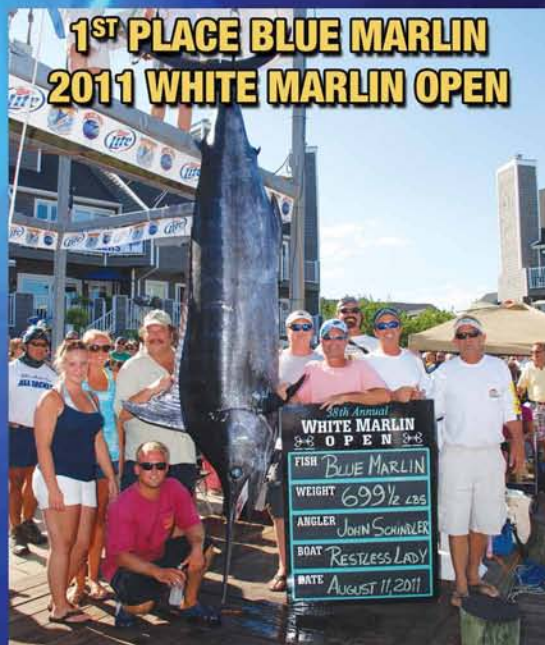
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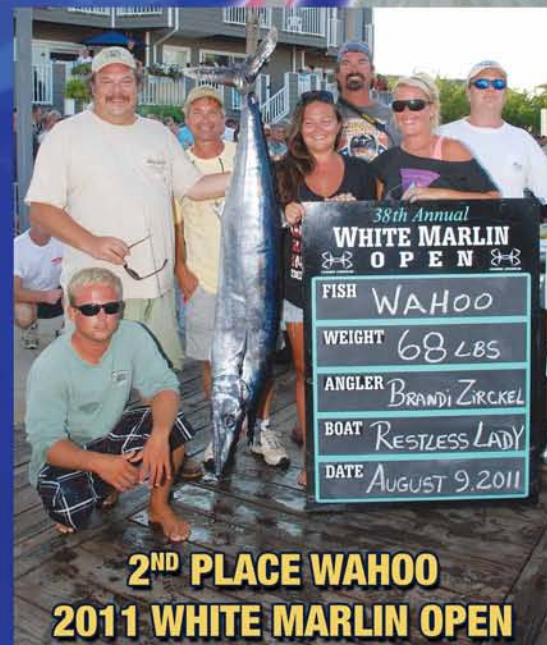
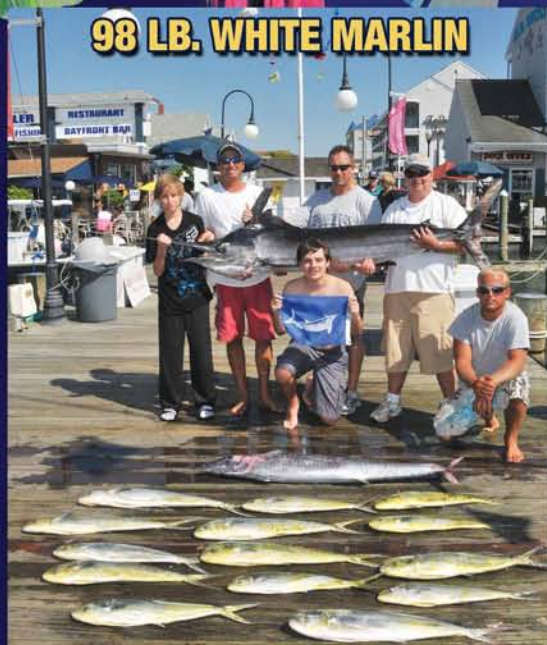
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Alex McBain landed this 93 lb. wahoo during an October trip aboard the "Restless Lady" with Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Brandon Baiocco. The wahoo was hooked on a ballyhoo dressed up with a blue and white Joe Shute lure while trolling in 100 fathoms in the Spencer Canyon. Matt was fishing with Josh Kerns, Matt Englehart, James Cashell, Bill Thornton and Aaron McAdoo.

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Steve Doctor has the best seat in the house as he shows off the limit of flounder that he and Carol Cain (not pictured) caught while fishing on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Dean Lo. Their heaviest flounder weighed 4 lbs. and was caught on a strip of squid at a natural reef. The "Angler" can be found at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock in Ocean City.

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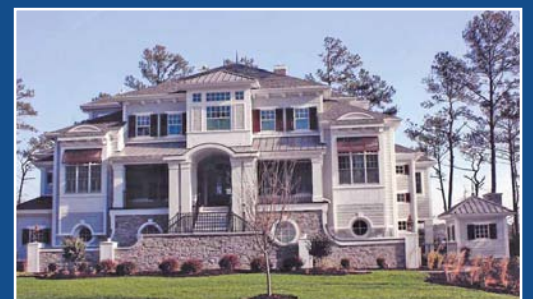


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Mike and Gary DeBlasis boated this pair of 16 lb. stripers while chunking with bunker in the 60 Foot Slough. The anglers were fishing on the "Lil' Angler II" with Capt. Brian Wazlavek and weighed their catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Capt. Monty Hawkins on the "Morning Star" is well known for putting his anglers on some big tautog, as shown by the 14.2 lb. bruiser caught by Mike Maney on an ocean wreck. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Cole Chandler caught his first striped bass, measuring 32-inches, while drifting live spot in the Indian River Inlet.



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Greg Rittershofer was fishing with Woody Klein when he muscled in this 38-inch striper after hooking it on a Bass Kandy Delight jig, south of Little Gull Shoal.



The Ocean Pines Anglers Club recognized their top fishermen for the 2012 season. Pictured are Walt Boge (19" sea bass), Ron Fisher (20.5" tautog), Bill Bundy (21" bluefish), John Jewer (23.75" flounder), John McFalls (15.25" weakfish), Dave Rippey (21.5" large mouth bass) and Vincent Lekowski (17" fresh water trout).



Marty Barrett landed this 40-inch striper while fishing at Hen and Chickens Shoal at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. The fish weighed 18 lbs. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.



Jim Hukill used box crab to fool this 9 lb. 15 oz. tautog while fishing at the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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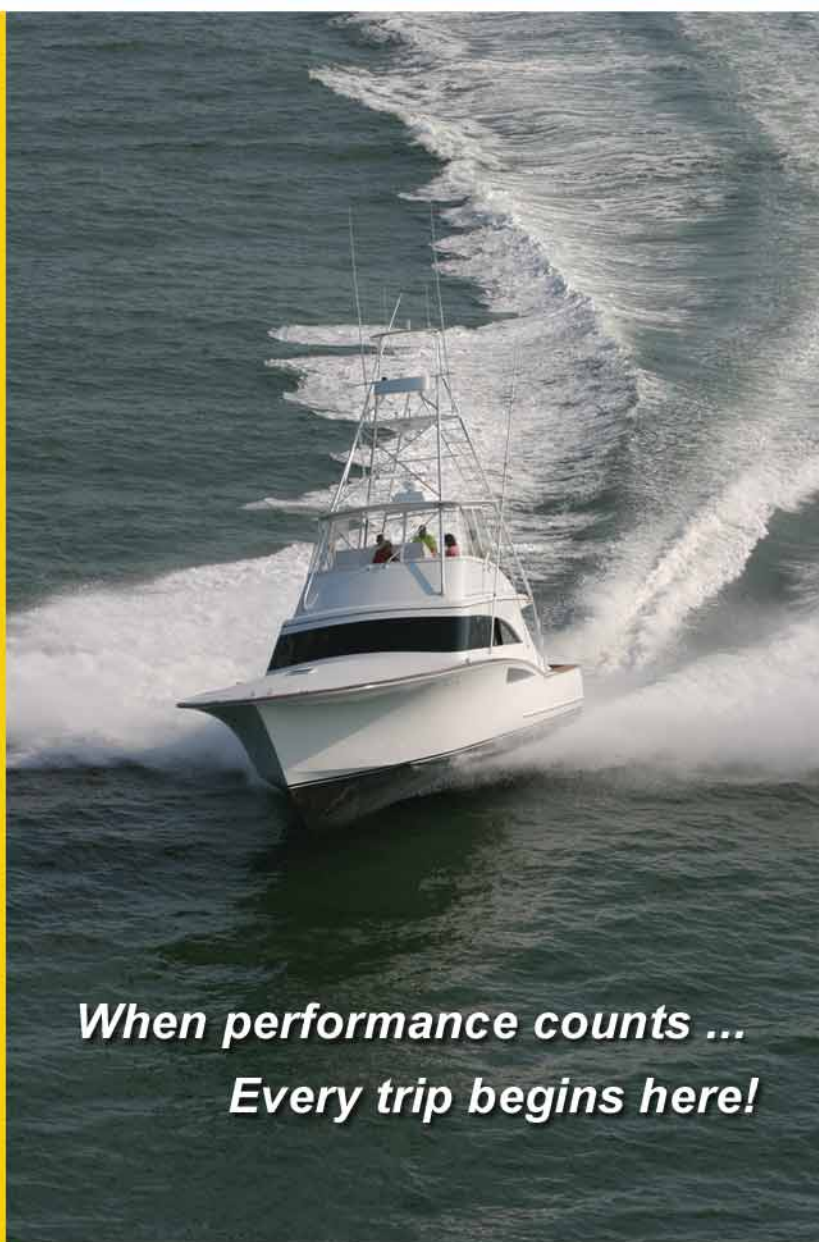
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Rodney Shoemaker won 1st place in the Lewes Harbour Marina Tautog Tournament held during the month of October. Rodney landed the 8.1 pounder while using box crabs at the Ice Breakers. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Capt. Brian Wazlavek on the "Lil' Angler II" landed this 7.5 lb. tautog to win 2nd place in the Lewes Harbour Marina Tautog Tournament. Capt. Brian used green crab to fool the big blackfish while fishing at Site 6 and won second place on a tiebreaker by landing his fish earlier than the 3rd place finisher. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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In the Lewes Harbour Marina Tautog Tournament held throughout the month of October, Brian Bucka caught this 7.5 pounder and held on to win 3rd place in the tournament. Although Brian's catch tied the second place tog in weight, his fish was caught after the 2nd place finisher, Capt. Brian Wazlavek on the "Lil' Angler II". Brian caught the bruiser on a green crab at the Ice Breakers. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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# Virginia State Records



<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Bluefish	25 lbs. 4 oz.	Gayle Cozzens	1986	Bluefish Rock
Cobia	109 lbs.	Joseph Berberich, II	2006	York Split
Croaker	8 lbs. 11 oz.	Norman Jenkins	2007	New Point Light
Dolphin	71 lbs. 8 oz.	Don Dorey	1991	Off Virginia Beach
Drum, Black	111 lbs.	Betty Hall	1973	Off Cape Charles
Drum, Red	85 lbs. 4 oz.	Herman Moore	1981	Wreck Island
Flounder, Summer	17 lbs. 8 oz.	Charles Cross	1971	Baltimore Channel
Kingfish, Roundhead	2 lbs. 13 oz.	Chip Watters	2002	Off Sandbridge
Mackerel, King	63 lbs. 1 oz.	Susan Smith	2007	Off Sandbridge
Mackerel, Spanish	9 lbs. 13 oz.	Everett Cameron	1993	Off Virginia Beach
Marlin, Blue	1,093 lbs. 12 oz.	Edward Givens	1978	Norfolk Canyon
Marlin, White	131 lbs. 10 oz.	Rudolph D.van't Riet	1978	Off Virginia Beach
Porgy	5 lbs. 5 oz.	Charles Haines	1978	Off Chincoteague
Sailfish	68 lbs. 8 oz.	P.J. Murden	1977	Off Virginia Beach
Sea Bass	10 lbs. 4 oz.	Allan Paschall	2000	Off Virginia Beach
Sheepshead	20 lbs. 12 oz.	Arun Nhek	2005	CBBT, Seagull Pier
Spadefish	14 lbs. 14 oz.	Roland Murphy	2009	The Cell (Ches. Bay)
<b>Striped Bass</b> 	<b>74 lbs.</b>	<b>Cary Wolfe</b>	<b>01/20/12</b>	<b>Off Cape Henry</b>
<b>Swordfish</b> 	<b>446 lbs.</b>	<b>Joseph Harris</b>	<b>09/01/12</b>	<b>Norfolk Canyon</b>
Tarpon	130 lbs.	Barry Truitt	1975	Off Oyster
<b>Tautog</b> 	<b>24 lbs. 3 oz.</b>	<b>Ken Neill, III</b>	<b>03/25/12</b>	<b>Morgan Wreck</b>
Tilefish, Blueline	23 lbs. 5 oz.	Michael Adkins	2009	Norfolk Canyon
Tilefish, Golden	56 lbs. 8 oz.	Aaron Sledd	2008	Norfolk Canyon
Trout, Gray (Weakfish)	19 lbs.	Philip Halstead	1983	CBBT
Trout, Speckled	16 lbs.	Bill Katko	1977	Masons Beach
Tuna, Bigeye	285 lbs. 12 oz.	Melvin Bray	2003	Norfolk Canyon
Tuna, Blackfin	33 lbs. 15 oz.	William Charlton III	2004	Norfolk Canyon
Tuna, Bluefin	573 lbs.	Frederick Haycox	2007	Off Virginia Beach
Tuna, False Albacore	25 lbs. 4 oz.	Jack Sparrow	1964	Off Virginia Capes
Tuna, Longfin Albacore	68 lbs.	Irvin Fenton, Jr.	1992	Norfolk Canyon
Tuna, Yellowfin	203 lbs. 12 oz.	Bruce Gottwald, Jr.	1981	Norfolk Canyon
<b>Wahoo</b> 	<b>122 lbs. 1 oz.</b>	<b>Susan Nelson</b>	<b>06/23/12</b>	<b>Off Wachapreague</b>
<b>Sharks</b>				
Black Tip	76 lbs. 10 oz.	John Thurston	1988	Off Virginia Beach
Blue	266 lbs.	Wayne DeFord	1987	The Cigar
Hammerhead, Great	430 lbs.	Ronald Ault	1984	S.E. Lumps
Hammerhead, Scalloped	245 lbs.	Don Lips	1977	S.E. Lumps
Hammerhead, Smooth	272 lbs.	Carolyn Matthews	1988	Off Virginia Beach
Mako	728 lbs.	Geoffrey Newbill	1983	Chesapeake Light Tower
Thresher	525 lbs.	Andrew Schuyler	2004	Triangle Wrecks
Tiger	1,099 lbs. 12 oz.	John Thurston, Jr	1981	S.E. Lumps

Note: all records recognized as of December 12, 2012





Fall flounder fishing seemed to be tougher than normal this year, but these anglers on the “Morning Star” didn’t have any trouble catching some nice flatties for the dinner table in early October. Vince, Valerie and Veronica Cannuli, Frank and Jim Tortella, Jim Stone and Chris Simpson all decked big flatties, with Jim landing the largest of the trip, a beautiful 6 lb. 12 oz. pool winner. All of the fish were caught at an artificial reef while using clams, squid and cut fish for bait. On this day, Capt. Monty Hawkins was at the helm and mates Mike Kinder and Anthony Cannuli were manning the deck. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center in West Ocean City.

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After the last issue of the Coastal Fisherman in September, wahoo fishing really turned on and the crew on the "G-Force" was there to take advantage of it. On this day, Bob Troop captured this 84 lb. speedster on a black and purple wahoo jet in 100 fathoms between the Spencer and Wilmington Canyons. Bob was fishing with Fred Reynolds, Tommy Malewski and Capt. Seth Obetz. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



In early December, Ron Sroka muscled in this 40-inch *marone saxatilis* after hooking it on a trolled Stretch lure, 1.5 miles off the beach at 100th Street. Ron was fishing on the "Reel Medicine" with Joe Borrison.



Colin Campbell of Holystone Studios captured this 39-inch striper while trolling a 12 oz. bucktail tipped with a white sassy shad off 95th Street (Pyramid Hotel). Colin was fishing with Rich Sosnowski on the "?".

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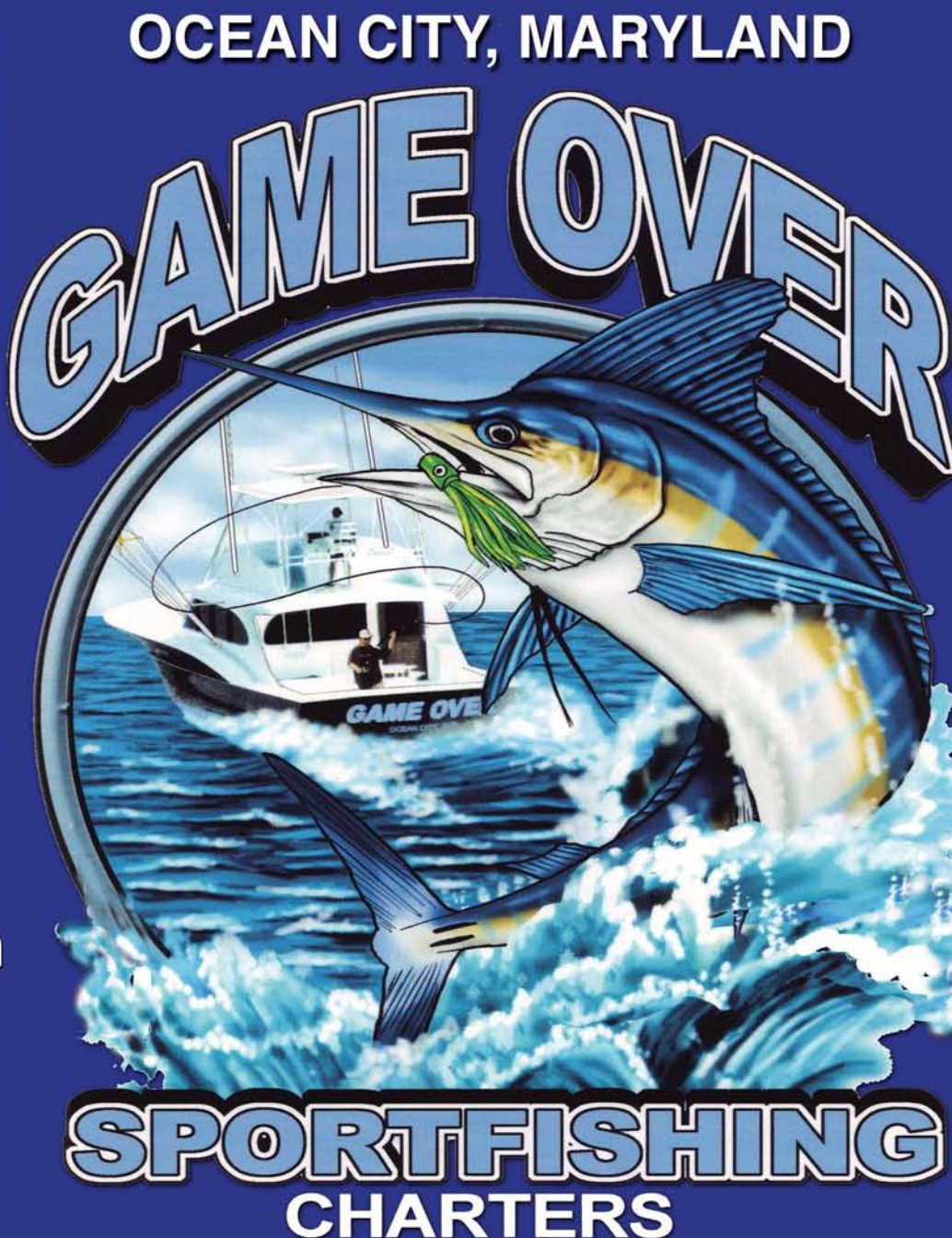
After the last Coastal Fisherman of the season hit the streets, this group of anglers on the "Last Call" had a great day, releasing 5 white marlin and boxing 25 dolphin and a 31 lb. wahoo. All of the fish were caught during an overnight trip to the Norfolk Canyon. Pictured are angler Maddie Pettolina, who released 3 white marlin, Capt. Frank Pettolina, mates Chris Evans and Franky Pettolina and angler Brooke Duvall who released 2 white marlin during the trip. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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Back in early October the wahoo bite really turned on and Mike Ambler and John Markey were there to muscle in this 46.5 pounder while trolling a black and purple skirted ballyhoo near Massey’s Canyon. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Walter Moore of Oyster Bay Tackle had a great season and capped it off with some good sheephead fishing around the South Jetty in late September. On this day, Walter hooked this 20.5-inch fish during the outgoing tide while using sand fleas for bait. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Cobia	44"	-
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Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Golden Tilefish	28"	35 lbs. or 40"
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 36"
Red Drum *	Any Size	45"
Sailfish *	Any Size	-
Seabass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"
Speckled Trout	24"	-
Striped Bass	40"	30 lbs. or 40"

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	<u>MD</u>	<u>DE</u>
Shark:		
Blue Shark *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Hammerhead *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Mako *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Thresher *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Tiger *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Tuna:		
Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lbs. or 32"
False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"
Bigeye ***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Bluefin ***	60"	100 lbs. or 60"
Yellowfin ***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Wahoo	60"	35 lbs. or 40"
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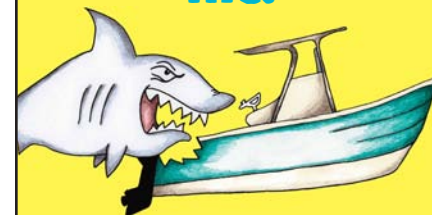
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Paul Turner from PT's Marine took some time off to go striper fishing in late November and was rewarded with this 36-inch caught on a live spot. Paul was fishing on the "Sportcatcher" in the Delaware Bay.



Jack Austin gently hooked this 22-inch speckled trout while fishing with cut mullet from the surf at Herring Point towards the end of November. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Sheepshead fishing was spectacular this past fall as shown by the 12 lb. beast caught by Bruce Bennett while fishing with green crabs at the Outer Wall. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Ten-year-old Tyler Upton caught his first striped bass, a 30-inch, in early December while fishing with live spot in the Ocean City Inlet.



Striper snipers, Charlie Sitskorn and Steve Spindler captured this pair of 35-inch linesiders while trolling mojos and umbrella rigs along the 2.9-mile line outside the Ocean City Inlet. The duo was fishing on the "57 Chins" with Pat Hurley.



Jeff Waxman from Bethany Beach, DE and Kevin Frye from Dagsboro, DE caught their limit of tautog and 6 sheephead (4 pictured) while fishing with crabs at the South Jetty. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Steve Hagen and Capt. Jason Mumford.

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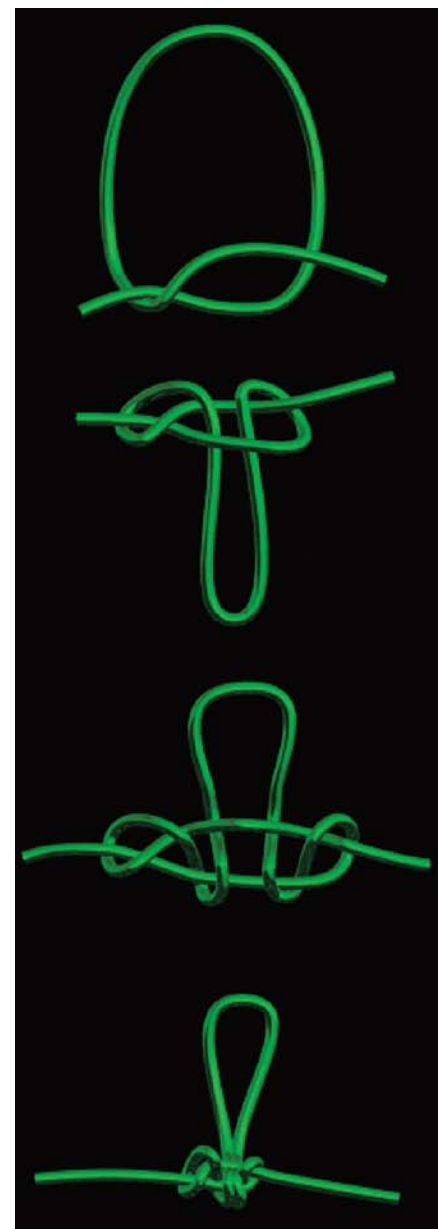


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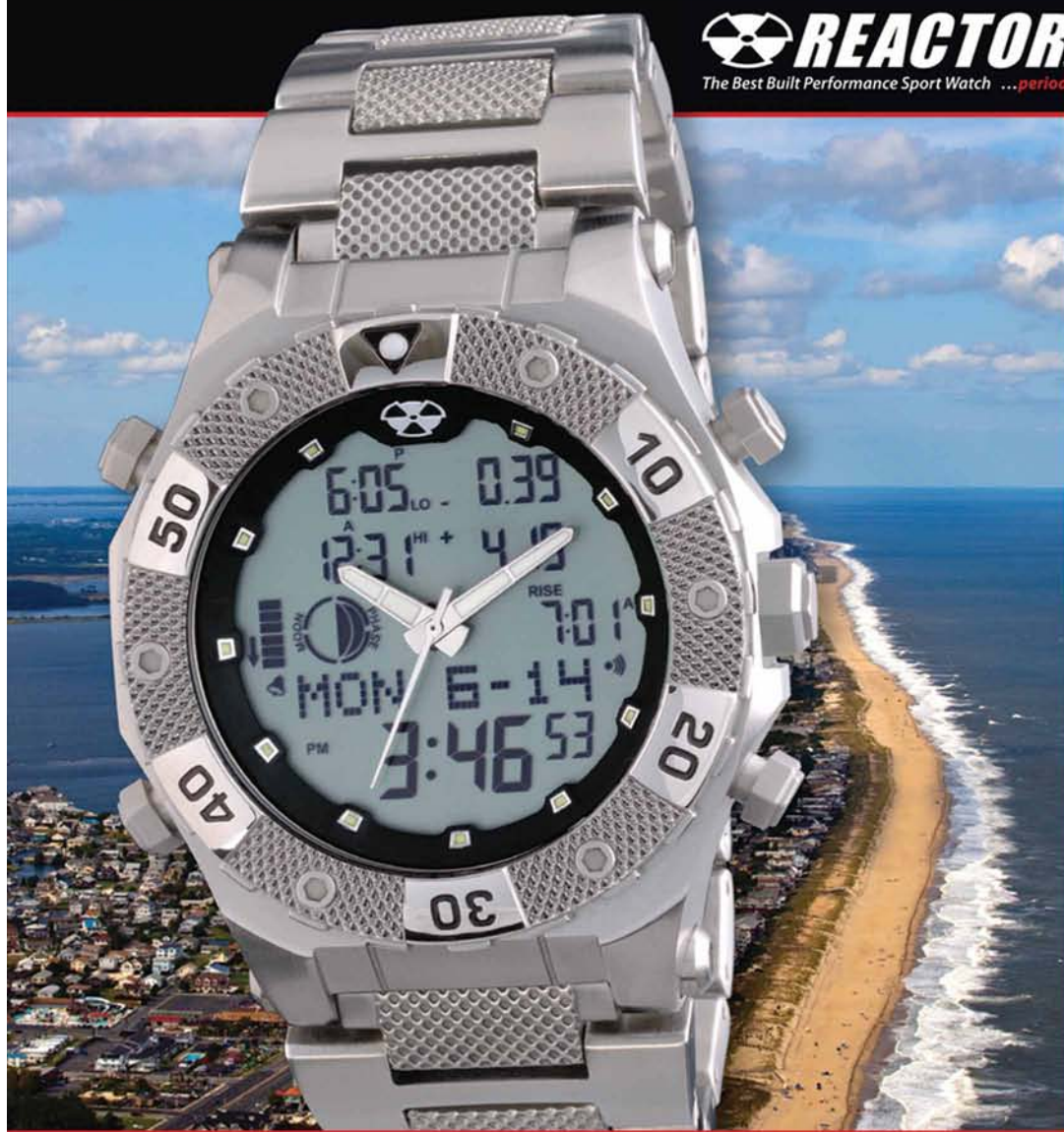
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Ray Hall of Bishopville, MD caught and released this 43-inch red drum while surfcasting off Hog Island, VA in early October with Dale Timmons, Scott Bruning and Mike Hastings. Ray hooked the fish on a special edition of the Assateague Tackle Double Blade Puppy Drum rig.



Striper slayer, Tammy Parker of Georgetown, DE caught this 38-inch during Bill's Sport Shop Striper Tournament while fishing at the mouth of the Delaware Bay. The big linesider weighed in at 19.5 lbs. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.



Local anglers, Mike Hastings (top), Scott Bruning (middle) and Dale Timmons took some trips down to Hog Island, VA for some red drum fishing and were rewarded with some beauties. Mike caught and released this 40-inch after hooking it on cut spot in mid-October. Scott muscled in this 47-inch redfish that had a 30-inch girth after fooling it with cut mullet. According to the formula, Scott's fish would have weighed approximately 52.8 lbs. Dale's 45-inch was caught and released in early October while using cut spot for bait.



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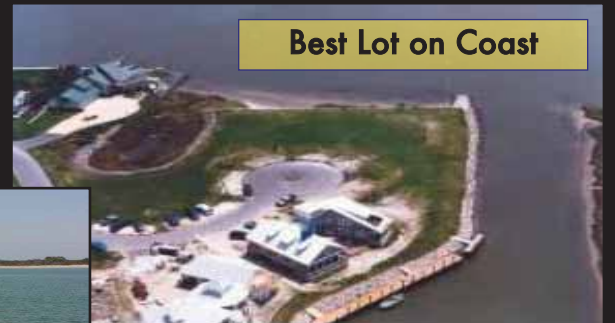


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Second place in the 20th Annual MSSA Annual Fall Classic was won by Jeff Probst with a 40.90 lb. rockfish caught at Bloody Point in 70 feet of water on a chartreus umbrella rig. Jeff was fishing with Mike and Bill Turner and won \$14,640 for his catch.



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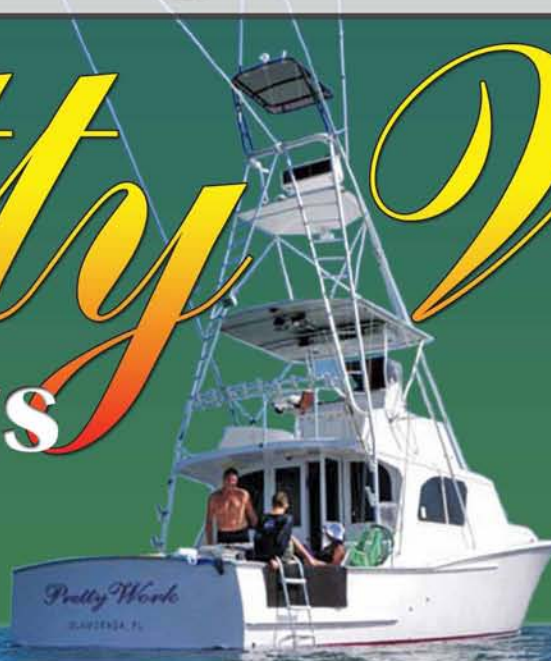
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## Clarification of Striped Bass Regulations in the EEZ

For years, there has been confusion regarding striped bass regulations in the EEZ, otherwise known as federal waters, 3 miles and greater from the shoreline. Many anglers, although clear on the fact that it is illegal to keep striped bass outside the 3-mile limit, were unsure about catch-and-release activities, or hooking into stripers while fishing for other species.

The most common "rumor" has always been that the wording in the regulations stated that you could not "harass" striped bass in the EEZ. As shown below, this is not the case.

According to the National Marine Fisheries Service, the official regulation regarding striped bass in the EEZ reads as follows:

(b) Atlantic striped bass fishery. In addition to the prohibitions set forth in §600.725, the following prohibitions apply. It is unlawful for any person to do any of the following:

- (1) Fish for Atlantic striped bass in the EEZ.
- (2) Harvest any Atlantic striped bass from the EEZ.

(3) Possess any Atlantic striped bass in or from the EEZ, except for the following area: The EEZ within Block Island Sound, north of a line connecting Montauk Light, Montauk Point, NY, and Block Island Southeast Light, Block Island, RI; and west of a line connecting Point Judith Light, Point Judith, RI, and Block Island Southeast Light, Block Island, RI. Within this area, possession of Atlantic striped bass is permitted, provided no fishing takes place from the vessel while in the EEZ and the vessel is in continuous transit.

(4) Retain any Atlantic striped bass taken in or from the EEZ.

The regulation goes on to define "fishing" as:

(A) the catching, taking, or harvesting of fish;

(B) the attempted catching, taking, or harvesting of fish;

(C) any other activity that can be reasonably expected to result in the catching, taking, or harvesting of fish; or

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In mid-November, Dave Oliphant from Perry Hall, MD and Chuck Wenzel from West Ocean City, MD ended their day with a limit of striped bass after fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Bill Kelly. The fish were caught on trolled mojos off 49th Street and measured between 36 and 39-inches. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Matt Farr landed this 40-inch striper that tipped the scale at an even 28 lbs. while trolling mojos around Buoy 70 in the Chesapeake Bay in early December.



John Freeberger and Pat Hurley ventured down to Crisfield, MD to charter fish with Capt. Matt from Sea Hawk Tackle and were rewarded with 15 trout caught on jig heads on light tackle.





Richard Prather was trolling mojo rigs north of 30th Street with his son, Capt. John Prather on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" and ended up with their limit of stripers in the box. The fish measured between 34 and 36-inches.

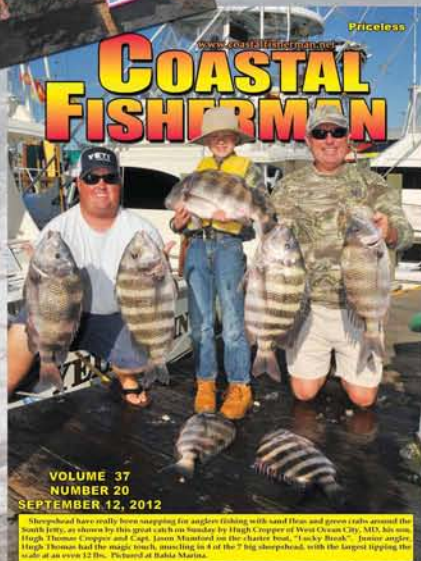


Junior anglers Ayrton Pryor and Charlie Brinker had a great day trolling for stripers aboard the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather and mate Jason Mumford. The group ended their day with 8 stripers, all caught on trolled mojos near the Sliver. The largest linesider of the day weighed 25 lbs.

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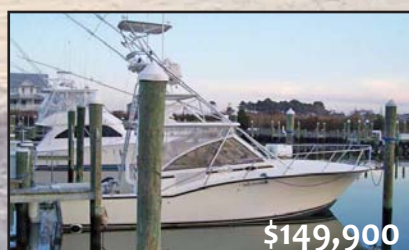
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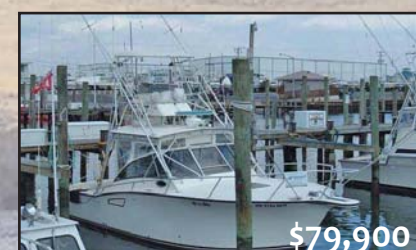
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