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After seeing 29 bigeye tuna boated in last years Ocean City Tuna Tournament, the full moon put a damper on the bite and only 4 were weighed this year, but none were heavier than the 249 pounder caught by John Hughes on the 2nd day of the tournament. John hooked the 75 1/2-inch eyeball in the Baltimore Canyon while fishing on the "Espadon" with Erich Bonner, Tim Troutner, Capt. Sylvain Cote and mates Karl Bieberich and Wayne Blanks. For their 1st place finish in the Single Largest Tuna Division, the "Espadon" team took home a check for \$273,715. Mate Wayne Blanks (far left) was also honored with the Capt. Robert Gowar Award for his outstanding dedication and overall contribution to sportfishing in Ocean City. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Preston Schumann boated this 44 lb. wahoo after hooking it on a trolled ballyhoo at the Hot Dog last Friday. Preston was fishing on the "Evidently" with Jason Gartside, John Brewer, Chuck Gartside and George Brewer. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



With most anglers looking for bluefins and yellowfins at the Hot Dog, Nate Underwood from Salisbury, MD and Chris Hertrich and Chad Lloyd from Seaford, DE went looking for sharks. Chad ended up hooking this 210 lb. mako on a whole mackerel before heading back to Indian River Marina where he weighed his catch at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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Sam Irwin, Dewey Null, Aiden Irwin, Drew White, Brady Bills and Andy White teamed up to land 3 bluefin tuna and 2 yellowfins while trolling ballyhoo in 74-degree water at the Hambone. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Rhonda's Osprey" with Capt. Joe Drosey and mate Ryan Greenway. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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John and Carolyn Bauer from Woodbine, MD, Susanne Beyerle from Sykesville, MD and Iva and Mike Molloy from Mt. Airy, MD crushed the flounder during a 1/2 day trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. The anglers ended up with 19 keepers, weighing up to 6 lbs. 5 oz., caught on squid and shiners at an ocean reef. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Bill Klinedinst of Center Valley, PA was tossing a bucktail tipped with a worm off the North Jetty when he hooked into this 26-inch, 14 lb. 4 oz. sheepshead. Weighed at Talbot Street Tackle.



This 30 1/2-inch flounder fell at the hands of Derek Hall of Hummelstown, PA while fishing at the Old Grounds with Scott Hall. The 9 lb. 6 oz. *Paralichthys dentatus* was fooled with a strip of cut bait and weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Patrick Miller, Ben Hollenbeck, Capt. Ron Callis and mate Tony Battista hooked 38 blue line tilefish, weighing up to 17 1/2 lbs., 8 golden tilefish up to 49 lbs., 42 sea bass, 9 black belly rosefish and a 29.5 lb. mahi. The anglers were fishing near the Rockpile and caught their golden tilefish in 800-feet of water aboard the "Reel Addiction". Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Hannah Cassell from Airville, PA captured a 4 lb. 2 oz. flounder and Kurt Zimmerman from Medford, NY boated an 18-incher, both while fishing on the headboat, "Flounder Pounder" with Capt. Chase Eberle. The fish were caught on squid and shiners in the Ocean City Inlet. Pictured at the dock behind Hooper's Crab House.

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OCEAN CITY FISHING REPORT

BY LARRY JOCK



First, I would like to extend big congratulations to local anglers on the "Sea Toy" for winning the 2014 Bermuda Billfish Blast. Tommy Fowler, Greg Jones, Deacon Burke, Bobby Kitchen, D.J. DeJarnet and Capt. Bull Tolson took home the 1st place trophy with 1,400 points and a check for over \$146,000. Good job, guys!

The "super full moon" really screwed up fishing last week, both in the bay and in the canyons. Although the number of fish caught dropped off compared to prior weeks, a few nice catches of single fish and stringers still arrived at the scales throughout the week.

Ocean City Tuna Tournament

Last year, we saw a record 29 bigeye tuna weighed at the tournament and with a good bigeye bite so far this year, there was hope that plenty of eyeballs would show up at the scales. Unfortunately, the moon messed all of that up, but it didn't stop Capt. Sylvain Cote and the crew on the "Espadon" from throwing a 249 pounder on the scale at the end of the 2nd day of fishing. The "Espadon" started their day around the Hot Dog but ventured out to the Baltimore Canyon where the 75 1/2-inch bigeye was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo and held on to win the Single Largest Tuna Division,



David Steen and Jerry Shockley from Frankford, DE and Allen Baker from Dagsboro, DE continued their season of carnage, catching another limit of 12 flounder (6 pictured) while fishing with minnows and shiners on an artificial reef. Their 2 largest fish both measured 23-inches and weighed 4 lbs. 9 oz.

worth over \$273,000 in award money.

Both the 2nd and 3rd place bigeyes arrived on Sunday, the final day of the tournament. "Game Over" boated a 183 pounder on a trolled ballyhoo around the 800/800 to take 2nd place in the tournament. Third

place went to the final boat to arrive at the scale, the "MJ's", with a 165 lb. eyeball caught in the Baltimore Canyon at 1:00 in the afternoon.

In the Heaviest Stringer Division, we saw a lot of 2 and 3-fish stringers during the 3 day tournament with mainly a mix of bluefins and yellowfins from the Hot Dog and Hambone areas. The "Marli" fished on Friday and scored a 104 lb. stringer of 2 yellowfins and followed that up on Sunday with 4 yellowfins totalling 207 lbs, giving them a 2-day total of 311 lbs. and tying for

1st place with the "Restless Lady". Capt. Mark started out on Sunday at the Hot Dog and then ventured down to the Washington to catch his yellowfins. The "Restless Lady" grabbed the early lead in the Heaviest Stringer Division with a 3 yellowfin, 173 lb. stringer caught on Friday in the Washington Canyon. On Sunday, they spent the day around the Hot Dog and returned with 2 bluefins totalling 138 lbs. to put them into a 1st place tie with the "Marli". The "Billfisher" ended up in 3rd place with 271 lbs. caught during their 2 days of fishing. Their 3 yellowfins on Sunday, totaling 167 lbs., were caught in the Baltimore Canyon.

The Dolphin Division was an exciting one since \$13,000 from last years tournament was carried over into this year, making the winning fish worth over \$27,000. On the final day, the "Moxie Boys" trolled a custom made, Binnacle lure in 30 fathoms inside the Washington Canyon where they nailed the 34 lb. winning dolphin. Right behind them on the final day was the "Reel Desire" with a 25 pounder caught in 200 fathoms in the Washington Canyon and third place was won by the charter boat, "Spring Mix" with a 22 pounder caught on a trolled ballyhoo at the Lumpy Bottom.

Susan Menchaca on the "Wrecker" won 1st place in the Top Lady Angler Division with a 68 lb. yellowfin caught on Sunday in the Washington Canyon.

Local angler, Hugh Thomas Cropper jumped to an early lead in the Junior Angler Division with a 49 lb. yellowfin and sweated it out for 2 more days before finishing the tournament in 1st place.

In the Boats Under 40-Foot Division, the "Crabby" took top

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honors with an 87 lb. bluefin caught on the 2nd day of the tournament between the Crotch and the Lumpy Bottom.

Overall, despite slow fishing in the canyons, it was an exciting tournament, especially on the final day. Hats off to all participants and the team at the Ocean City Fishing Center for another fun weekend.

Tuna

With no chunking allowed in the OC Tuna Tournament, most boats found slow, moon driven fishing in the canyons last week. Those who spent time chunking in the Washington Canyon at night found good catches of yellowfins weighing up to 80 lbs. Bluefins and yellowfins were also caught on the chunk at the Hot Dog and the Hambone late last week and over the weekend when chunkers definitely had better results than trollers. Some anglers ventured out to 75-degree water in the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons over the weekend and found nice size yellowfins in addition to spotting some white marlin.

Outside of the tournament, we saw a big eyeball arrive at the Ocean City Fishing Center on

Sunday morning from the crew on the "Miss P-Vee" who spent the night chunking in the Washington Canyon. They boated a 228 lb. bigeye after hooking it on a 30 lb. class reel with 40 lb. leader. It took the guys 2 hours to get it into the boat. They also had 3 yellowfins and a pair of dolphin.

Blue Marlin

The charter boat, "That's Right" released a blue marlin on Saturday while trolling in the Washington Canyon.

Flounder

In the bay, colder water and the super full moon put flounder fishing out of whack last week. We saw a lot of throwbacks caught all over the bay. Anglers needed to be on the move, picking up a flounder here and then moving to find their next keeper. Water was clean during the latter part of the week, but the temperature swing was wide, coming in around 63-degrees during the incoming tide and warming up to 75-degrees at the bottom of the low tide.

A good example of the inconsistent bite was the headboat, "Bay Bee" that returned with a great, 11-keeper

catch on Saturday morning in the East Channel and around Harbour Island. Their afternoon trip turned up nothing with a slightly better action (mostly throwbacks) shifting down to the bay behind Assateague Island.

The inshore, ocean structure flounder bite is really turning on with good numbers of quality fish coming in from the Old Grounds, Russell's Reef, African Queen and the subway cars at the Jackspot. The headboats are seeing improved catches and the charter boat, "Fish Bound" returned with 19 keeper flounder from the Isle of Wight Shoal on Saturday

Small, live spot and Gulp! Swimming Mulletts are the top producers right now with squid, minnows and shiners coming in a close second.

Sheepshead

On Thursday night, Bill Linedinst caught a monster, 26-inch, 14 lb. 4 oz. sheepshead while fishing off the North Jetty. Bill hooked the fish on a bucktail tipped with a worm.

Triggerfish

If you are looking to get away from the pack and want to do something different, head to

July 16, 2014 Coastal Fisherman Page 9 Fenwick Shoal or Winter Quarter Shoal to catch some triggerfish and spadefish. Use very small, sharp hooks tipped with squid or cut bait to have your best shot at these bait stealers

Croaker

Little hardheads are all over the bay, but especially at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor, in the Ocean City Inlet and in the West Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Small chunks of Fishbite bloodworms or squid will do the trick.

Striped Bass & Bluefish

Anglers fishing off or near the Rt. 50 Bridge are hooking into some nice striped bass and bluefish. Some of the bluefish are large choppers and you will have to wade through a lot of throwback stripers to get your keeper, but they are there for offerings of spot and swim shads.

Upcoming Tournament

This weekend is the world famous Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic. The tournament is Saturday and Sunday with weigh-ins at Sunset Marina. Check out their ad on page 57 of this issue for details.

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Ayrton Pryor, no stranger to readers of the Coastal Fisherman, caught a 23-inch flounder, 8 triggerfish, and 2 sea bass while fishing on an ocean wreck, 15-miles from the Ocean City Inlet. Ayrton was fishing with Paul Lebling of the charter boat, "Spring Mix II".



Dave and Joe Walker joined up with Rob Karpovich for a trip to the Star Site Reef for some flounder fishing and ended their day with a limit of 12 flounder in the box. Their largest was a 7 lb. 4 oz. flattie (pictured) caught by Dave on shiners and squid. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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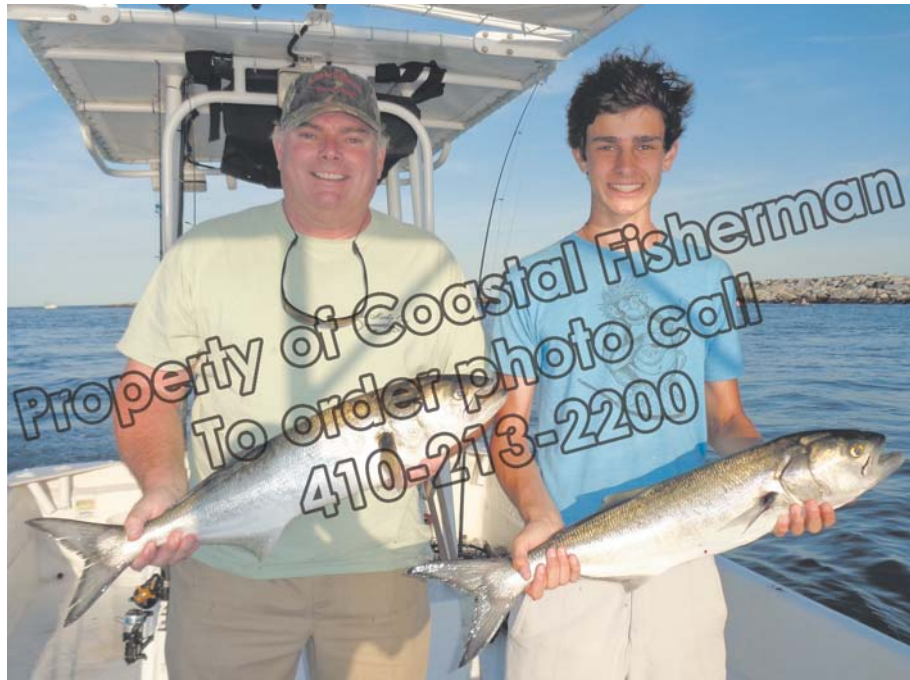
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You can usually find Dave Furio fishing from the beach, but on this day he captured this pair of flounder while fishing with squid and minnows at the Old Grounds. Dave's flatties weighed 5 lbs. 5 oz. and 5 lbs. 8 oz. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Mitch and Rainey Parker of Berlin, MD are pictured with 2 chopper bluefish caught while drifting live spot near the Rt. 50 Bridge aboard the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Jacob Sturgill.

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Mark and Trevor Lawrence caught some sea bass while bottom dropping with clams on an ocean wreck. The anglers were fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Jake Shaffer and Jake Knox.



Terri and Joey Greenwald joined up with Evan, Connor, Mike and Graham Leckie-Ewing to catch 14 keeper flounder, totaling 32 lbs., while fishing on the charter boat, "Gale Force" in the Indian River Inlet. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



Geoff Klopp and Frank Stiles were trolling along the West Wall of the Baltimore Canyon aboard the "April First" with Capt. Chris Irelan when they captured 7 yellowfin tuna, weighing between 50 and 65 lbs., on green machine spreader bars. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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When Maryland's own, Bucky Lasek wasn't competing and winning in the 2014 Ocean City Dew Tour event he was offshore fishing where he boated this 22 lb. mahi on the charter boat, "Playtime" with Capt. Ron Taylor. The mahi was hooked in 30 fathoms outside the Hot Dog.



Lily Baker used a Mason's Mauler custom bucktail to hook this 3 lb. 11 oz. flounder while fishing over reef structure in the Broadkill Slough. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Starting from the north, you can go to Holt's Landing which is a very good clamming area. It is part of the Delaware Seashore State Park and is located off Rt. 26. You go north into Delaware to Bethany and make a left on Rt. 26. You make a right in Clarksville and follow the signs. Visit the Fenwick-Bethany Chamber of Commerce to get a map before finding this area as it does involve a little trip into the country. You can also clam around the Cape Henlopen Pier in Lewes. You have to pay to get into the Cape Henlopen State Park.

Some people clam just south of the Indian River Inlet, but you must park on the side of the road and walk across

the marsh. Make sure you always clam at low tide.

In Ocean City, people find clams in the bars just offshore of Convention Hall at 41st Street. At low tide, you can cover quite a bit of territory. Vacationers say they have the best luck walking north once in the water. Of course, you can walk out across the marsh at any location, but be careful. Green marshes usually have areas that are quite muddy. You can find yourself up to your knees in soft mud!

The Isle of Wight has some clams too. Go to the public area off Rt. 90. Walk east back towards Ocean City to the corner of the bridge span and the rocks. Clam there at low tide and wear long pants, as there's sea nettles in the back water areas.

There are three clamming areas on Assateague Island. The first one is in the State Park. You have to park on the west side of the bridge and walk or bike over the bridge and clam on the east side. There is no parking on the east side and that's where the clams are! What many people do is get someone to drive them across the bridge and drop them and the clam rakes off. Avoid clamming there on a west wind. Those biting flies and mosquitoes can carry you away on the west shore of Assateague!

The other two clamming areas are in the National Park. After crossing over the Assateague Bridge going onto the island, take a right and go to the National Park. There's a fee to get into the park and you will see the two areas for clamming. You need to walk out into the water, chest deep, at the lowest tide and rake in these areas to find the clams.

When you are walking out into the water digging for clams, you will find that just like fish, clams tend to congregate in one area. When you find one clam there are likely to be more. Feel the bottom and rake in areas of soft sand or mud. You usually don't find many clams in the grassy bottom. You shouldn't dig up the grass anyway.

What I do is drag the rake behind me and let it dig into the underwater sand on it's own. When I hear a "clink" I go back and dig it up to see if it's a clam. After you have clammed for a while, you will be able to "hear" the difference in the sound of hitting a clam verses hitting a shell or other piece of debris! Once you find one, dig around in that area. You are likely to catch more. Just like fish, where there's one there's more!

"I have a boat. Where can I go?"

If you have a boat and clam in Indian River Bay, there is an abundance of clams. Clamming on and next to the sandy bar near South Shore Marina is a great place to go. Just offshore of Holt's Landing

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State Park is another good area.

In the Ocean City bay, clamming is very good on the sand bar just offshore of Brachia Marina at 22nd Street. Many vacationers rent a boat for a couple of hours and clam there.

The large sandbar just north of the Route 50 Bridge holds lots of clams as well. They aren't on the north end of the island though. Most of the clams are on the southwest section of that bar. Stay just offshore of the bird sanctuary signs. Some anglers call this "Bird Island." If you have a larger boat, it is best to come around to the island from the East Channel. It is 4 or 5 feet deep right next to the southernmost end of the green island. Come around the west side of it and head towards the sandbar. Anchor anywhere in there, hop overboard and walk towards the sandy bar. There are clams all in there if you want to start raking as

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There are clams on the sandbar just off Hooper's Crab House, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. There are not as many as on the other islands, but it is a quick hop, skip and jump for the boats docked at Hooper's.

Clams are abundant in the bay behind Assateague as well. Anywhere around the big islands offshore, and west of buoy #10 and buoy #13, you will find clams. There aren't many clams on the bar just east of #10 however. Anywhere south of the Verrazano Bridge, also known as the Assateague Bridge, where you can anchor up, jump out of the boat and start clamming will get you some clams. Many clammers go just south and west of the bridge and clam there. There are plenty of clams there in waist deep water. Offshore of the Old Ferry Landing Road (National Park of Assateague)

is also good for clamming.

There are no sandbars to walk on in the bay behind Assateague, as everything seems to be a bird sanctuary. Just anchor up in around 3-feet of water and hop out of the boat and start digging. Some clammers actually feel for the clams with their feet if they are in soft sand or mud. I wouldn't do it with bare feet though. I would wade in the water with an old pair of tennis shoes.

In Ocean City and the Indian River Bay you can actually get close to the sandbars at low tide and walk in the water where you can see the bottom.

Sometimes you can clam where there is no water at all. If you can see the bottom, you can do what people call "signing." To "sign" a clam, you walk along and look for a "keyhole" in the sand. It's hole in the sand resembles a keyhole in a doorknob. During the incoming tide the clams will sometimes spit up

water when you walk near them. They are really easy to see!

On the outgoing tide, they are not as easy to see. Sometimes the keyholes aren't very pronounced and look like a dent in the sand. Sometimes the clams can be found by digging over black spots where they dug in during the incoming tide, and the darker mud below came to the surface and is sitting there on top of the sand.

"What can I put my clams in while I'm clamming?"

A bucket, a mesh beach bag or chum bag works fine. Some people place a bushel basket inside an inner tube. Some tackle stores sell a really neat thing for holding clams. It is called a Flo-Well Live Well that is a nylon mesh bag with a drawstring and a Styrofoam ring sewn into it so it floats. It is also fashioned with a sturdy rope so you can tie it to your waist and tote it along behind you as you clam. I've had one of these for years! I love it for

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"What kind of clam rake should I buy?"

There are many different kinds of clam rakes. My favorite is the Down East clam rake since it is made in the USA and forged instead of pinned for a longer life and has sharp tongs. The sharper the tongs, the easier it is to dig!

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I always purge my clams for a few hours before cooking them. When you get home, just put them in a bucket of fresh seawater or freshwater with some salt added. This flushes the sand out of the meat if you caught them on a running incoming tide.

Good clamming....

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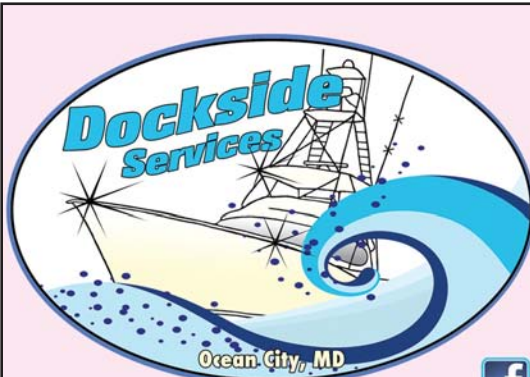
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Buddy Hindle, Breanna King, Kenny Forry, Tim Mease, Paula Valenti, Dave Bond, Rich Ellinger, Nick Taylor and David Taylor had a great day of flounder fishing on the headboat, "Bay Bee" with Capt. Cale Layton and mate Heather Dabroski. The group ended up with 11 keepers (10 pictured) after drifting squid, shiners and Gulp! artificial baits in the East Channel and behind Harbour Island. Capt. Cale reported water temperatures hovering around 67-degrees at the end of the incoming tide. Paula caught the largest fish on the trip, a 21 1/2-inch flattie followed by Dave Bond's 18 1/2-incher. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Daniel Jun from Dayton, MD caught his limit of 4 flounder, up to 23-inches, while drifting Gulp! artificial baits in the Indian River Inlet. The heaviest fish weighed 3 lbs. 5 oz. at Bill's Sport Shop.

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Shawn Gallagher was trolling ballyhoo on the West Wall of the Wilmington Canyon when he captured these 2 gaffer dolphin. The fish weighed 14.2 lbs. and 15.2 lbs. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.



When Jerry Shockley, David Steen and Allen Baker get close to ocean structure, the flounder start to tremble. On this day, like many others, the anglers caught their limit of 12 flatties (5 pictured) while fishing with shiners and Gulp! at the Old Grounds. Allen led the way with a 6 lb. 6 oz. flounder. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Joey Gloeckler from Olney, MD, Jennifer First from East Palestine, OH, Alex Oh from Darien, CT and Jimmy Matteson from Philadelphia, PA had a good day flounder fishing on the headboat, "Flounder Pounder" with Capt. Chase Eberle. The anglers caught 5 flounder while fishing in the East and West Channels with squid and shiners. Joey's 19-incher was the largest caught on the trip. Pictured at the dock behind Hooper's Crab House.



Grayson and John Falk from Alexandria, VA captured a pair of black drum and a couple of flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather and mate Tyler Hasenei. The flounder, measuring 17 and 19-inches, were caught in the Middle Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge, and in the West Channel. The black drum were hooked by the Assateague Bridge. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Pete Green from Wye Mills, MD (left) was bowfishing with Jack Chance (pictured), Tony Lhotsky and Andrew Gue when he shot a pair of cownose rays in the bay behind Assateague Island.



Isabel Chreky from Great Falls, VA and Liz Walk from Ocean City, MD caught 2 flounder, measuring 18 and 21 1/2-inches, while fishing in the bay behind Ocean City. These were the first keeper flounder ever caught by the lady anglers after 3 years of trying.




Jessica Hernandez from Glen Burnie, MD, Jim Smith from Taneytown, MD and Natalie, Ethan and Nathan McKinley from San Antonio, TX boated 5 flounder during a trip aboard the headboat, "Bay Bee" with Capt. Cale Layton and mate Heather Dabroski. The flatties were caught in the bay near the Ocean City Airport and also in the bay near Harbour Island on squid and shiners. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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The flounder bite on Delaware Bay structure was red hot last week as shown by the catch from anglers on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann. Blake Reed, Jeff Trench, Charlie Macklin, Henry Sharp, Flint Sherman, Tommy Isaacs and John "Sleepy" Stout teamed up to put 28 flatties in the boat. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Bill Pino muscled in this 71 lb. bluefin tuna on the first day of the 2014 Ocean City Tuna Tournament while fishing on the "Dawg Haus" with Blake McGrath, Lou Schultheis, Ron Gladkowski, Jamie Edwards, Gunnar Zorn and Capt. Corey Kennington. The 49-inch bluefin was caught on a trolled Squidnation lure near the Hambone where Blake also boated a 47 lb. bluefin. This trip, Gunnar was able to keep both bluefins from sliding out the tuna door during the trip back to the Ocean City Fishing Center. Congratulations, Gunnar!

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Mike Covey and Steve Wilt from Seaford, DE, Simona Eng and Glen Odor from Ocean City, MD and Linda and Morgan Tuthill from Hebron, MD caught 8 yellowfin tuna while fishing on the charter boat, "Reel Chaos" with Capt. Anthony Matarese, Jr. and mate Richie Hastings. All of the yellowfins were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Andy Maiss caught this 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder on a strip bait at an artificial reef while fishing on the headboat, "Angler".



Jon Bixler, John Butt, Terry Rineer and Dave Krissinger trolled ballyhoo and artificial lures between the Hot Dog and the Baltimore Canyon and were rewarded with 26 mahi weighing up to 22 lbs. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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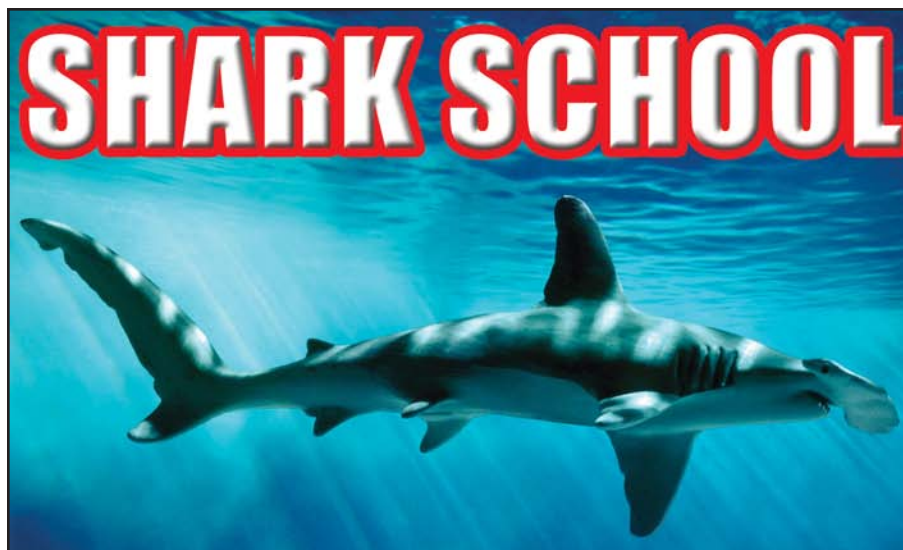
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Corey Lokhaiser, Sam Almoney, Willie Kitts, Dave Grove and Jim Workinger had a great day tuna fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. Thirteen yellowfins were in the box after trolling ballyhoo, spreader bars and a greenstick in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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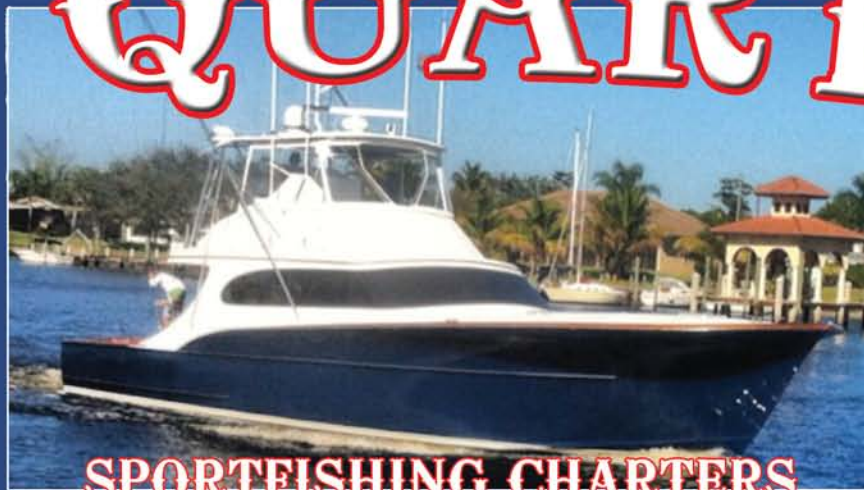


Nickie Gomes and Patrick Cronshaw, both from Newark, DE were trolling ballyhoo at the Tea Cup when they captured a 9.6 lb. mahi and a 46.2 lb. bluefin. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



On opening day of the 2014 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Ashley Barrett landed a 68 lb. yellowfin tuna and Nate Leader boated a 61 pounder, both while fishing on the "Keep Er' Wet" with Ronnie Hall, Capt. Dave Sumpter and mate Brian Leader. The yellowfins were hooked on trolled ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Jim Surmick from Lake Harmony, PA and Joey Cover from Kent Island, MD each caught a flounder and Alek Clover, also from Kent Island, MD landed a 2 lb. 6 oz. sea bass, all while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Jake Knox and Jake Shaffer. The flounder were fooled with Gulp! artificial baits and the sea bass ate a chunk of clam on ocean structure. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Keith Hahn of Ellicott City, MD, David Reeve of Stewartstown, PA, Colin Griffith of Westminster, MD, Capt. John Doetzer and mate Nolan Doetzer teamed up to land this 235 lb. bigeye tuna while trolling ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon aboard the "Blue Runner". Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



Kenneth Scheffel from Ocean View, DE caught this 37-inch, 25 lb. striped bass while fishing with live spot near the Rt. 50 Bridge. Kenneth also released a 29 and 31-inch striper during the trip.

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Nate Rausch from Glen Burnie, MD released his 1st white marlin after hooking it on a naked ballyhoo in 500 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Nate was fishing on the "My Cin" with Matthew Procell from Elkton, MD, Amanda Rausch from Glen Burnie, MD, Benjamin Moreland from Clarksville, MD, Capt. Dave Black and mate Mike Aikens.



Mary and Tyler Lewis from Germantown, MD landed 3 keeper flounder while fishing with cut sea robin at Site 10 aboard the headboat, "Judy V" with Capt. Eddie Wheedleton. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Justin McKale, Butch Hanson and Mike Christman, all from Blandon, PA, are pictured with the nice size sea bass caught while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Jake Shaffer. The knotheads were hooked on clams at an artificial reef. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Rich Holliday, Brian Lambie, Michele Lambie, Bruce Dunham and Julia Arfaa, all from Baltimore, MD and Tim Murray from Catonsville, MD muscled in 3 bluefin tuna and a couple of yellowfin tuna while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars between the Hambone and the Hot Dog. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mates Anthony Frascatore and Brandon Baiocco.

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Rick Ropp from Berlin, MD caught a bluefin tuna and 15 bluefin tilefish (2 pictured) while fishing on the "Reel Addiction" with Capt. Ron Callis and mate Tony Battista. The tilefish were fooled with squid in 335-feet of water near the Rockpile. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Jacob Gabbard was stoked about his catch of croakers from the Lewes Canal. The hardheads bit on bloodworms and Fishbite artificial baits. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Sue, Nicole and Jessica Szilagyi from Hellertown, PA, Scott Szilagyi from Bethlehem, PA, Linda Zelubowski from Annapolis, MD and Curshane Martin from East Earl, PA teamed up to land this 110 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the charter boat, "Virginia" with Capt. Brian Zelubowski and mate Chuck Szilagyi. The bluefin was caught on a trolled spreader bar at the Hambone and weighed at Bahia Marina.

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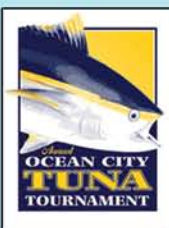
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DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

BY LARRY JOCK



Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said it may sound like a broken record, but the flounder action is still of the finest kind. The bite was good on Delaware Bay reefs early in the week, but strong running currents around the full moon prompted many boaters to try the ocean later on, where tidal effects seemed less severe, and drift conditions were better. Once the moon wanes, Delaware Bay reefs should light up again.

Captain Brent and a group of local flounder fans on "Katydid" worked Bay structure Monday for their limit of 28 flatties. Blake Reed boated a 5.67 pounder, and Jeff Trench took one weighing 5 pounds.

Stefan and Adrienne Talabisco tangled with and released big Delaware Bay sharks aboard the "Top Fin" last Monday, then finished their trip with a limit of flounder. Tuesday's group on the "Katydid" took home 22 keepers, including the 5.78 pounder Joe McNeal nailed with a Gulp! Squido. Bob and Bobby Bryant, John Schnaitman and Al Rebierio worked upper Bay reef sites 3 and 4 for early, 16 fish limits on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday, flukers aboard the "Katydid" captured a 36 keeper limit. Captain Brent Wiest and Tony Gargurevich caught twin flounder weighing exactly 6.21 pounds each. Captain Brent's Friday charter group got into some real quality ocean fish. There were three citations among the limit of 32



Mason Newsham, Geoff Klopp, Jim Baker, Jordan Giuttari and Capt. Mike Newsham trolled skirted ballyhoo at the Hambone for their over and under bluefins, up to 92 lbs., and then headed to the Baltimore Canyon where they caught a pair of yellowfins weighing 48 and 57 lbs. on white squid spreader bars. They finished off the trip by boxing some nice blueline tilefish. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

keepers, and the weight of just the five heaviest totaled nearly 35 pounds! Cecelia Spinelli scored an 8.1 pounder, Brian LaClair landed a 7.51, and Captain Brent caught a 7.41 pound fluke. Daryl Mergenthaler managed an 8.15 pound doormat while fishing a Delaware Bay reef aboard the "Fish Bones", with Wayne DeMarco on Friday. The "Angler" drifted Old Grounds bottom on Saturday for a real

nice catch. Tom Horner had the heaviest of the day with his 7.18 pound citation fluke. Diana and Tony Vansant, Robert Karpovich, and Joe and Michael Walker had their 20 fish limit from ocean structure on Saturday. Diana out did the guys with her flattie weighing 6.1 pounds. Joe and Dave Walker, Robert Karpovich and Bill Yeager ran to Sites 3 and 4 on Sunday to secure a catch of 11 good fluke.

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Even though open Bay and ocean catches have captured the spotlight, shallow water anglers continue to quietly pick away at flounder in the Lewes Canal, Roosevelt Inlet and around Cape Henlopen Pier. Bill Regnault reeled in a 4 pounder using minnows in the Canal. Fred "Beaver" Ruff got a 5.31 pound beauty right off the dock in front of Lewes Harbour Marina.

The Canal is also yielding slot stripers. Casting popping plugs or drifting eels around the drawbridge was popular and effective. Croakers were plentiful in the Canal too, and also in Broadkill River. Bits of bloodworms or Fishbites worked well. The Broadkill Reef, also known as Site 5, held croakers, spot, spike trout, kingfish, blowfish and snapper blues. Some could be caught drifting, but anchoring right on structure was most productive.

Offshore boaters found bluefins between the Hambone and the Hot Dog. Carl Meyer and his guys on the "Reel Tease" trolled up a bluefin and a yellowfin there on Friday. Captain Mike Newsham and the crew aboard "Local Girl" pulled ballyhoo behind blue and white Ilanders way back for their under and over bluefins weighing up to 92 pounds there on Saturday morning. They then moved off to the Baltimore where white spreader bars attracted yellowfins of 57 and 48 pounds. They also had a white marlin hooked, and saw others in their spread. Captain Ed Sigda and the gang on the "Snow Goose" enjoyed another productive overnighter. Trolling near the Hot Dog yielded a pair of bluefins in the evening. They released two makos and a 200 pound dusky while sharking the

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Dog at night. A 20.5 pound mahi made the mistake of eating one of the shark baits, and ended up in the box. They trolled the Baltimore in the morning and landed a 59 pound yellowfin and also dropped for some nice blueline tiles to round out the catch. Captain Pete and the boys on "Candy's Choice" had a good offshore run to the Baltimore Canyon. They went 1 for 2 on white marlin, released a blue one, and bailed two dozen dolphin. Bottom bouncing there produced several golden tilefish, rosefish and some big hake. Brian Ludwig and Jeff Snyder were towing a ballyhoo and red/white flander combo way back at the Hambone Sunday morning, and connected with a 70 pound bluefin.

At the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina, Capt. Bert Adams reported a good flounder bite in the Indian River Inlet before the arrival of the full moon on Saturday. Flounder still bit after the moon, but he did see a little dropoff. Anglers using live spot for bait was the most effective method for getting a keeper flattie in the box, and Bert does

have some live spot available. Some anglers also did well catching live shiners, but they are tough to keep alive.

Striped bass are being caught around the pilings of the old Indian River Bridge, but anglers need to show a lot of patience because the throwback ratio is huge. There has been a very good bite at night, but again, you need to go through a lot of throwbacks to get your keeper.

Croakers have invaded the Inlet and the bays. Smaller croaker were caught on Fishbites along the north side of the Inlet but larger hardheads could be found on the south side, near the campground.

A few weakfish were caught by anglers drifting along the south side of the Inlet while using Fishbites, squid and swim shads.

A couple of sheephead were caught last week in the Indian River Inlet. Justin Keller landed a 12 pounder on a spec rig along the jetty rocks, and a 6 pounder was caught on Friday. Bert said that calico crabs are the top bait if you are looking to land a sheephead.

Inshore, the headboats have

seen an improvement in flounder fishing on ocean structure. Fish are moving, so a good bite on one piece of structure may switch to another as these fish move east and west. Triggerfish and croaker are also keeping anglers busy on ocean reefs and wrecks.

Surfcasters are finding the usually summer varieties of kingfish, croakers, spot, sharks and skates. Larger sharks, such as sand tigers, sandbars and even some spinner sharks are being caught at night.

Offshore, bigeye tuna have anglers running down to the Washington Canyon and those not looking to venture that far are busy catching bluefins and yellowfins around the Hot Dog and Hambone. Some smaller bluefins have been caught at Massey's Canyon.

Deep droppers are finding blueline and golden tilefish in 800+ feet of water in the Baltimore and Washington Canyons.

Those looking to tangle with a shark will be happy to know that small makos, in the low 100 lb. class, are still lingering around in the Baltimore Canyon.

Until next week, tight lines!

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CHUM LINES

BY CAPT. MARK SAMPSON



Last week I wrote about what boaters should do if they run aground and included a few tips on getting unstuck. But after reflecting upon what I wrote, I realized that perhaps it would have been better if I started out with more helpful suggestions about how boaters can keep their boat off the bottom in the first place.

I did mention that it's always good to start with studying a local chart and have it available for quick reference, watch where other boats travel and go slow when not familiar with the waters, because those few guidelines alone should keep boaters who venture away from marked channels off the bottom most of the time. But no matter how much you plan ahead and try and do the right thing, if you're zipping around the inshore waters, it's easy to get a little off your planned course and suddenly find yourself worrying about whether or not you're headed towards water that's measured in "feet" or mere "inches."

At times like that, it's tough to know whether to slow down and hope you don't bump

bottom as you come off plane, maintain course and speed and hope for the best or throw her into a big u-turn and get your butt back to where you know the water is deep enough. Any of those could be the right call at the time, but it all depends upon how you "read the water."

Being able to read the water refers to the ability to look at the surface and discern what is going on beneath it. The depth, the edges of channels and shoals, currents, tides, the presence of fish or other marine life, the location of rocks, reefs or wrecks, there's so much that can be figured out if someone knows how to interpret the sometimes subtle, and sometimes obvious, features of the water. But for now, I'll just stick to what might indicate a change of depth.

Ripples on the water: Even when there is absolutely "zero" wind, and most of the bay is glassy calm, there will usually be patches of rippled water which might result from a number of conditions such as a small and localized breath of wind or even a school of fish, but it can also be from where

the current is flowing across some shallow water. But then again, the same can hold true for an unusually calm bit of water that might be from any number of things, including the presence of extra shallow depths, particularly if there is any kind of vegetation (seaweed) growing there.

Color change: There's nothing like cruising the bay on a sunny, calm day when the water is clear and the sun is at your back. Under those conditions, the sandy shoals and deeper channels can contrast each other like the strips on a zebra. Unfortunately, the water's not always that clear, and if you have a surface chop or cloud cover, it be all the more difficult to see bottom. But even under less than ideal conditions, with the aid of a good pair of polarized sunglasses, different shades of color can often be picked out enough to tell a boater that there is some kind of a depth change coming up that they might need to avoid.

Different size waves: As wind driven waves move across a body of water, they usually stay the same height and distance apart as long as everything else stays constant. But just like we see on the beach, when waves move into shallow water, they get steeper, closer together and will often break. Such differences in wave characteristics are a good indicator of shallow water.

Weed or trash lines: Offshore anglers are familiar with weed lines or even trash lines where wind and/or currents push together long lines of floating debris. The same can sometimes happen in inshore waters when a breeze pushes debris up against a current that's ripping around a shoal. Anytime boaters notice even small amounts of trash or grass drifting in a line, they should be suspicious of a change of depth on either side.

Upwellings: When moving water is pushed against an underwater obstruction, such as a shoal, a wreck or a rock, it

will move over and around whatever is in its path. If the current is strong enough and the water shallow enough, water that is pushed over the obstruction will often go straight up to the surface in a plume, known as an "upwelling." Though upwellings will not always indicate a hazard to navigation, they do always indicate that there is some kind of change in depth or bottom structure and boaters should be very careful about crossing over them.

Crab traps: Commercial wire crab traps or "pots" stand about 20-inches high and have floats that mark their location. The traps are usually set out from a boat as it moves along in one direction. Seeing a string of pots doesn't necessarily mean that the water there is particularly deep, but the boats that put them out are usually fairly good size and as long as the traps themselves aren't visible above the water, those in small boats can at least be reassured that the water is at least 20-inches deep or more around the floats.

Sea birds: Birds can give hints to water depth, but their actions require a lot of interpretation. Birds will often dive on bait at the edge of the bar, but diving birds don't always mean deep water is near because some birds, like little terns, will often dive on bait, even in very shallow water. Birds tend to float in water that at least have a little bit of depth to it, but before someone runs close to any floating birds, they had better make sure they're swimming and not standing!

The ability to read the water is not something that can be learned from a book or a 15-minute instructional video. Those who are good at it will probably admit that their talent is the end result of experience, intuition and a lot of bent propellers!

Captain Mark Sampson is an outdoor writer and captain of the charter boat "Fish Finder".



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Brad and Karen Richwine from Williams Grove, PA captured a pair of flounder, measuring 20 and 21-inches, while drifting in the East Channel on the "PA Posse".

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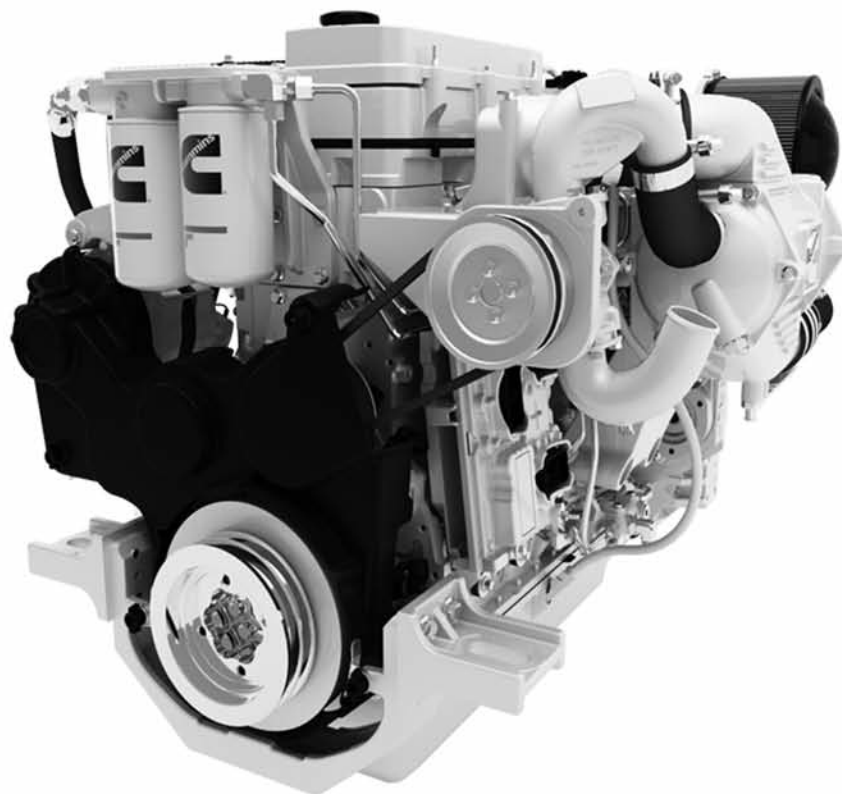


A dozen yellowfin tuna ended up in the box of the charter boat, "Marli" after spending the day trolling ballyhoo, spreader bars and a green stick in the Washington Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens were Mike, Matthew and Keith Brzuchalski, Matt Hartman and Nick Prince. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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- 1 ½ TBSP. olive oil
- 4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 2 (16 oz.) cans diced tomatoes
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 (2.25 ounce) can sliced black olives
- 3 ears fresh corn, kernels cut from cob
- 4 flounder fillets

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat.

Cook garlic in oil for 1 minute.

Stir in the diced tomatoes with juice, ¾ cup wine, black olives and corn.

When the sauce is hot, place fillets on top, and spoon some of the tomato mixture over the fish.

Cover, and cook 20 to 25 minutes. If the sauce begins to dry out, add an additional ¼ cup wine.

Serves 4.

Grilled Yellow Fin Tuna Steaks

- 2 yellowfin tuna steaks
- 1 cup soy sauce
- ½ cup lemon juice
- 1 clove crushed garlic, for each steak
- 4 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil
- Sea salt, to taste
- Black pepper, to taste

In a shallow 9x13 inch glass dish, prepare all of the marinade ingredients.

Marinate both sides (dredge steaks and get marinade on both sides).

If you have more than 2

tuna steaks, you might need to adjust the ingredients to marinate.

Place in refrigerator for 30 minutes only, before grilling.

Light grill while tuna is marinating.

Wipe grate with oil to prevent tuna from sticking.

Grill for 4 minutes or less per side. If you prefer steaks to be more rare, grilling time should be 2 ½ minutes on each side.

Serves 2.

Grilled Sea Bass with Citrus Sauce

- 1 lemon
- 1 orange
- 1 grapefruit
- ½ cup olive oil
- ½ tsp. dried thyme
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 small onion, minced
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 sea bass, 1 lb. each, scaled and gutted, with heads on

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Zest the lemon and mince the zest; section the orange, lemon and grapefruit and place the sections and zest in a small saucepan.

Stir in the olive oil, thyme, garlic, onion, salt and a fair amount of pepper.

Season the fish.

Grill the fish until nicely charred on each side, 8 to 10 minutes total.

Move the fish around on the grill to prevent it from sticking or use a fish basket.

While the fish is cooking, warm the citrus mixture gently; do not boil.

When fish is done serve with the sauce.

Serves 2.

Lime-Marinade Mahi-Mahi

- ¾ cup extra-virgin olive oil
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Place the fillets in the marinade and turn to coat; allow to marinate at least 15 minutes.

Cook on the preheated grill until the fish flakes easily with a fork and is lightly browned, 3 to 4 minutes per side.

Garnish with the twist of lime zest.

Serves 2.

Baked Flounder with Potatoes and Onions

- ½ cup panko bread crumbs
- 1 TBSP. each parsley flakes and grated Parmesan cheese
- 4 TBSP. vegetable oil

- ½ tsp. paprika
- 3 small onions, sliced in thin rounds
- 3 small white potatoes, sliced thin
- ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. dried rosemary leaves, crumbled
- 1 (4 oz.) jar chopped pimentos, drained well
- 1 lb. flounder fillets, cut into 4 pieces
- Pepper to taste

Heat oven to 450 degrees.

Mix breadcrumbs, parsley, Parmesan cheese, 1 TBSP. oil and the paprika.

Heat the remaining 3 TBSP. of oil in an oven-proof skillet or range top to oven baking dish over medium heat.

Add onions; cook 5 minutes.

Push to one side of skillet.

Add potatoes in a single layer, then spread onions over top.

Cook 3 minutes or until bottom of potatoes start to brown.

Stir in salt and rosemary.

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Flounder were snapping on the day these anglers fished on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Lizzy Brittingham. Dennis, Robin, Ryland and Jacob Crow, all from Lodi, WI and Jake Gicker from Quarryville, PA landed 5 keepers while drifting white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts in the East Channel. Their largest fish measured 20-inches. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center in West Ocean City, MD.

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Cook 3 minutes longer or until potatoes are completely browned; stir in pimentos.

Add fillets to skillet; season with salt and pepper.

Sprinkle breadcrumbs mixture evenly over each piece.

Place skillet in oven.

Bake until fish is barely opaque in thickest part, 10 to 12 minutes.

Serves 4.

Spicy Grilled Tuna with Horseradish

2 tuna steaks
1 tsp. vegetable oil
2 TBSP. soy sauce
2 TBSP. rice vinegar
1 TBSP. or more horseradish, drained
4 cherry tomatoes, sliced
½ tsp. hot chili paste
1 TBSP. minced green onion

Preheat grill for high heat and lightly oil the grate.

Lightly oil the steaks with vegetable oil.

Stir soy sauce, rice vinegar, horseradish, cherry tomatoes and hot chili paste in a bowl until well combined.

Let sit for 20 minutes.

Place steaks over hottest part of the grill and cook for 3 minutes per side.

Transfer to a plate.

Spoon soy sauce mixture over steaks and garnish with

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green onion.

Spicy Crab, Shrimp and Cherry Tomato Gumbo

2 TBSP. canola oil
2 TBSP. flour
1 red onion, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
2 celery stalks, sliced
2 large garlic cloves, minced
3 cups chicken broth
1 package frozen okra
1 cup halved cherry tomatoes
2 tsp. hot pepper sauce or to taste
½ tsp. dried oregano
1 bay leaf
½ lb. lump crabmeat
2 cups hot cooked brown rice
1/3 cup thinly sliced scallions

To make roux, heat oil in a large pot over medium-low heat.

Gradually stir in flour, cook, stirring constantly, until the roux is deep brown (do not let burn), about 10 minutes.

Add onion, bell pepper and celery, cook, stirring until softened.

Add garlic, cook until fragrant.

Slowly stir in broth and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and add okra, tomatoes, pepper sauce, oregano and bay leaf; simmer,

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covered, 15 minutes.

Add shrimp and crabmeat;
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Remove bay leaf and
discard.

Divide cooked rice among
shallow bowls.

Ladle gumbo evenly on top
and sprinkle with scallions.

Serves 4.

Honey Baked Bass

- 2 bass fillets
- 2 TBSP. honey
- 1 carrot, cut into thin
julienne strips
- 1 celery stalk, cut into
julienne strips
- 1 (2 inch) piece gingerroot,
cut in strips
- 1 TBSP. wine vinegar
- 1 TBSP. soy sauce
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 375
degrees.

Grease a piece of foil large
enough to completely enclose
fish.

Place fillets on greased foil.
Brush fish with the honey;



Tyler Green of Ocean City, MD is all smiles after landing a 10 lb. 6 oz. sheepshead while fishing around the South Jetty with live bunker. Tyler was on the "Out of the Blue" with Tim Green from Glen Burnie, MD and Wes Pollitt from Ocean City, MD. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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sprinkle with carrot, celery, gingerroot, wine vinegar and soy sauce.

Season with salt and pepper.

Fold over foil cover fish and seal edges.

Place on a rimmed baking sheet.

Bake in oven 8 to 10 minutes per inch of thickness of the thickest part of the fish, or until the fish test done.

Remove fillets from foil and pour cooking juices over fish.

Serves 2.

Asian Style Seared Tuna

3 TBSP. soy sauce

1 tsp. sugar

1/8 TBSP. red pepper flakes

1/2 cup chicken broth

4 tuna steaks

1/2 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. black pepper

2 TBSP. cooking oil

1 tsp. Asian sesame oil

1 scallion including green top, chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced

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In a small bowl, combine soy sauce, sugar, red pepper flakes and broth.

Sprinkle fish with salt and pepper.

Heat the cooking oil in a large fry pan over moderately high heat.

Add the tuna, cook until brown, about 3 minutes.

Turn and cook fish to your taste.

Reduce heat to moderately low.

Add sesame oil to the pan.

Stir in the scallion and garlic, cook, stirring for 1 minute.

Add the soy sauce mixture; simmer until reduce to 1/3 cup. Cut tuna into slices and serve with the sauce.

Serves 4.

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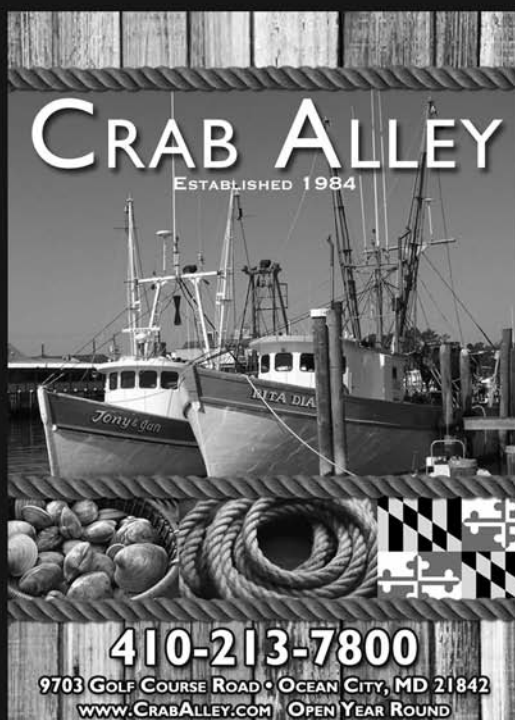
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Jack Brzoska from Lewes, DE is pictured with his 24-inch flounder, part of a 4-fish limit he caught this day while drifting Gulp! artificial baits in the Rehoboth Bay. The fish weighed 5 lbs. 3 oz. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.



Allan Fletcher and Jack Fleat from Annapolis, MD boated 11 mahi while trolling ballyhoo in Massey's Canyon. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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The electric fishing reel has become a necessary part of fishing tackle for today's offshore angler. Electric reels are used for many purposes, such as pulling dredges, teasers, deep dropping, downrigger and kite fishing. There are many manufacturers of electric reels, with prices beginning at \$500 for the drive (to mount to your existing reel) to over \$5,000 for a powerful, top of the line set-up. The popular manufacturers are

Kristal, Miya Epoch, Lindgren-Pitman, Diawa, Elec-Tra-Mate, Cannon, Hooker Electrics and Dolphin Electreel.



I will leave it to the fishing experts to review and discuss the pros and cons of each manufacturer and model. I want to review the electric part of the electric fishing reel. Most of the manufacturers above have specifications and detailed instructions on how much electricity their reel requires. Some of these reels are powered with large electric motors, similar in size to the starter on your car's engine. These can consume a lot of power when doing the heavy lifting, just as your car would when starting the engine. Providing proper power to the reel is very important to both the performance of the reel and the safety of your boat. The possibility of starting a fire by melting wires is a valid concern. Many manufacturers provide or recommend a specific plug and receptacle, sized to carry the power to the reel.

The size of the wire and source of the power are critical to proper reel operation. As an example, the 12 volt Lindgren-Pitman S-1200 Electric Reel uses a computer circuit board to operate the reel, and in a discussion with Lindgren-Pitman, a low voltage condition can cause damage to the circuit board that is not covered under their warranty. At least in this case, Lindgren-Pitman (L&P) does provide some of the best wiring diagrams, specifying the size of

the wire, the part number of the circuit breaker and part numbers of the receptacle and plugs that can be obtained locally.

When it comes to wire size, while bigger is always better, it may not be practical or cost effective to oversize the wire. ABYC (American Boat and Yacht Council) has standards for the size of the wire and the location and capacity of circuit protection (fuse or breaker). Remember the fuse or breaker is there to protect the wire, not the device at the end of the wire.

Using the ABYC calculations, along with the manufacturer's specifications, can lead you to select the proper wire size for your installation. As an example, The L&P S-1200 wiring diagram specifies the wire to be 8 gauge or thicker with a 30 amp circuit breaker and a 30 amp, 28 volt receptacle and plug. Using a wire that is too small can reduce the available voltage at the reel, causing performance issues or even overheating the wires. In the example above, the 8 gauge wire can carry up to 80 amps, BUT the farther away from the source of power, the less voltage and amperage is available at the plug. Using the same example, if the source of power is 20 feet from the receptacle and the 12 volt reel uses 30 amps, the 12 volts at the battery becomes 11.2 volts at the plug. A larger diameter wire will reduce this voltage drop and a smaller wire, such as a popular 10-gauge, will further reduce the voltage below 11 at the plug.

Source of power – While most reels are 12 volts, some are 24 volts and even 32 volts so be sure you supply the proper voltage. Some operate off a transformer that plug into a standard 120 volt AC household receptacle. Though most reels are 12 volt, it is recommended to connect these electric reels directly to a 12 volt battery using proper ABYC fuse and switching. Electric reels draw a large amount of electricity. Connecting the reels to other circuits can drop the

available voltage to other critical equipment, causing sensitive navigation electronics to shut off. Electronic engines and engine controls can have problems if the reels cause a low voltage condition.

Connecting the reel circuit directly to the battery avoids overloading other electrical circuits on the boat. Lindgren-Pitman has some helpful advice that can be used with many electric reels. They recommend that a separate battery be installed just to power the reels and this can be connected to a battery charger to replenish the battery at the end of the day. This is not a bad idea for any of the electric reels, making it simple and clean without tapping into other shipboard systems.

Electrical plugs and receptacle – Most of the electric reels use an off-the-shelf electrical plug, such as Hubble and CEE Norm (used by Kristal) or popular trolling motor plugs. The most important factor is that the plugs and receptacles match each other and the connection is rated to carry the reel's electrical load.

Circuit protection – this is a fuse or circuit breaker to protect the wire. It should be located as close to the source of power as possible (7-inches or so) and rated to match the wire size. Most installations benefit from the use of a circuit breaker, eliminating the need to carry spare fuses. The Blue Seas System 285 or 187 series circuit breakers are the most popular and readily available.

Planning out the wiring for your new electric reels is as important as how you plan to fish the reel. If your boat is already wired for electric reels, review and check the wiring to be sure it meets the needs of the reels you are using.

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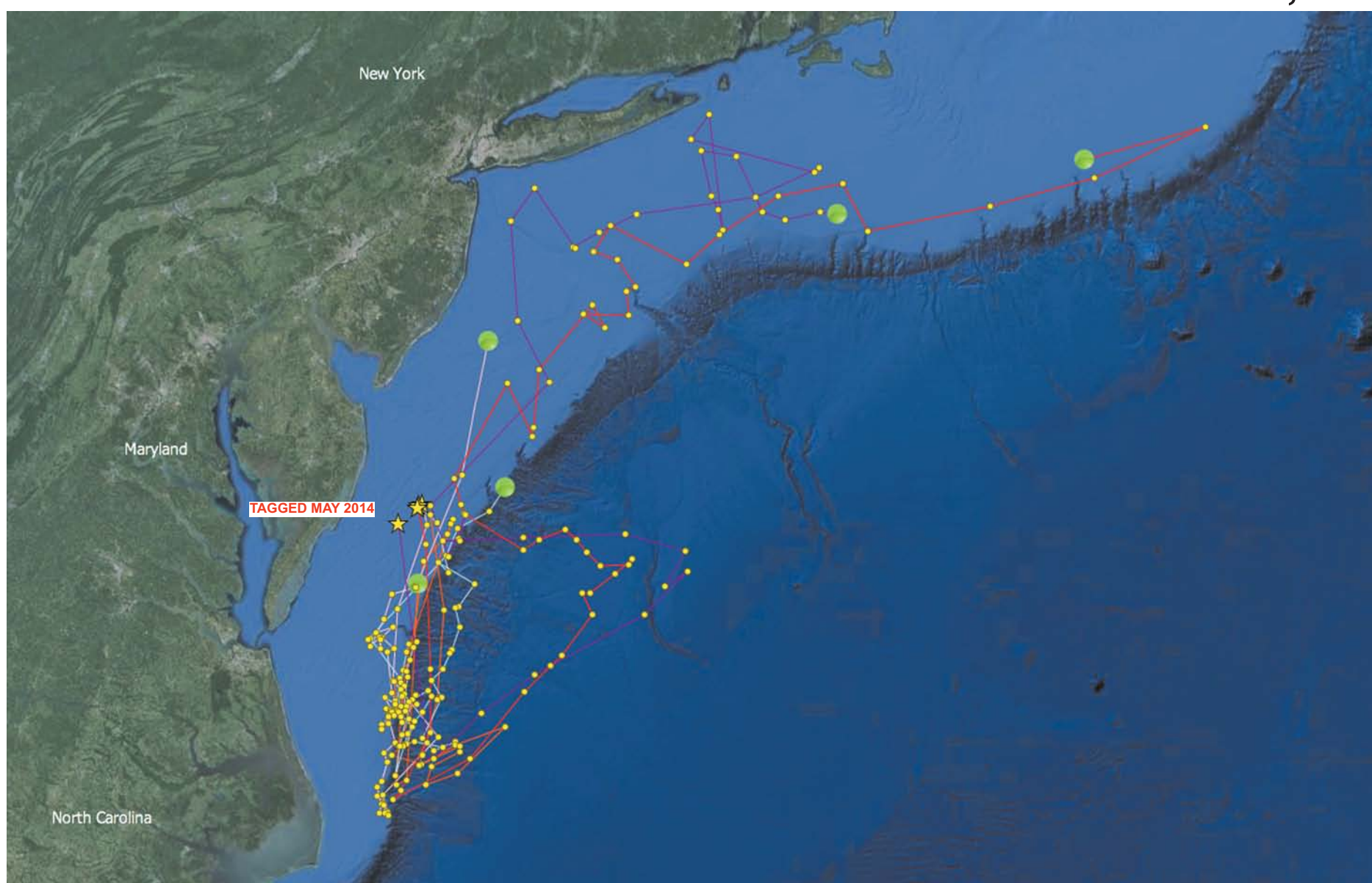
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Daryl Mergenthaler wrestled in this 8 lb. 3 oz. flounder after hooking it on a strip of squid at a Delaware Bay artificial reef. Daryl was fishing on the "Fish Bones" with Wayne DeMarco and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Nathan Hampton is all smiles after landing this 25 1/2-inch red drum while fishing with clams around the Rt. 50 Bridge. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.



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Mary Grace Marts and Amy Marts from Baltimore, MD joined up for some flounder fishing with Abby Krug from Westminster, MD and the ladies slayed 4 flatties while fishing with white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts in the bay behind Assateague Island near the duck blinds.



Dave Hasbrouck from Marlboro, NY and Greg Vitek from Raleigh, NC caught a 30-inch striped bass and 5 bluefish weighing up to 8 lbs. 5 oz. while fishing on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather and mate Riley McCabe. All of the fish were caught on live spot near the Rt. 50 Bridge. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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 <p>BLUE MARLIN 99" Lower Jaw Fork Length No creel limit</p>	 <p>DOLPHIN No minimum length 10 per person/day</p>	 <p>YELLOWFIN TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length 3 per person/day</p>
 <p>WHITE MARLIN 66" Lower Jaw Fork Length No creel limit</p>	 <p>WAHOO No minimum length 2 per person/day</p>	 <p>BLUEFIN TUNA (Recreational) 1 BFT per vessel/day/trip 27" to less than 47" CFL 1 BFT per vessel/day/trip 47" to less than 73"</p>
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Whale, White



Lee and Franky Baker from Berlin, MD boated 5 flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Jacob Sturgill. The flatties were fooled with 5-inch Powerbait Glow Mulletts in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport. Their 2 largest fish measured 22 and 23-inches. Pictured back at the dock at Frontier Town.



Sharmaine Weidman from Ephrata, PA landed a 17-inch and a 24-inch flounder while drifting Spro bucktails tipped with minnows and squid at Burton's Island in the Indian River Bay. The 24-incher weighed 4 lbs. 8 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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 2nd Place - SAMANTHA FREAS "REEL CHAOS"
 (TIE) VALERIE DUNN "D.A. SEA"
 64 lbs.

JUNIOR ANGLER

- 1st Place - HUGH THOMAS CROPPER
 "MYRA HT" 49 lbs. \$1,000

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In the 2014 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, the crew on the "Marli" tied for 1st place in the Heaviest Stringer Weight Division with 311 lbs. caught during their 2 days of fishing. All of the fish were caught in the Washington Canyon on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars. Pictured are Greg Perl, Joe Stein, John Phillips, John Schmitz, Mike Bromwell, Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. The "Marli" crew took home \$56,810 in award money for their 1st place finish. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



The crew on the "Restless Lady" tied for 1st place in the Heaviest Stringer Weight Division of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament with 311 lbs. caught during their 2 days of fishing. The anglers caught 173 lbs. of tuna on their 1st day of fishing in the Washington Canyon and added another 138 lbs. on the final day of the tournament while fishing near the Hot Dog. Fishing with Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Will Hathaway were Chris Chester, John Schindler, Joe Gukavnovich, Mark Marsteller, Harry Gessford and Michael Chandler. For their 1st place finish, the "Restless Lady" team won \$56,810 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



With \$13,000 being carried over from last years Ocean City Tuna Tournament, there was a lot of excitement in the Dolphin Division. On the final day of the tournament, the "Moxie Boys" arrived at the scale with a 34 pounder and finished in 1st place, worth \$27,340 in award money. Fishing on the "Moxie Boys" were Joe Zuramski, Kevin Grapes, Rob Overfield, Andy Rodick and Greg Morgan. The winning dolphin hit a custom made, Binnacle lure trolled in 30 fathoms inside the Washington Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the 1st day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Hugh Thomas Cropper from West Ocean City, MD captured this 49 lb. bluefin tuna and held on to win 1st place in the Junior Angler Division and a check for \$1,000. Hugh Thomas was fishing on the "Myra HT" with his dad, Hugh Cropper, his mom, J.L. Cropper and Jeff Greenwood when he hooked the bluefin on a trolled ballyhoo at the Hot Dog. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



In the 2014 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Susan Menchaca captured this 68 lb. yellowfin on the final day of the tournament to win 1st place in the Top Lady Angler Division. Susan was fishing on the "Wrecker" with Rich Olson, Ron Bortnick, Barry Kopit, Eric Siegel, Mike Sigmund (not pictured), Capt. Jeremy Blunt and mate Brian Behe. The yellowfin was caught on a trolled ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon and earned Susan \$1,500 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the last day of the 2014 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Clint Senior from Middletown, DE muscled in a 183 lb. bigeye tuna to win 2nd place in the Single Largest Tuna Division. Clint hooked the bigeye at 8:30 AM and fought the fish for 2 1/2 hours after it was barely hooked on a trolled ballyhoo near the 800/800. Clint was fishing on the "Game Over" with Bill Curtin, Adam Schwartz, John Gill, Pete Uhl, Capt. Steve Pfeiffer and mate Rob Ahearn. The "Game Over" team won \$42,000 in award money for their 2nd place finish. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



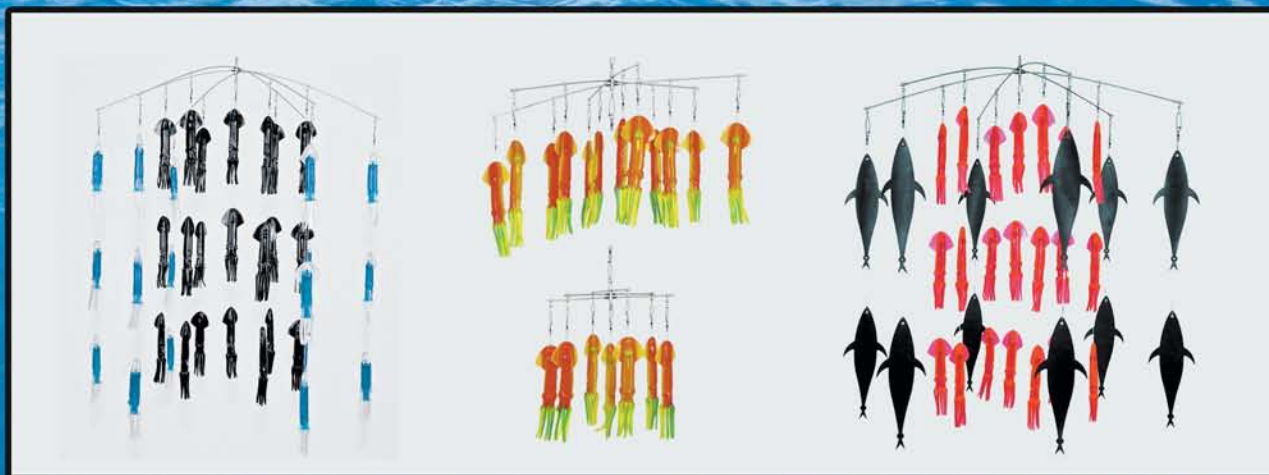
Mike Cusimano caught a 25 lb. dolphin to win 2nd place in the Dolphin Division of the 2014 Ocean City Tuna Tournament. Mike was fishing on the "Reel Desire" with Dave Peck, Billy Bayne, Troy Graham, Tommy Hall, Sam Glass, Capt. Kevin Cheetham and mate Jason Sadler. The dolphin ate a trolled ballyhoo in 200 fathoms in the Washington Canyon and earned the "Reel Desire" team \$1,000 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



In the 2014 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Valerie Dunn from Grasonville, MD tied for 2nd place in the Top Lady Angler Division with a 64 lb. yellowfin caught on the final day of the tournament. Valerie caught the dolphin in 200 fathoms in the Washington Canyon while fishing on the "D.A. Sea" with Ed Dunn, John Conrad, Greg Garman, Capt. Chris Gornell and mate Dan Prettyman. For her 2nd place finish, Valerie won herself Costa sunglasses and jewelry from Park Place Jewelers. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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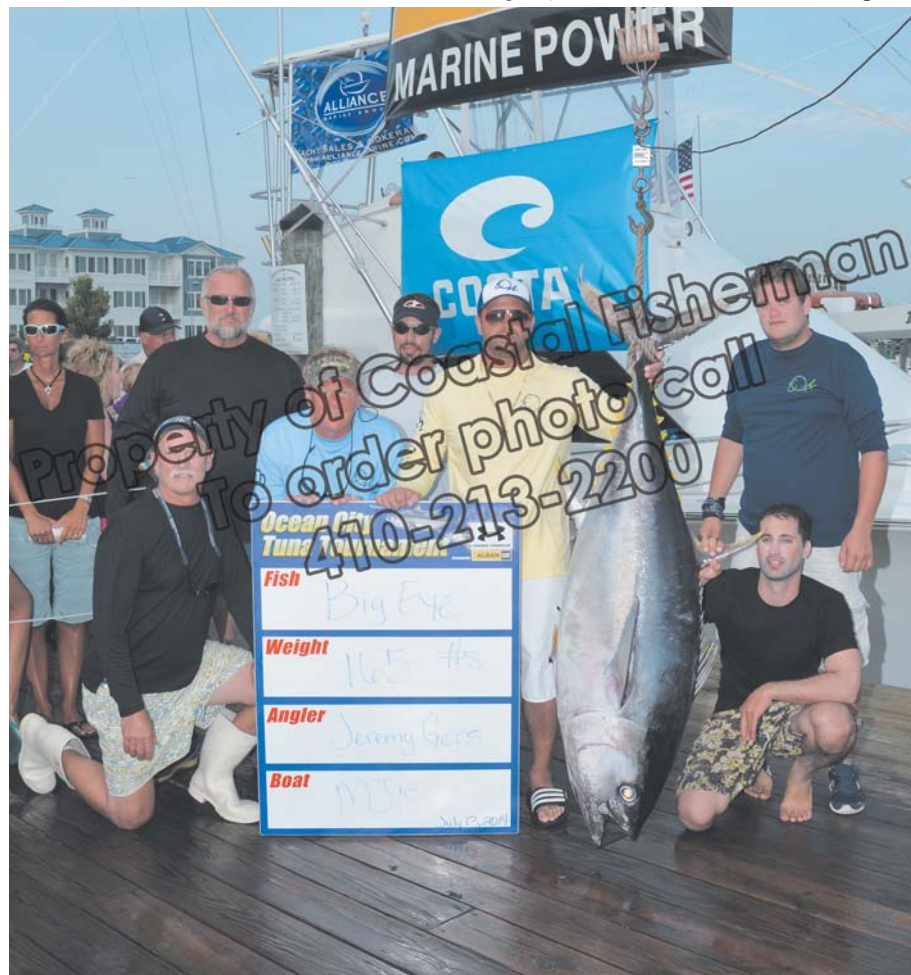




Samantha Freas of Pennsville, NJ tied for 2nd place in the Top Lady Angler Division with a 64 lb. yellowfin caught on the final day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament. Samantha was fishing on the "Reel Chaos" with Dan Harrison, Mike Matarese, Anthony Matarese, Sr., Barry Kintz, Capt. Anthony Matarese, Jr. and mates Mike Matarese and Rich Hastings. Samantha hooked the tuna on a trolled ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Washington Canyon and won Costa sunglasses and jewelry from Park Place Jewelers for her 2nd place finish. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the final day of the 2014 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Greg Smith captured a 22 lb. dolphin to win 3rd place in the Dolphin Division. Greg was fishing on the "Spring Mix II" with Paul Lebling, Ayrton Pryor, Tim and Mark Wharton, Bruce Wiley, Randy Brinker and Capt. Chris Watkowski. Greg hooked the mahi on a trolled ballyhoo near the Lumpy Bottom and won \$500 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



The last boat to arrive at the scale of the 27th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament was the "MJ's" with Jeremy Gers 165 lb. bigeye tuna, good enough to earn 3rd place in the Single Largest Tuna Division. The eyeball was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon and earned the "MJ's" team \$24,805 in award money. Jeremy was fishing with Don Kline, Art Barstow, Walter Gan, Rob Lyman, Capt. Michael Yocco and mate Joe Yocco. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the final day of the 27th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament, the crew on the "Sandra Ann" weighed a stringer of yellowfin totaling 178 lbs. to win 1st place in the Heaviest Stringer Weight for Boats Under 40'. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon and earned the anglers \$2,700 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center are Randy Boone, Matt Wheeler, Don Pyle, Ed Bondarchuk, Justin Lednum and Josh Wheeler.



VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

BY DR. JULIE BALL
I.G.F.A REPRESENTATIVE



Since Hampton Roads was spared from Hurricane Arthur, anglers were able to salvage the later part of the Independence Day weekend. And with a variety of species available, many anglers made the most of the blessing.



The emerging summer flounder scene continues to draw a lot of attention, with nice doormats weighing up to 10-pounds hitting the scales lately. Anglers working structure with jigs adorned with artificial baits such as Gulp! Jerk Shads and live bait are scoring along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) pilings and

tubes. The 3rd and 1st island areas of the CBBT and Back River Reef are the best flattie hot spots this week. A few keepers are also responding within both Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets, while the Eastern Shore seaside inlets continue to hold their own lately, with several reported limits of keepers last week.

Cobia action is still good, but the folks at Ocean's East 2 report that the larger fish are harder to come by lately. Some days are better than others, but most of the fish are averaging under 35-pounds. A few bruisers are still making it back to the dock, with scattered 70 and 80-pounders thrilling a few lucky anglers last week. Sightcasters are finding fish cruising in open waters around the lower Bay, from the Baltimore Channel to

the 3rd Island area. Bluefish Rock, Latimer Shoals and the Nine-Foot Shoal area are still decent locations for chummers, but anglers are complaining that sharks are relentless right now.



Big red drum continue to provide mid-summer action as they school around lower Bay shoals and along the oceanfront. While not drawing much interest lately, black drum are also still hitting for casters around the 3rd and 4th Islands of the CBBT on Storm lures and grubs.

The excellent Spanish mackerel bite happening in lower Bay waters and along

the oceanfront was a crowd pleaser last week. Captain Neal Taylor aboard the "Catherine Anne" out of Rudee Inlet reports that he is catching easy limits of big mackerel averaging 21 to 22-inches, and larger. The best action is happening on small silver and gold spoons trolled way far back.

Spadefish are still available at the Chesapeake Light Tower, inshore wrecks and at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. The 1st and 3rd Islands, as well as the high rise area are still the top spade producing locations at the CBBT. The size of the fish this year seems to be an improvement over recent years, with anglers reporting fish ranging 6 to 8-pounds recently. Plenty of aggressive triggerfish are intervening spadefish efforts in these same areas.

Sheepshead action is still very good along the CBBT, with both fiddlers and clams getting the job done. The Seagull Fishing Pier is seeing

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 <p>CROAKER No limit</p>	 <p>RED DRUM 18" - 26" 3 per person/day</p>	 <p>SHEEPSHEAD No minimum size 4 per person/day</p>	 <p>SPECKLED TROUT 14" minimum Season closed 3/1 to 7/31</p>
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some exceptional action lately, with another possible state leader tipping the scale at 17 lbs. 14 oz. caught off the pier last week. Several sheeps weighing up to around 14-pounds were also landed off the pier.

Spot and good numbers of puppy drum are still hitting inside Rudee, Little Creek and Lynnhaven Inlets, along with some speckled trout.

Croaker pushing to over 3/4 pounds are lurking around the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, the Cell and off the Concrete Ships. Decent sized hardhead are also providing anglers with good catches in the deeper holes and channels in the backwater areas of Oyster.

Tarpon made their debut on the Eastern Shore, with sightings of silver kings motivating tarpon hunters to head for the shallows of Oyster. Most reported big sharks and other trash fish last week.

Amberjack are peaking some curiosity since the Virginia offshore scene is struggling, but many folks don't want to pay the fuel bill to make the run. For deep droppers, blueline tilefish, grouper, golden tilefish, black bellied rosefish and scattered jumbo sea bass are available along the floor at the Norfolk Canyon.

The offshore bite off Virginia is still awaiting an awakening. Trollers are still targeting yellowfin tuna with few takers, but bailer dolphin and a few big bulls are rounding out catches. Folks running to the north and south are finding better luck with some yellowfin, scattered bigeyes and bluefin tuna also available. Billfish releases are becoming more common, and mako sharks are also around.

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



Debbie and Preston Walls on the "One More Drift" captured 7 flounder while drifting minnows in the East Channel with 4 coming from south of the Rt. 50 Bridge and the other 3 caught north of the bridge. Their largest flattie measured 22 1/2-inches.



On Friday, Cecelia Spinelli, Brian LaClair and Capt. Brent Wiest had a flounder fishing trip to remember. While drifting squid and shiners over ocean structure, Cecilia boated an 8 lb. 2 oz. flounder, Brian landed a 7 lb. 8 oz. flattie and Capt. Brent slayed a 7 lb. 6 oz. flounder. All of the fish were caught on the charter boat, "Katydidd" and weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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HEAVIEST FISH OF THE YEAR

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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
 Sea Bass May 23, 2014 Tom Lane "Morning Star" 4 lbs. 8 oz.		May 30, 2014 Adam May "Katydid" 4 lbs. 15 oz.	 Mako Shark <i>100 lb. minimum</i> May 30, 2014 Sean Hogan Baltimore Canyon 314 lbs.		June 8, 2014 Tommy Dukes Baltimore Canyon 317 lbs.
 Tautog February 9, 2014 Bob Rochelle "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 2 oz.		May 10, 2014 Paul Matthews Outer Wall 12 lbs. 13 oz.	 Thresher Shark June 6, 2014 "Fin Chaser" Crew Fingers 610 lbs.		July 2, 2014 Dave Janney "DB" Buoy 417 lbs.
 Striped Bass May 19, 2014 Bob Murphy Assateague Surf 26 lbs. 9 oz.		May 21, 2014 John Green Indian River Inlet 31 lbs. 11 oz.	 Bluefin Tuna May 21, 2014 Francois Aldrich Baltimore Canyon 202 lbs.		May 25, 2014 Geoff McCloskey Wilmington Canyon 114.5 lbs.
 Weakfish May 17, 2014 Dave Watts Rt. 50 Bridge 8 lbs. 2 oz.		June 2, 2014 Joe Larocca Roosevelt Inlet 7 lbs. 8 oz.	 Yellowfin Tuna June 20, 2014 Howard Todd Baltimore Canyon 83.3 lbs.		June 20, 2014 David Moss Baltimore Canyon 67 lbs.
 Speckled Trout No Weights Reported		May 25, 2014 Nathan Allison Fenwick Ditch 5 lbs. 4 oz.	 Longfin Tuna June 15, 2014 William Karashin "Restless Lady" 57.2 lbs.		June 16, 2014 Addison Baumgardner Poor Man's Canyon 57 lbs.
 Flounder June 29, 2014 Jacob Cockman Ocean City Inlet 9 lbs. 8 oz.		June 29, 2014 Danny Cox, Jr. Site #10 10 lbs. 6 oz.	 Bigeye Tuna July 6, 2014 Keith Puller Washington Canyon 267.2 lbs.		July 1, 2014 Johnny Horning Washington Canyon 253 lbs.
 Bluefish June 9, 2014 Matt Keller "Wrecker" 11.4 lbs.		June 8, 2014 John Lindsay Indian River Inlet 12 lbs.	 Dolphin NEW July 13, 2014 Joe Zuramski Washington Canyon 34 lbs.		July 6, 2014 Butch Emmert Baltimore Canyon 56.9 lbs.
 Sheepshead NEW July 11, 2014 Bill Klinedinst North Jetty 14 lbs. 4 oz.		June 8, 2014 David Brickman Fenwick Shoal 3 lbs.	 Wahoo July 1, 2014 John Schar Rockpile 131 lbs.		No Weights Reported
 Black Drum May 21, 2014 Marcus Crowley Assateague Surf 80 lbs.		May 25, 2014 Tom Newsham Broadkill Beach 86 lbs. 10 oz.	 White Marlin Most Releases in One Day July 6, 2014 "Billfisher" 3 releases		June 21, 2014 "First Light" 2 releases

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Jimmy and Johnny Coffey from Bethany, DE, Pete Hesson from Frankford, DE and Mike and Jim Baumgartner from Enola, PA boated 19 flounder along with a couple of weakfish and a 4 lb. black drum while fishing with Gulp! artificial baits in the Indian River Inlet off Bubble Gum Beach. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Garrett Miller, Joey Kaiser and Don Miller of Hershey, PA trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon and were rewarded with a yellowfin tuna and a couple of mahi. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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<p>36th Annual Charles Kratz & Scott Smith Challenge Cup Chairmen: John C. Duffie & Andy Helms Registration: September 11, 7:00pm Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm Fishing Days: (2 of 2) Sept. 12&13, No weigh-ins Italian Night: Sept. 12, 6:30-9:00pm Awards Banquet: Sept. 13, 6:30-9:00pm <i>Invitation Only</i></p>	<p>2nd Annual OCMC Rockfish Tournament To benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Chairmen: Colin Campbell & Jeremy Blunt Registration: December 5, 6:00pm Captain's Meeting: 7:00pm Fishing Days: (5 of 9) December 6-14 Weigh Ins: December 6-14, Time: TBA Awards Banquet: December 14, Time: TBA</p>	

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 Montego Bay Market - 130th Street
 7-Eleven - 139th Street

West Ocean City

Local's Beer & Wine - Rt. 50
 Ocean City Visitors Center
 Wawa - Rt. 50
 Bank of Ocean City
 Superfresh
 Wockenfuss Candy
 AllTackle Ocean City - Rt. 50
 Exxon Wine Rack - Rt.50
 Ocean City Fishing Center
 Ocean City Marlin Club
 Harborside Bar & Grill
 Ake Marine
 Sunset Marina
 Sunset Provisions
 Sunset Grille
 Harbor Marine
 Food Lion - Rt. 611
 Larry's Trading Post - Rt 611
 Optical Galleria - Rt. 611
 Peppers Tavern - Rt. 611

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Island Tackle Outfitters - Main St.

Annapolis, MD

Alltackle - Somerville Road

Berlin & Pittsville

Berlin Post Office
 Wainwright's Tire Center
 Buck's Place - Rt. 611
 Assateague Market - Rt. 611
 7-Eleven - Rt. 589
 Pines Point Provisions - Ocean Pines
 Walmart - Rt. 50
 Crabs to Go - Rt. 50
 Pittsville Motors
 Coffee Beanery/Coastal Drug - Barrett Bldg.
 Barrett Chevrolet

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 North Bay Marina
 Fenwick Island Marine Service
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 Rt. 113 Boat Sales
 Harris Teeter
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 Lighthouse Guns & Gear

Bethany, Ocean View & Millville

Hook'em & Cook'em Outfitters - Rt. 1
 G&E Supermarket - Cedar Neck Rd.
 G&E Hardware - Cedar Neck Rd.
 Harris Teeter - Salt Pond Plaza
 Hocker's Deli - Rt 26
 Hocker's Supermarket - Rt. 26
 Giant - Rt. 26
 Bethany Auto & Marine - Rt. 26

Indian River

Indian River Marina
 Hook'em & Cook'em

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

Long Neck

Short's Marine
 Rick's Bait & Tackle

TIDES & MOON PHASES

OCEAN CITY INLET

Wed. July 16	Low 05:30 am Low 05:48 pm	High ----- High 12:00 pm
Thurs. July 17	Low 06:23 am Low 06:50 pm	High 12:21 am High 12:59 pm
Fri. July 18 Last Quarter	Low 07:17 am Low 07:50 pm	High 01:14 am High 02:02 pm
Sat. July 19	Low 08:12 am Low 08:57 pm	High 02:12 am High 03:10 pm
Sun. July 20	Low 09:07 am Low 10:00 pm	High 03:14 am High 04:16 pm
Mon. July 21	Low 10:02 am Low 11:02 pm	High 04:15 am High 05:16 pm
Tues. July 22	Low 10:57 am Low 11:59 pm	High 05:11 am High 06:09 pm
Wed. July 23	Low 11:49 am Low -----	High 06:01 am High 06:09 pm
Thurs. July 24	Low 12:50 am Low 12:37 pm	High 06:47 am High 07:39 pm
Fri. July 25	Low 01:34 am Low 01:21 pm	High 07:30 am High 08:18 pm
Sat. July 26 New Moon	Low 02:14 am Low 02:01 pm	High 08:13 am High 08:55 pm
Sun. July 27	Low 02:31 am Low 02:40 pm	High 08:54 am High 09:30 pm
Mon. July 28	Low 03:26 am Low 03:18 pm	High 09:35 am High 10:04 pm
Tues. July 29	Low 03:59 am Low 03:57 pm	High 10:15 am High 10:37 pm

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide
Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide
- subtract 45 minutes to low tide
Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide
- 21 minutes for low tide
Quinby Inlet, VA - subtract 6 minutes for high tide

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

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July 26-27 • Talbot Street Pier • 410-213-0325

... AUGUST ...

6th Annual Marlin Club Ladies Tournament
August 1-2 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

**7th Annual Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce
Flounder Tournament**
August 2 • Pines Point Marina • 410-641-5306

41st Annual White Marlin Open
August 4-8 • Harbour Island • 410-289-9229

**21st Annual Capt. Steve Harman
Poor Girl's Open
August 14-16 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7473**

23rd Annual The MidAtlantic
August 18-22 • Cape May, NJ & Ocean City, MD
609-884-2400

3rd Annual MSSA Beach N' Boat Flounder Tourn.
August 23 • Ake Marine • 410-255-5535

56th Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tourn.
August 29-31 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

... SEPTEMBER ...

9th Annual Flounder Pounder
September 7 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7473

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Tournament**
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