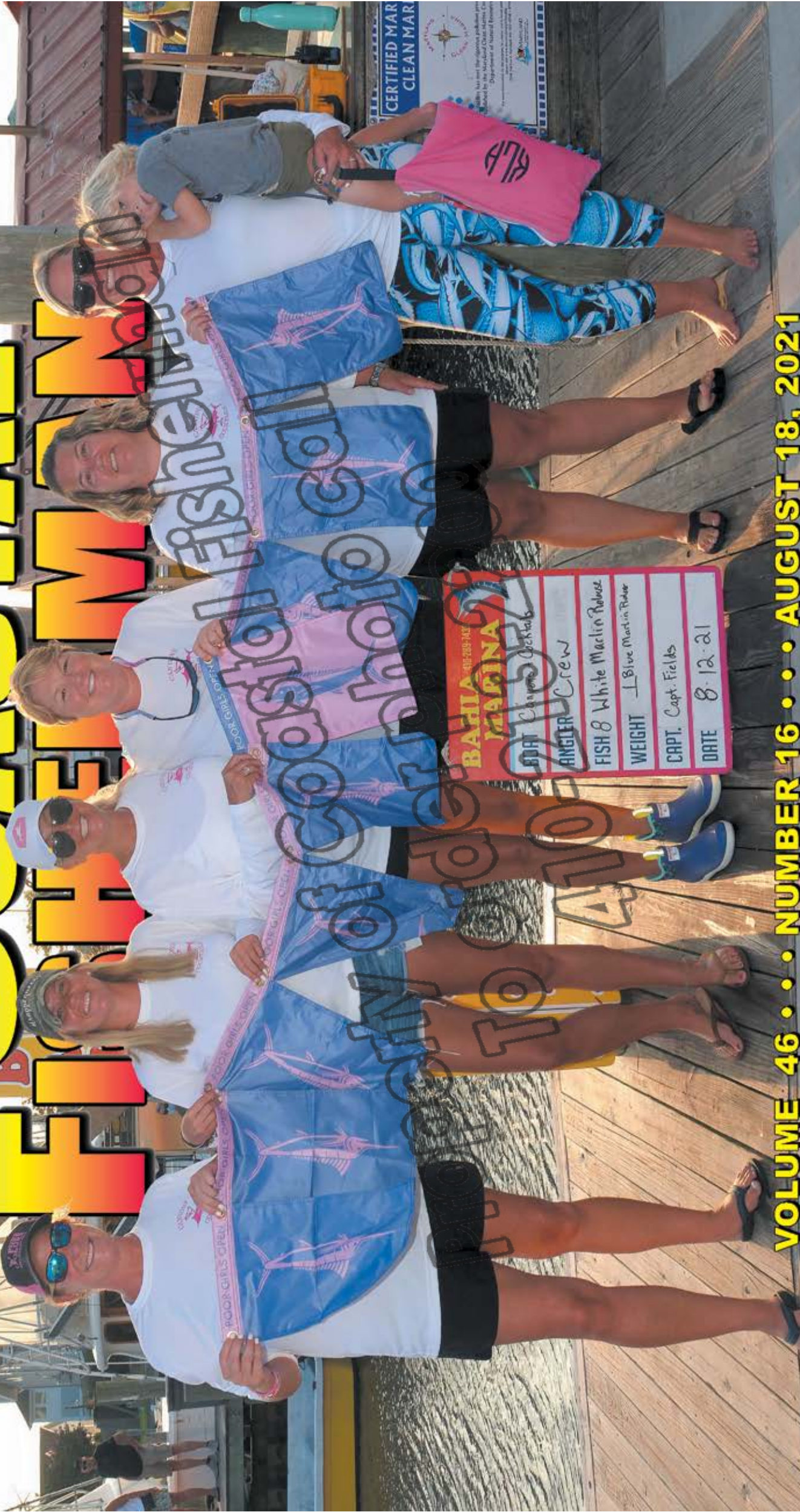


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Team 'Cocktails & Canyons' set the tone early on the opening day of the 28th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open reporting a single day total of 8 white marlin releases and a blue marlin release for a total of 910 points. Anglers Katie Tyler, Nancy Haines, Jessie Shue, Jen Hybki, Trish Walsh and Kristin Lewis all had a turn on the rod with a white and Jen connected with the blue, spending 25 minutes to get their blue marlin to the boat. Capt. Ronnie Fields with mates Brad Wilson & John Henry on the "Big Stick" put the crew in deep water outside the Poor Man's Canyon in 1200 fathoms. They caught most of the whites on single bites, however they did go 3 for 4 on a quad hookup and also had another blue on the line that jumped off. Pretty amazing day. Despite some strong challenges, that blue marlin release served them well providing the extra 10 points that kept them at the top finishing 1st Place in the Billfish Release Division and earning \$136,805 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Tom Stafford found himself with a fish we do not see often! He raised this 40" and 10.6 lb. barracuda while trolling in the Poor Man's Canyon with Capt. Tim Huggins, Jason Lhamon and Andy Watts. The fish hit a purple cedar plug that was out 400' on heavy spinning gear.



Angler Ray Townsend from Steamboat Landing in Milton, DE has a real doormat on his hands! This 26 1/4" flounder tipped the scales at 7 pounds and was caught offshore at the DB Buoy using a glass minnow lure with Gulp.



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It was a memorable day for Capt. Croft Upchurch on the private boat "Trip Wire" when he was able to take his sister Emma Upchurch and Mallory Sterrett out to catch and release their first white marlins! Both were found in 800 fathoms east of the Poor Man's Canyon.



Xan Morphew from Simpsonville, NC had a nice birthday surprise and gift! She was presented with an unexpected sea bass fishing trip on "The Daze In Between" and caught this big 17.5" and 3.2 lb. knothead at the Twin Wrecks using cut squid.

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This Week Last Year

- Trish Walsh brought a 149 lb. allison/yellowfin tuna to the dock from the Poor Man's in 1000 fathoms. She was fishing on the "Big Stick".
- The "Top Dog" took top honors in the new ladies only billfish release tournament, Rebels Release.
- While the overall billfish bite was solid, it was scattered. Capt. Joe Drosey on the "Rhonda's Osprey" had a bright spot though achieving a Billfish Grand Slam by releasing a white marlin, blue marlin and sailfish all in a single trip.

On Saturday the 28th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open wrapped up after 155 boats and 771 anglers participated in the annual charity event for breast cancer awareness. This year's event saw a purse of over \$250,000 and a donation of \$125,000 to the American Cancer Society. It was such a great tournament for not only the anglers and



crew but also for the spectators and survivors that participated.

This event is primarily a billfish release tournament but also has divisions for tuna, dolphin and mahi. All categories had great action over the 3 day tournament. The lady anglers on the "Talkin' Trash" set the bar early on Thursday being the first boat to the scales bringing a 162.7 lb. bigeye tuna to the scales that Rose Kalinock caught. This was only one of the 19 tuna they caught that



Tournament Director Shawn Harman with donation check from the 28th Capt. Steve Harman's Annual Poor Girls Open.

day trolling in 400 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. While not the largest bigeye we have seen this season, it certainly was one of the biggest lately and it remained unchallenged ending the tournament in the top spot! The Billfish Release Division also saw good catches with the top three place holders hitting the leaderboard on each of the tournaments three day. First on Day 1 was the Cocktails & Canyons crew on the "Big Stick". They released an impressive 8 white marlins and a blue marlin earning 910 points. Tuesday saw stiff competition from the "Blood Money" when they returned with a report of 9 white marlin releases for their 3 anglers posting 900 points to the leaderboard. A blue marlin release was worth 10 more points than a white keeping the "Big Stick" in the lead. And finally on Saturday the "Max Bet" posted 7 white marlin releases for 2 lady anglers locking in 3rd Place. Ending in 1st Place were the crew of the "Big Stick" earning \$136,805 in award monies. All the releases in the top three were from outside the Poor Man's Canyon in 1000 - 1200 fathoms. Our full tournament coverage with pictures and details starts on page 60.

The overall offshore bite has been tough the past couple of weeks and that continued through the early part of last

week. Starting last Wednesday however it picked up for marlin and as we saw with the "Talkin' Trash" during the Poor Girl's the tuna bite was on. The majority of our reports had the billfish moving north and in deep water to the east and southeast of the Poor Man's Canyon with the secondary reports east of the Baltimore. Depth was fairly consistent at 1000-1400 fathoms so there was some diesel burned last week!

Tuna were in the Baltimore through the Poor Man's to the Rock Pile and from inside canyon depths to the deep water as well. The bigeye from the tournament for example was in the Baltimore in 400 fathoms. They were primarily yellowfin tunas in the 35 to 50 lb. range and hookups were mostly multiples. There was a lot of wahoo action last weekend as well with half a dozen nice

sized speedsters being brought to the scales. Most of our report were for 40 - 50 lb. fish, however Kelly Rhoten on the "Nauti Norwegian" took first place in the Poor Girls with a 65.5 pounder they got outside the Baltimore Canyon in 400 fathoms. Many have been lost too after hitting on white marlin spreads and cutting through the leaders.

Lastly, the mahi bite has been steady and we are seeing nice reports for gaffer and peanut sizes on the inshore reefs and wrecks from headboats like the "Angler", "Judith M" and the "Morning Star" as well as the offshore canyon charter boats. A definite highlight was the 49 lb. bull dolphin caught by Mike Hendrickson on the "Wrecker" from the Poor Man's Canyon.



Upcoming Tournaments;

- The 30th Annual Mid-Atlantic Tournament is in full swing this week from August 16th thru 20th with weigh ins from 5 - 9PM at both the Canyon Club Marina in Cape May and at Sunset Marina in Ocean City. This is another tournament with a multi-million dollar purse sure to bring big fish to the docks!
- The Ocean City Marlin Club hosts its 6th Annual Marlin Club vs Oc Light Tackle Club Shoot-Out from August 27-29th. There are not weigh-ins for this event and more information may be found at ocmarlinclub.com

Follow our Tournament Schedule in the paper and on-line to keep up to date!

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

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On Friday, the last day of the 2021 White Marlin Open, Randolph Rice caught and released this undersized 52" white marlin on a late day hookup in the Washington Canyon. He was fishing with Capt. Ryan Rush and Jerry Shavino on the "Reel Rush" when this one hit on a daisy chain with a naked ballyhoo. Pretty fish.

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One of the more common yet difficult fish to catch off the beach are rays. Sam Curley and Kelli Durbin from Mount Airy, MD were fishing the surf at the beach at 54th Street in Ocean City when they connected with this big cow nose ray on live spot and were able to get it to the shore before releasing it!



In the 'never know what you are going to catch' category goes this cobia that Justin Daisey caught. He and Paul Daisey with Dennis McDermott were actually trolling for spanish mackerel when this 42" and 22 lb. fish took their size 0 Jimmy Clark Spoon at the 1st Lump due east of the Ocean City Inlet.

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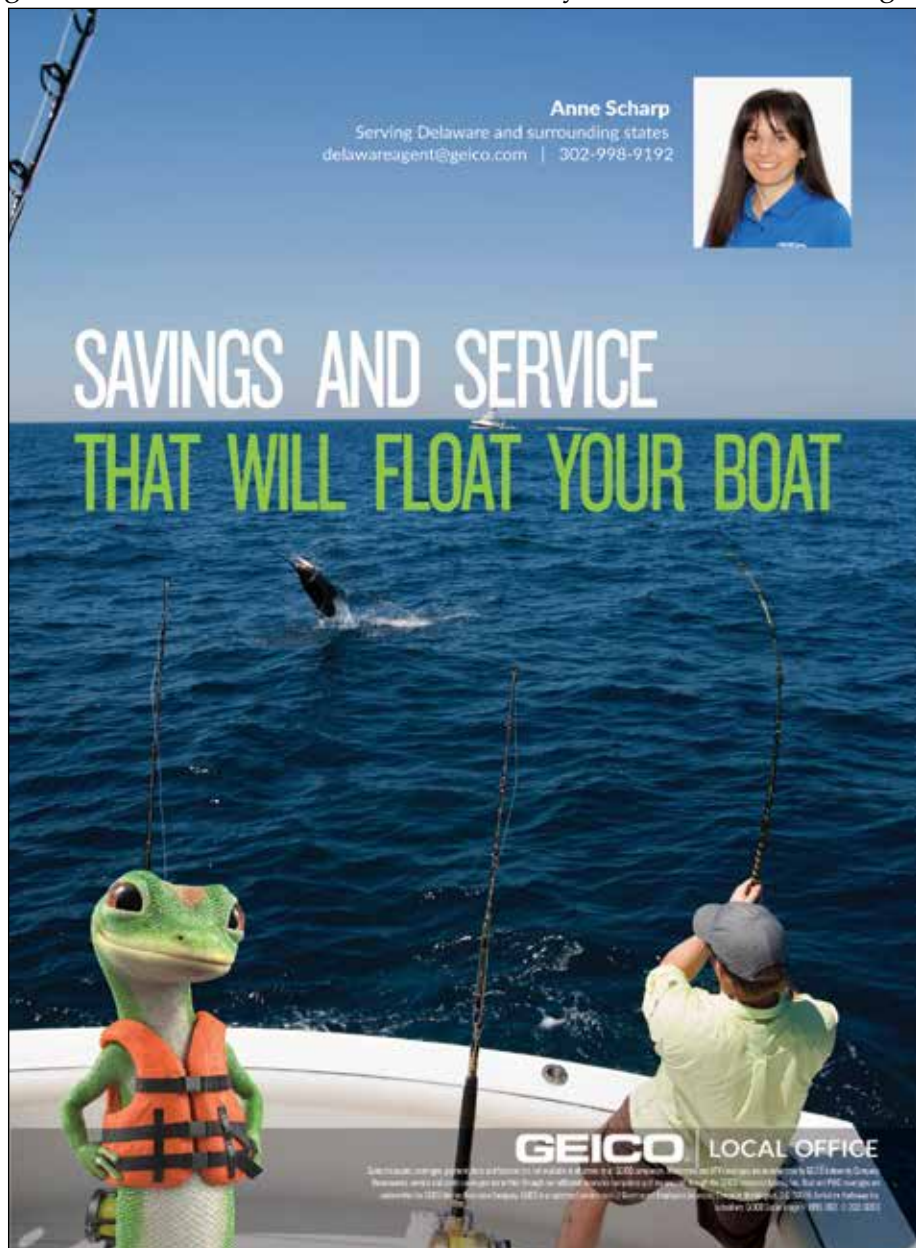


Every offshore fisherman has their bucket list and a big bull dolphin is usually among the top. Mike Hendrickson from Minnesota can check one off his list after catching this 49 lb. bull in the Poor Man's Canyon. He was fishing on the charter boat "Wrecker" with Capt. Jeremy Blunt and mate Bobby Layton when Capt. Jeremy spotted a floating 55 gallon drum. On the first pass they hooked a nice yellowfin tuna and some gaffer mahi, and after a few more runs they connected with this big boy. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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OCEAN CITY FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



After last week's White Marlin Open it is nice to be a bit calmer on the water. With less boat traffic, fishing in the back bays as well as the near shore wrecks should improve exponentially. This week brought many new species of fish into the boats as water remains much warmer than usual in the bays. The coming week remains in the high 80's and 90's so this trend should only get better. Weakfish catches are some of the best we have seen in years. Sea trout and redfish are also on the rise.

Flounder, Croaker & Sheepshead

Flounder in the back bays

remains pretty strong despite all the boat traffic from the big tournament. The channels and holes in the northern part of Assawoman Bay near the Rt. 90 Bridge seems to be the best area for bigger fish. The area near the Verrazano Bridge is also a great spot to fish this past week. Both these areas are off the beaten path and get much less fishing pressure because of this.

A number of bay boats reported good catches of flounder and croaker all week. The Happy Hooker out of Talbot Street Pier reported that their clients caught some nice flounder this week. The Hooker is


running 2 hour trips daily and is a great way to get out and not only catch a few fish but also offers a unique view of Ocean City and Assateague Island that you can only experience from a boat. For the more dedicated fisherman the Bay Bee offers 4 hour trips. Both boats are very family friendly and affordable. Flounder along the main channel on the east side of the bay both above and below the bridge are producing some nice flatties. Squid and minnow bait on a high low rig is producing the best fish. Gulp and bucktails are also making a good showing, however, the fresh bait appears to be outfishing the plastics in the back bays. The Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder tournament was this past Saturday and had a good turn out. Congratulations to Brandon Miller with the winning fish, an impressive 25¼" flounder weighing 7.1 lbs. Jason Hanshew captured second with a 22" 4.3lb. fish and Thomas Dewees got third with a 21½" 4.64 lb. flounder. All of these fish are truly great catches for the bay. The croaker are also in the back bays in very good numbers. Small hooks baited with blood worms or Fishbites are the best baits with squid also being a favorite. The bigger croaker came in this week which made many anglers very happy. These fish are a great chance to get the smaller children out and catch some fish. Croaker will bite the baited hook

www.coastalfisherman.net very readily and are fun for even the youngest angler. If you don't have your own boat the bay headboats are a great option. With the heat a lot of other species are being caught. Several weakfish are being caught near the Rt. 50 Bridge. Spec rigs and swimming baits with paddle tails or long worms are working best for this. The area in front of Ocean City Fishing Center is a great spot to set up for these fish. In years past, the docks of what were then Shanty Town were a main area fished by locals. The weakfish are most active at night on a flood tide. The bulkhead along the docks where the homes now sit are still a haven for big weakfish as well as trout. Throw your baits along the bulkhead and give them a fairly steady reel back to your boat. Weakfish are predator fish and will watch above them for bait moving in the current. Although the full moon works best even the quarter moon we have now will still produce fish.

Sheepshead are along the rocks of the inlet as well as the deeper holes out front. Shrimp and crab is your best bait and should be drifted into the holes at the slowest pace you can get. Looking at the near shore wrecks, the fishing has been very good this past week. Sea bass, which is usually almost nonexistent this time of year, has been exceptionally good. It is not uncommon to return with near limits. Deeper water in the 80-100 ft. range is bringing in the best catches. The Judy V and Angler report good catches of croaker and sea bass on the African Queen site as well as the Bass

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Surf Fishing, Clams & Crabs

Surf fishing this week on Assateague Island was a little slow. A few nice redfish were caught in the evening hours along with a couple black drum. Northern kingfish and spot are still the big catches on the beach with bloodworms and Fishbites being the best baits. The final weeks of August begin the run of both red and black drum south to their winter havens. Late September is the height of this season however August will produce some quality red drum as we saw in last week's report. Cut baits on big circle hooks along with peeler and cut crab also work well. Late evening fishing at dusk is the best time of the day for targeting drum. Clams remain good in the back bays, but if you're looking for the smaller steaming clams find a location that is not clammed on a regular basis. Large clams are still virtually everywhere and are great for making clam chowder and stuffed clams.

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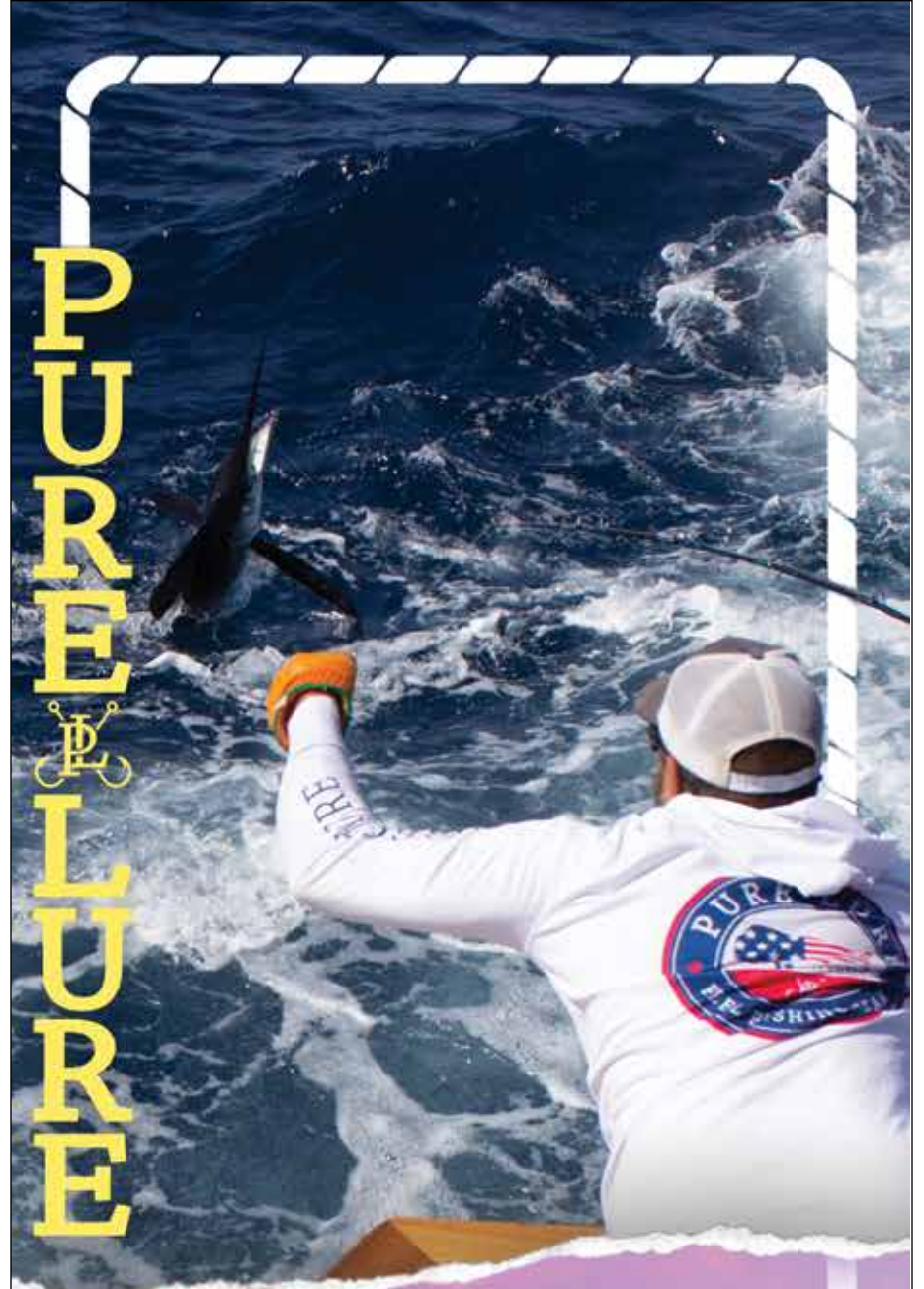
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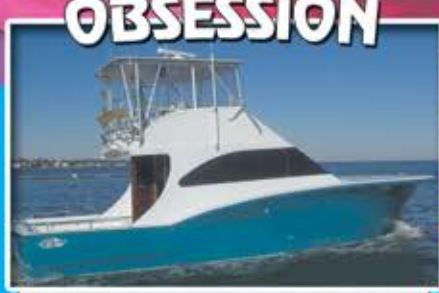
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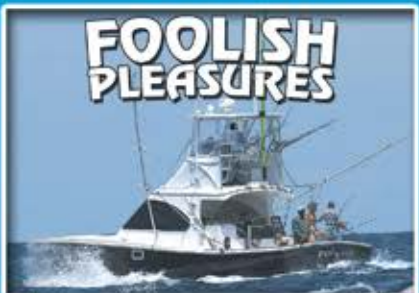


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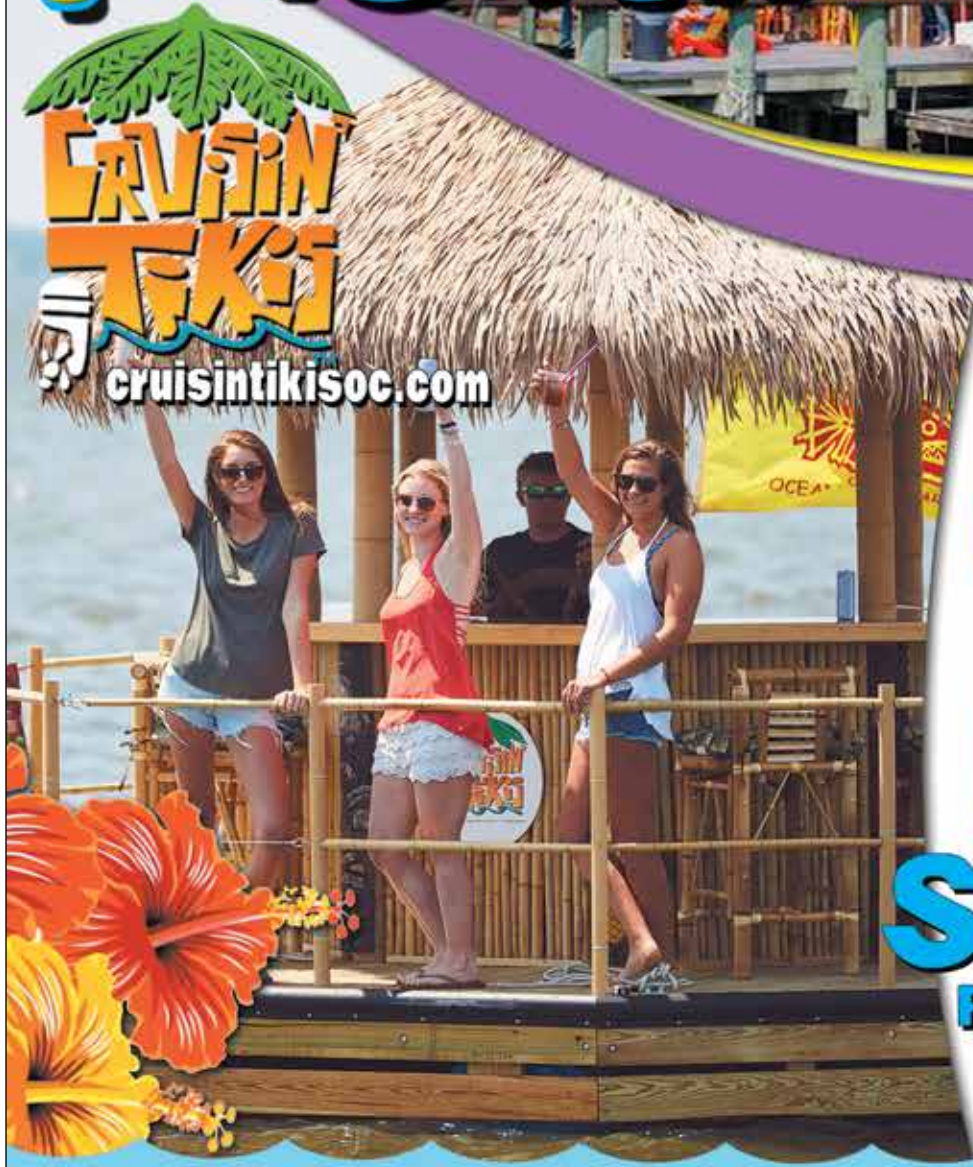


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The mahi bite has moved inshore and the headboats are seeing some dolphin mixing in with the sea bass and flounder. This one was caught on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins at the helm.

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Last Thursday saw some nice fishing and the charter boat "Savannah Lynn" out of Lewes, DE got in on the action at the Bass Grounds. Capt. Mark put anglers Angelina Capozzi and her dad Joe on some nice flounder holes, boating 5, and then catching this mahi on the troll. They also hooked 11 sea bass making for a great day of fishing.

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The sea bass bite has been more particular lately, but the good news is that the nearshore flounder and occasional peanut mahi bite has been picked up. This angler got his limit of flatfish while fishing with Capt. Chris Mizurak on the headboat "Angler" over an artificial reef using shiners.

Chris Day and Eric Gibbons had a real treat catching this red drum on a jig at the Ocean City Inlet. They were fishing the incoming tide with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock on the charter boat "Lucky Break" when they hooked into this 29" drum.

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Anglers Michala, Lucas and Dwight Miller with Robert Jett had a lot of action with 2 white marlin releases while fishing on the charter boat "Pumpin' Hard". The first came in on a right short plug and the second hit a green chain hard before taking the plug right behind it. Capt. Mike Burt was at the wheel with mate Chad Meek on the lines.



While this may look like a new Olympic sport, the 'Javelin Fish Toss', it is actually an angler on the headboat "Thelma Dale IV" out of Fisherman's Wharf in Lewes, DE. This trip on Friday the 13th defied the superstition and had an excellent bite of sea bass and flounder. At least until the offshore wind farm survey boats showed up in the afternoon. They seem to turn off the bite.

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It was a boys trip on the charter boat "Get Sum" focused on flounder! Corten, Bob and Ryan Kress with Hudon and Bryant Dunn headed out into the Ocean City Bay with Capt. Nick Clemente and caught 9 keeper flounder in the East Channel on Capt. Nick's favorite, white Gulp. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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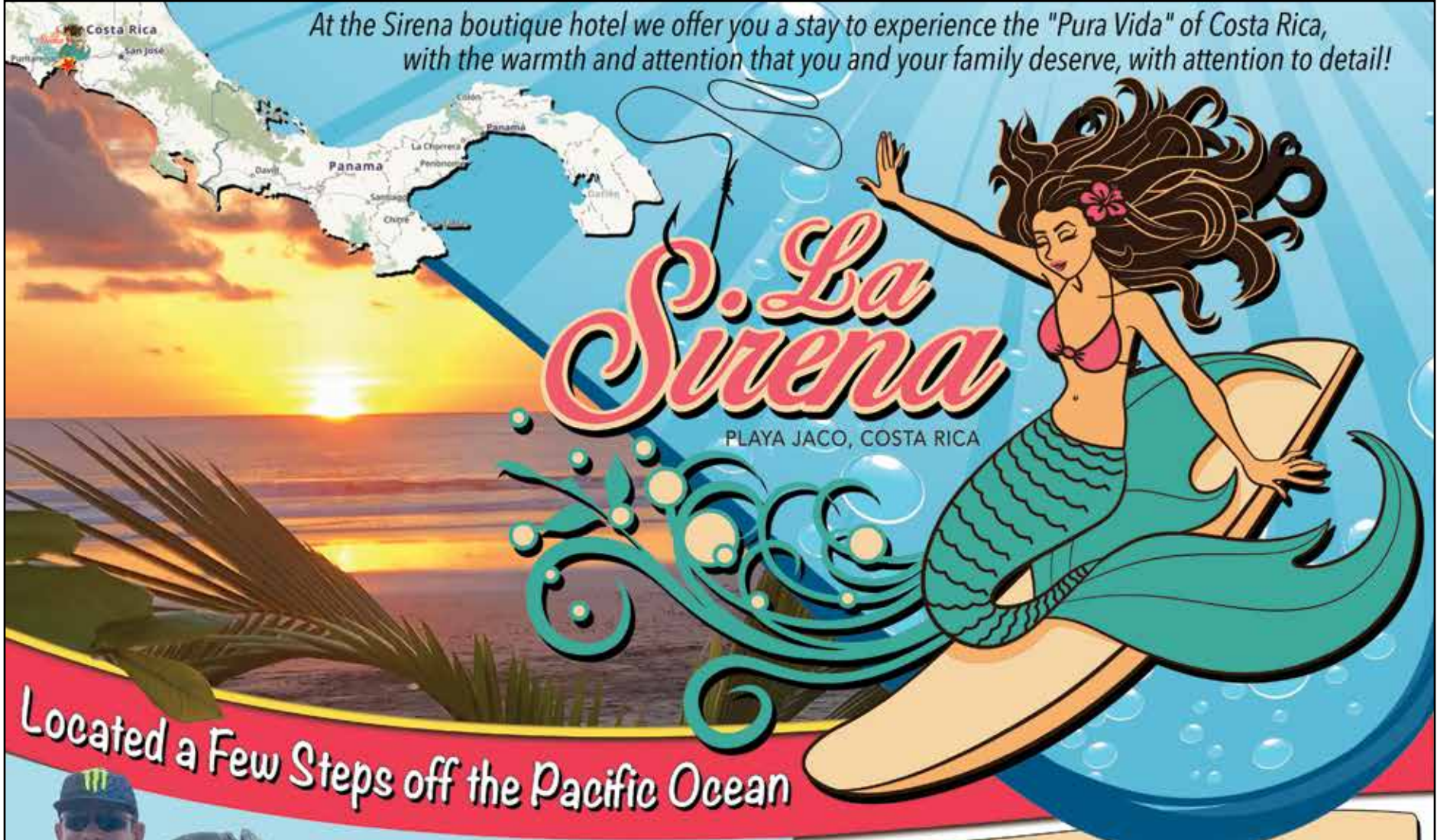
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As we move into late summer we see more of these ribbon fish and cutlass fish. Normally they are a nuisance taking bait targeting other fish, however they can be fun to catch and can be tasty. Angler Andy Variano jiggged this one and many more at Site 10 on the "JPR Rods" boat.

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allowed slack and the fish were gone!"

Just like a carpenter who might have really sharp and precise power tools to work with one day and nothing but a hatchet to do the same job with the next, from my own charter business I've come to know that whenever I take people out fishing there will be days when I have clients aboard who have fishing skills that really help to make my day easy and other times when every catch is a struggle. But I can't (and don't) complain about the skills of my clients because if everyone was an expert angler then there would be little request for those in my occupation.

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It's all a matter of capitalizing on the strengths and working around the weaknesses of each angler. Say for instance you're offshore trolling with a man, his wife, and a couple young kids. If the goal is to have everyone in the group catch fish then it might not be prudent to target strictly blue marlin and bigeye tuna on heavy tackle because the kids and possibly the wife won't be able to handle the physical demands of such a fight. A trolling spread that includes a couple heavy rods rigged for the big fish (for dad) along with some lighter tackle with smaller baits intended for dolphin, bonito, and white marlin for the rest of the family might be just the ticket for providing that group with the kind of action they can both handle and enjoy.

Sometimes an angler's skill level is not apparent until they're actually put to the task of working a big fish to the boat. Those with experience can make it look easy; lift the rod - crank it down - lift the rod - crank it down, and don't crank if the fish is taking line. That's the way it's supposed to be done, but during the heat of the battle not everyone can get that rhythm no matter how much you coach them, and that's where a good captain can make up for lousy angler skills. By turning the boat so that the fish is always behind it and then slowly moving ahead just fast enough to keep tension on the line, all the angler has to do is

concentrate on cranking the reel. If the angler gets tired the captain might be able to slowly back down on the fish to help them regain line without so much physical work.

Poor casting ability is another aspect of fishing that can be a real challenge for a guide to overcome. But, where there's a will there's a way! I've spent a lot of time taking people out to cast lures for bluefish and stripers in our inlet and back-bay waters and for other fish down in Florida. Many times the fish will be holding in a specific location making lure placement crucial to getting a bite, and sloppy casting just won't cut it. On such occasions when the "tools" I have aboard for making those casts (i.e. my clients) can't make it happen, I've often anchored the boat up-current and put floating/diving plugs on their lines so that they can just drift their lures back to where the fish are laid up and then crank them back into the current and through the strike-zone. We've done the same thing when using jigs and even bait by adding a small float to the line so that the offering can be floated instead of cast to the fish. Many angling deficiencies can be easily overcome by creative tactics.

It's easy for someone to pin the blame for a poor catch on the lack of skill of the people they took out with them. But just as a great carpenter can build a beautiful home with little more than a handsaw and a hammer, the mark of a great fisherman might be that he's able to pull off a decent catch no matter what "tools" he has to work with. §



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Riley Neall from Lewes, DE has been hitting the rockfish hard night fishing off the Rt. 50 Bridge. On this trip he netted a 32" rock using live spot.



The kids got busy with Capt. Mike 'Chesapeake Medical Systems' Halsey and teamed up to catch this black drum in the Wye River. Able anglers were Capt. Mike, Davis Councill, Myles Halsey, Mason Halsey, Miller Halsey, Avery Councill with Chip & Jason Councill.

OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

WED. AUG 18	High 04:32 am High 05:41 pm	Low 10:29 am Low 11:45 pm
THUR. AUG 19	High 05:37 am High 06:42 pm	Low 11:32 am Low -----
FRI. AUG 20	High 06:37 am High 07:37 pm	Low 12:43 am Low 12:33 pm
SAT. AUG 21	High 07:35 am High 08:27 pm	Low 01:35 am Low 01:28 pm
SUN. AUG 22 <i>Full Moon</i>	High 08:28 am High 09:11 pm	Low 02:22 am Low 02:18 pm
MON. AUG 23	High 09:16 am High 09:51 pm	Low 03:06 am Low 03:07 pm
TUE. AUG 24	High 10:01 am High 10:27 pm	Low 03:47 am Low 03:54 pm
WED. AUG 25	High 10:43 am High 11:02 pm	Low 04:27 am Low 04:43 pm

source:usharbors.com

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
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Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE	Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE
 Bluefish	June 9 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs. 3 oz.	May 8 Gavin Murray Gull Island 15.1 lbs.	 Mako Shark	July 1 Vince Cusimano Poor Man's 250 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Black Drum	April 11 Emily Blume Assateague Island 48 lbs.	May 7 Adam Clarke Slaughter Beach 77.5 lbs.	 Thresher Shark	June 7 Roman Brady Fingers 542 lbs.	June 17 Rory Badger Old grounds 458 lbs.
 Cobia	June 17 Shannon Pickens S. of OC Inlet 36 lbs.	No Weights Reported	 Bigeye Tuna	July 28 John Edward Washington Canyon 257 lbs.	July 11 Fiore Celano Poor Man's 171 lbs.
 Flounder	July 4 Richard Rudell Old Grounds 10 lbs.	July 20 Mark Bonk Site 10 8.8 lbs.	 Bluefin Tuna	May 28 James Hammond Poor Man's 150 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Sea Bass	May 27 Michael DePalma Jack Spot 4.05 lbs.	May 28 Denise Eddinger Del Jersey Reef 4.1 lbs.	 Longfin Tuna	July 17 Kayler Michael Baltimore Canyon 61 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Sheepshead	July 14 James Williams OC Inlet 13 lbs.	July 8 Chris Gratton Indian River Inlet 6.1 lbs.	 Yellowfin Tuna	July 24 Shane Surrency Spencer Canyon 111 lbs.	June 26 Julia Dadisman Poor Man's 118 lbs.
 Striped Bass	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel 17 lb. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	 Dolphin ★ New	August 11 Mike Hendrickson Poor Man's 49 lbs.	July 15 Bill Dickinson Poor Man's 26.6 lbs.
 Tautog	April 27 Kurtis Berry Ocean Structure 22.7 lbs.	April 19 Johnny Justison Ocean Structure 8.9 lbs.	 Wahoo	July 19 Brian Jacobs Hot Dog 90 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 Weakfish	June 23 Doug Stewart OC Inlet 3.9 lbs.	May 27 Cole Singer Indian River Bay 8 lbs.	 White Marlin	August 6 Butch Wright Norfolk Canyon 85.5 lbs.	No Weights Reported

To report your catch, call the Coastal Fisherman at 410-213-2200 or email to coastalfisherman@comcast.net



There has been good blue marlin release action over the past week with many during the 28th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open. Gabby Wilkins, Sydney Sebold, Jane Keller and Erin Summers teamed up and headed out to the Baltimore Canyon last Thursday with Capt. Mike Burt on the charter boat "Pumpin' Hard" and released a blue and 2 white marlins.

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Buttery Tilefish

Ingredients:

2 medium Tilefish (or other flaky, white fish) fillets, skinned, deboned & patted dry

Freshly ground black pepper

Kosher salt

2+ Tb. unsalted butter

Pinch red pepper flakes

1 whole clove garlic, peeled

1 lemon, zested

2 Tb. chopped scallions or chives

Directions:

Lightly sprinkle each fillet with salt & pepper.

Heat butter, red pepper flakes and garlic in a non-stick skillet over low/medium heat.

After a couple of minutes, once the garlic starts to turn brown,



remove it from pan.

Increase heat to medium. Add fillets and cook 1-2 minutes to brown the first side, then flip each fillet and spoon the butter over each piece.

Cover pan lightly for about 1 minute.

Remove cover then spoon butter over each fillet. Keep spooning 1-2 minutes (depending on thickness of your fillets) until they achieve a roasted look.

Note: you may have to tip the pan to fill your spoon with butter each time.

Turn off heat and remove from pan.

Sprinkle with lemon zest, lemon juice and scallions/chives before serving.

Cajun Blackened Red Snapper

Ingredients:

For the seasoning mixture:

1 tsp kosher salt

1/2 tsp freshly cracked black pepper

1/4 tsp cayenne pepper (optional, for spice)

1 tsp paprika

1/2 tsp dried thyme

1/2 tsp dried oregano

1/4 tsp garlic powder

1/4 tsp onion powder

For the fish:

2 [8-10 ounce] red snapper fillets

2 tbsp avocado oil

1 lemon, cut into wedges (for serving)



fresh parsley (optional for garnish)

Directions:

Make the seasoning mixture:

In a small bowl, combine all of the seasoning mixture ingredients and stir until well combined.

Cook the Fish:

Generously coat the flesh side with the seasoning mixture (you will likely have leftover seasoning if only cooking 2 fillets.)

Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. When oil is shimmering swirl the pan so that the oil evenly coats the bottom of the skillet.

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When very hot, place fish fillets flesh side down, cook, without touching, until a dark brown (or blackened) crust has formed and the fish is almost cooked through, about 6 minutes.

Flip the fish onto the skin side press down with the back of a spatula to flatten the fillet and the skin is flush with the skillet (it tries to curl). Continue to cook until the fish is cooked through, or completely opaque and flakes easily, about 3 more minutes.

Carefully, using a sturdy spatula, transfer the cooked fish to plates and serve with a wedge of lemon and garnish with fresh parsley (if desired).

Zesty Lemon-Herb Baked Flounder

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 lbs. flounder fillets
- 1/4 tsp. salt & pepper
- 1 medium lemon - thinly sliced
- 3 Tbsp. melted butter
- 1/2 cup Italian seasoned croutons
- Chopped parsley for garnish



Directions:

Preheat Oven 450 degrees

In a 3 quart baking dish, arrange flounder fillets in a single layer. Season with salt and pepper.

Top with thinly sliced lemon and drizzle with melted butter.

Bake for 12-15 minutes until fish just turns opaque in center.

Pulse 1/2 cup Italian-seasoned croutons in food processor until coarsely crushed. Sprinkle over flounder.

Garnish with chopped parsley.

1/2 teaspoon sugar (optional)

Serve with sautéed greens and dinner rolls.

Mahi Tacos with Cilantro Lime Cabbage Slaw

Ingredients:

- 1-2 lbs. firm mahi
- 4-6 inch flour tortillas (or a blend of flour and corn) 2 per person
- Spice Rub:
 - 1 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
 - 1 teaspoon cumin
 - 1 teaspoon coriander
 - 1 teaspoon granulated garlic
 - 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon chipotle powder (or sub cayenne and a little smoked paprika)

for more smoky flavor, add 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika (optional)

Cabbage Slaw:

- 1 pound thinly sliced or shredded cabbage (green and purple is nice)
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, more to taste
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced red onion, more to taste
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro (packed), 1/2 of a large bunch
- 1/4 to a 1/2 of a jalapeño, finely

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2 tablespoon olive oil

Directions:

Prep the fish: Rinse and pat dry fish. In a small bowl, stir fish rub spices together. Sprinkle all sides of fish lightly with the spice rub (you most likely will not need all). Set aside.

Make the slaw: Place the shredded cabbage in a medium bowl. Toss with the salt. Add the

onions, cilantro, jalapeño, lime juice, olive oil and toss well. Adjust lime, salt, and jalapeño, adding more to taste- you want this to taste tangy and flavorful.

Sauce: Make any accompanying sauce. Chipotle mayo is nice here- feel free to do this ahead.

Grill: Grease the grill well before placing fish on it. Turn heat to medium. Grill each side a few minutes, letting grill marks develop and use a metal spatula to flip. Cook until the desired doneness and squeeze with a little lime juice.

Then quickly grill the tortillas on the grill, brushing with olive oil if you prefer.

Assemble Tacos: Place fish in the warm tortillas, top with cabbage slaw and garnishes. Drizzle with the optional (but delicious) Chipotle mayo if you like.

Serve immediately.

Fish with Soy Ginger Sauce

Ingredients:

- 4 medium mahi, tuna or wahoo fillets
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp minced fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp minced garlic
- Juice from 1 fresh lime
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1/8 tsp cayenne pepper, to taste
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 1 1/2 tbsp brown sugar



- 1 tbsp butter
- 2 tbsp finely chopped chives

Directions:

In a gallon zipper bag, combine all ingredients except fish, brown sugar, butter and chives. Seal and shake to combine. Add fish to the bag and seal, refrigerating at least 30 minutes to an hour.

Remove fillets from bag and pour remaining marinade into a small saucepan. Bring to a boil then add brown sugar and butter. Reduce until about half of the mixture remains.

Spray grill or pan with non-stick spray, then preheat to 475 degrees F. Cook fillets about 4 minutes on the first side, then turn and cook another 2-3 minutes, depending on thickness.

Plate the fish and sprinkle chives and reduced sauce on top.

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Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary
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- 1 Tbsp. fresh orange juice
- 1 teaspoon grated peeled fresh ginger
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 5 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 1/2 pounds marlin steaks, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 3/4 cup (2-inch) sliced green onions

12 (1-inch) pieces red bell pepper
Cooking spray

Directions:
Combine first 12 ingredients in a large zip-top plastic bag; add fish. Seal and marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes, turning once.
Prepare grill.
Remove fish from bag; discard marinade. Thread fish, green onions, and bell pepper alternately onto each of 4 (10-inch) skewers. Place on grill rack coated with cooking spray; grill 8 minutes or until desired degree of doneness, turning once.

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Pattern of alternating lines and spots on belly

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10 year old Bryce Rhody from Northumberland, PA got his hands on a 17½" keeper flounder using a bucktail and teaser at the Old Grounds. He was fishing with Capt. Jon Azato on the "No Limit" with his grandfather John Steiner, Uncle Eric Steiner, Jason Pehowic and Matt Clark.



Richard Hoenes, Jr finally beat Richard Hoenes, III to the rod and after a 2 hour and 35 minute fight released an estimated 375 lb. blue marlin!. The big blue hit on a mackerel behind a blue and white Ilander in the Washington Canyon. They were fishing on the "Sea Hunt" with mate Cake Christy and Lee Peschal.



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DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



White Marlin week is in the books, the Poor Girls is over, next week is the start of many colleges and schools, football and band begins and we are at the beach entering our fall season. This means less crowds and usually much more productive fishing. The heat remained the big story again this week. With the heat came many opportunities for fish we haven't seen much this year or at all. Ribbonfish are on most of the near shore wrecks, croaker are everywhere and flounder has shown to be the best we've seen in years.

Flounder, Redfish, & Weakfish

Flounder in the back bays has been very good again this week with most anglers catching at least a few fish to take home for dinner. The main channel in front of the Coast Guard station is the hot spot this week with some big fish coming to the boat on both Gulp as well as the traditional squid and minnow combos. Old Inlet

Tackle reports that daytime fishing is producing some nice flounder in the inlet area. They further report that sea trout and Spanish mackerel have also been caught in the inlet. Adam Aguado caught a nice 24" flounder on Monday. Fish Frenzi also got a nice load of flounder on Monday, Pete Renzi reported they had to fish hard but managed to bring home some quality fish. Frank Tucker caught 12 flatties Tuesday and took home 8 keepers up to 20.5" for his group. Surface Tension reported a slow bite however they managed to put a few nice fish in the box. Nick Garcia was out with his cousin Serina for her last fishing trip before she returned to college and wound up with 7 keeper flounder up to 21". Nick reports he fished the back area of Rehoboth Bay. They started off with a slow bite in the morning but fishing continued to get better as the day went on. George Heesh had some good fishing in the bay on Thursday getting a

few nice keepers for dinner. Tim Mooris reports he took a buddy out and fished the Lewes Canal and ended up with a limit of flounder from 17" up to an impressive 21". On the near shore wrecks the Old Grounds are still producing the best fish with A buoy and south being a close second. Gulp and live spot are accounting for many of these fish. Savanna Lynn had a nice mixed bag of flounder, sea bass and mahi this week. Mark Steelman reports that there are a lot of mahi on the lobster balls inshore as well as cruising the coral grounds. Keeping a rod rigged with a chunk bait on a circle hook is a good idea this time of year because when these fish come by they don't stay very long. Cory Tocchetti got a nice slot rockfish this week along with his father Mike Tocchetti who also managed a nice slot striper. The fish were caught out of Lewes. Old Inlet Tackle reports Indian River has been producing some stripers with most

being undersized at night. They report that you should be prepared to spend the entire incoming tide fishing in order to have a chance at a few fish passing by. Tons of croaker have been caught in the inlet this week. Many of these fish are the nicer size that we usually see this time of the year. Fishbites are the number one bait for them, however, squid chunks will work well. The sewer pipe in front of Bethany is also a hot spot for croaker especially at night. The croaker have been throughout the bay but the area in front of Indian River Marina as well as the area just outside the inlet are your two best locations. Several weakfish are being caught both in the inlet areas mostly at night as well as the near shore wrecks. Throwing a paddle tail or bucktail is a great way to search for these fish. A twitch-twitch-pause cadence is the retrieve that brings the most bites. The area behind the power plant is also a great location for weakfish, sea trout and redfish. I spoke to a few local anglers that stated the redfish have really turned on in the morning hours but as soon as the sun gets high the bite turns off. Roy rigs as well as



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Surf Fishing

Surf fishing has gotten good with tons of kingfish in the surf. As our crowds get lighter this week and less fishing pressure on the beach target the deeper troughs and rips along the beach. Pompano are also in the surf and can be caught on kingfish rigs with sand fleas or bloodworms. Delaware Surf Fishing reports Kevin Leadbeater caught a nice 15" kingfish on the DE/MD line. Bloodworm Fishbites on a D&S rig brought the fish to the angler. Rich King reports some nice flounder as well as bluefish have

been caught this week in the surf. Old Inlet reported that spanish mackerel and cobia can be found at the Fenwick Shoals. Trolling small metal spoons remains the best for the mackerel and chumming with live eels for the cobia. Russ Treas from Frankford weighed in a nice 3.5 lb. trout this week and stated he saw another one caught that looked to be around 5 lbs.

Crabbing & Clamming

Crabbing remains decent however there are a lot of throwbacks. Pots are averaging 7-10 keepers per pot with mostly big males for keepers. Clamming in both Rehoboth as well as Indian River is very good. Many of the spots have been picked over pretty well leaving mostly larger clams.

Till next week...

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Brothers Tom and Justin Sleigh from DeBois, PA had a little competition going at the Old Grounds last week. They were fishing on separate trips on the "Reel Chaos" with Capt. John Engler. Justin got his 28 $\frac{1}{4}$ " and 8.5 lb. doormat first with Tom following up with a 24" and 5.2 lb. flatfish. Both were caught using Gulp.

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South Bethany, DE anglers Capt. Chris Esler and Ken Harwanko hit their limit of 8 flounder up to 28" and totaling 30 lbs! They were fishing south of Site 10 toward Fenwick Shoals on the "Baby Soda". Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



Andre Molloek and Tim Morris had the right luck last Thursday finding these 5 keeper flounder in the Lewes Canal up to 21". They were on Tim's boat "Knot Much" using jigs with Gulp from Lewes Harbour Marina.



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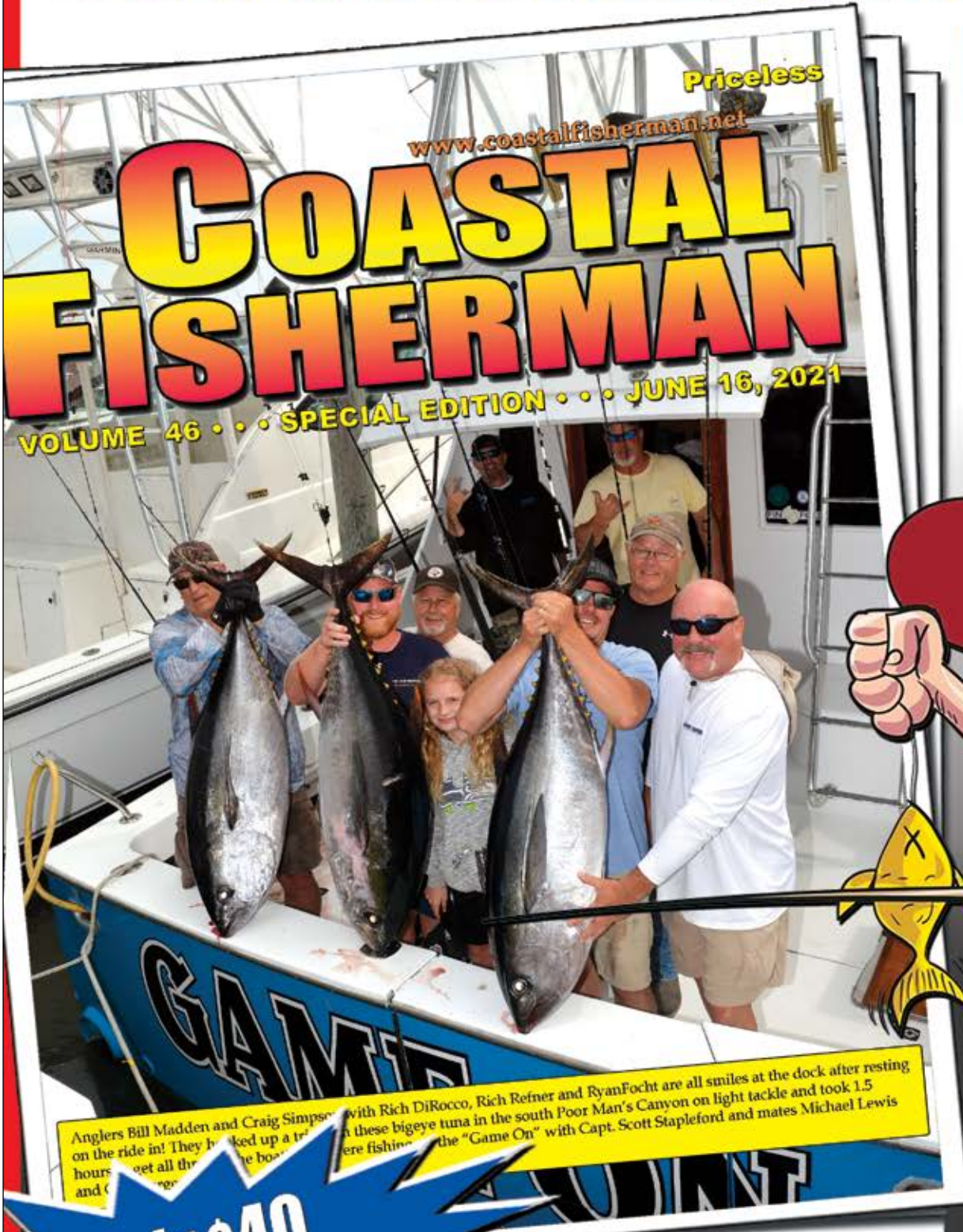
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Night Moves

Boating in the dark is often a necessity, usually on the way to or from a fishing spot, an unexpected delay or on an extended voyage. Traditionally using your GPS chartplotter and or radar is a great way to know where you are and what is around you. Radar does a great job of displaying large objects like boats and land that reflect a radar signal. A GPS chartplotter can show you where your boat is in relation to an electronic chart, helping you navigate to your destination.

There are a few different type of tools that are available to boaters that can help with nighttime operations:

Radar is one of the only technologies that let us "see" over the horizon. Modern doppler radars improve on the effectiveness of a traditional radar when it comes to navigational safety. A doppler style radar, also referred to as solid state are offered by the major marine electronic companies, such as: Furuno NXT, Garmin Fantom, Simrad Halo and Raymarine Quantum. These style radars

use the Doppler effect to calculate a radar targets movement in relation to your boat's movement. If the radar determines the other object is stationary, like a buoy, jetty, pier etc., then the radar displays the target as a traditional return. If the radar determines the object is moving in a direction that could put it on a collision path with your vessel, the radar usually differentiates this radar return with a different color, often red. If the radar determines that an object is moving away from your boats path of travel and is not currently a collision danger, the radar return is colored green. Each brand of doppler radar may work slightly differently but the basics are the same - the radar performs these doppler calculations on all returns and gives you a much better idea of the moving and stationary objects picked up by the radar. This technology can give even the most novice radar operator the confident ability to understand their surroundings with relative ease. Remember, your radar works just as well in the day as the night - you should use it whenever you need to improve

your situational awareness.

The LED light bar is a trending must-have for many boaters operating in the dark. Often used like the headlights on a vehicle, a mounted light bar can provide a large amount of light covering a wide area in front of the boat, illuminating your path forward. This is helpful when entering and exiting a confined or unfamiliar area, such as a marina, inlet, channel or other are where visual navigation is critical. These modern light bars produce a lot of light with

disturbing the vision of other captains, diligent use is needed when near other boaters. Another issue that could arise is that USCG Rule 20 specifies that only those navigation lights prescribed, or those that don't interfere with those prescribed, may be used while underway.

Once darkness falls, the ability to see through the dark is comforting and adds a layer of safety. There technologies to help us see through in the dark, without bright lights or interoperating a radar picture.

The traditional "night vision" is one of the tools available to mariners, though not as popular as it once was with boaters. This night vision is the fuzzy green pictures you may have seen from military or police videos. First used in WWII, this consists of a camera sensor that intensifies the existing light (however little exists) or supplies its own near infrared light, to render the greenish image of what is front of the lens. The green image was chosen by manufacturers because our eyes are most sensitive to green light, and it shows the most accurate user-friendly picture for humans to see. This technology can sometimes offer more detail because it responds to light more like the eye does. These night vision systems have come down in cost and may



a little bit of power, with many size offerings for most any size boat.

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be a great addition to your on-board gear. Since this night vision requires reflected light, they do not work well at long range, or when it is very dark, rainy, or foggy. It is a good tool to read numbers on a buoy, see a wake in the water or other features in detail, similar to how you would see in the daytime.

These devices come in many physical forms, the handheld binocular or monocular is the most popular and affordable for marine use.

A low light camera is similar to a conventional mounted video camera, sends a feed to a dedicated monitor or MFD (multifunction display) on the helm. A low light camera has a special CMOS sensor that can produce a video image that uses the ambient nighttime light and processes the video image that looks similar to what you might see in the daytime on a video camera. The quality of the picture relies on the amount of ambient light and the technology of the camera.

The most sophisticated type of "night vision" is thermal imaging or thermal camera (often called FLIR, an acronym for Forward Looking Infra Red). Thermal night-vision cameras rely on technology that senses extremely small temperature differences – not reflected visible light. Consumer FLIR cameras uses a crystal lens to capture temperature information and focus it onto a vanadium oxide microbolometer, this device converts the temperature measurement into electrical signals that are processed to produce the visible video image. Because ambient light is not used at all by a thermal camera, the system can produce the same type of picture during the daytime as it does at night. The FLIR device can help you spot objects that may be hard to see even during daylight hours. FLIR devices were original developed for and used in the military, police, and firefighting markets and

due to the high costs not many consumer products were available in the past. Now many of these FLIR devices have become more affordable for boating use, with fixed mount consumer marine devices starting at \$3749 and handheld about \$2000.

Accident avoidance is an area where a thermal camera can help you see objects floating in the water, since they often have a different temperature than the surround water and therefore be differentiated on the video output. Other objects such as boats, land masses, buoys and people are easily identified by their temperature differences. If you are using this system for search and rescue, looking at cool water for a warm person, they will be easy to spot due to the contrast of temperature. No other visual technology finds people in the water faster.

The type and resolution of the thermal camera and the video screen used to display the image from a camera can make a significant difference in picture quality, be sure to compare choices before making a purchase. Thermal cameras usually work in light rain or light fog, but heavier precipitation can appear as a "wall" of same temperature, decreasing the usefulness of the camera during severe weather. These systems can be good for long distance viewing but are not often helpful in reading numbers



on a buoy, because the camera reads the temperature, so if the buoy numbers are the same temperature as the buoy, the system does not differentiate this, and the buoy appears without numbers.

The most popular marine thermal cameras are made by FLIR Systems and OmniSense. Hand-held thermal cameras begin around \$2000, and a fixed mount MD series begin around \$3500. Both the FLIR and

OmniSense can integrate with today modern chart plotters, in addition to seeing the thermal picture on the screen, many chart plotter displays allow you to use the touchscreen to control the camera movements and settings.

An interesting feature on some of these chart plotters is "Slew-to-Cue" a feature that allows the chartplotter to control and keep the camera pointed to and track a specific object, such as a moving boat.

All the above technologies are a good tool for nighttime navigation, shipboard security, man overboard situations, anti-piracy, and many other applications. These devices are also ideal for navigation, showing channel markers, shipping lane traffic, outcroppings of land, bridge pilings, debris, exposed rocks, other vessels and indeed any other hazardous floating object.

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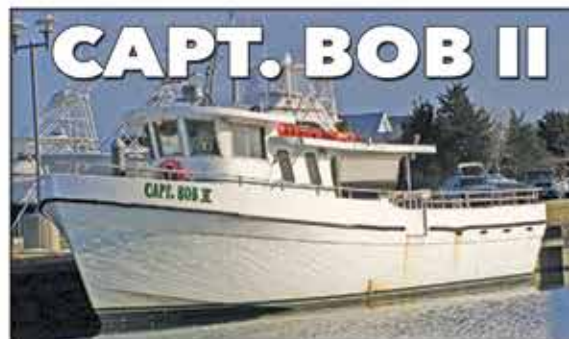
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The "Talkin' Trash" was the first boat to the scales on Day 1 of the 28th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open and boy did they have a great day. Capt. Chris Little with mates Josh Lowery & Evan Winterbottom had worked with anglers Yvonne Deardorff, Joanie Hughes, Ashley Ayers, LeeAnn Reich, Rose Kalinock and Robertya McNaughten prior to the event to get them ready for the riggers of tuna fishing and it paid off as these lady anglers boated 18 yellowfin tuna (the heaviest at 51.3 lbs.) and a bigeye tuna from the Baltimore Canyon in 400 fathoms. They were hooked up several times with quad and triples on the yellowfins landing them all. Yvonne's bigeye catch was actually part of a double and the other larger bigeye was lost only because a yellowfin hit the spread and cut the line! At 162.7 lbs. the tuna remained unchallenged and took top honors in the Tuna Division earning the crew \$12,760 in award monies.



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Capt. Anthony Pino & mate Kevin Knotts on the "Blood Money" are having a good run this summer and it continued during the 28th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open. Day 2 saw them arrive at the scales reporting 9 white marlin releases with Rachel Wisniewski releasing her first. They also boated a 34.6 lb. tuna and a 9.4 lb. mahi, both caught by Chelsea Trimper. The mahi shown here with fellow angler Heather Moore held onto 2nd Place in the Dolphin Division earning \$6,156 in prize money.



The first boat to the scales on the last day of the 28th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open was the "Reel G.I." with Erin Howard's 50.3 lb. wahoo that was caught south of the Poor Man's Canyon. Sliding into 2nd Place in the Wahoo Division, this was only one of a few upsets for the final day and held on to take \$5,467 in award money. Erin was fishing with Keely Diggs, Jennifer Swann, Dottie Faulkner, Liz Smith, Katie Joudrey, Capt. Nick Parks and mates Robbie Walker & Howard Todd.

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With a 162.7 lb. tuna parked in 1st Place since Day 1 of the 28th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, the competition was for 2nd and 3rd. On Day 2, anglers Jen Benson, Stephanie Cabbage, Jennifer Taylor, Meghan Garrison and Jody Wielzank headed out to the Baltimore Canyon with Capt. Dennis Bennett and mates Garrett Simpson & Nick Schlesner and set their lines in 100 fathoms. Almost right away they got a double hookup landing these two tuna as their only bites for the day, but the larger at 59.6 lb. was enough to lock 3rd Place and took \$4,104 in award money.



These friendly pirates took over the “Roll Groove” on the Day 1 of the 28th Annual Capt. Steve Harman’s Poor Girls Open and spent the day southeast of the Poor Man’s Canyon in 1200 fathoms with Capt. Jake Farley and mates Charlie Coats & Jim Arnold. Anglers Angela, Isabella and Kasey Keith with Shantelle Willy and Allyson Arey released a total of 5 white marlin as well as landing 2 mahi. The largest caught by Allyson jumped to 1st Place in the Dolphin Division and held on throughout the event earning \$12,760 in award money. Pictured a Bahia Marina.



The crew of the “Blood Money” had so many releases on Day 2 of the 28th Annual Capt. Steve Harman’s Poor Girls Open that they needed Zak Smith’s help to hold the flags! Anglers Rachel Wisniewski, Chelsea Trimper and Heather Moore release a total of 9 white marlin, including Rachel’s first, earning 900 points. This put them in 2nd Place trailing the lead by only 10 points and is where they finished the event. They also boated a 9.4 lb. mahi that took 2nd Place in that division earning a combined total of \$36,939 in award money. As always, Capt. Anthony Pino was at the helm with mate Kevin Knotts in the pit.



In an event with a lot of pink, the crew of the “Nauti Norwegian” still managed to stand out during the 28th Annual Capt. Steve Harman’s Poor Girls Open! In addition to the costumes, anglers Kelly Rhoten, Amelia Pelino, Wanda Shaeffer, Rachel St. Louis, Dacia Osborne and Jen Versuk also know how to fish. On Day 2 they were fishing in 500 fathoms off of the Baltimore Canyon with Capt. Shawn Hockstad and mates Jame Messina and Matt Ash when this 65.5 lb. wahoo hit at 8:30AM with Kelly getting it to the boat in short order. Later Jen connected with a 60.7 lb. yellowfin tuna and the crew ended in both 1st Place in the Wahoo Division and 2nd in the Tuna earning a combine \$11,623 in award money.



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On the final day of the 28th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, the lady anglers on the "Max Bet" reported a total of 7 white marlin releases they had while fishing outside the Poor Man's Canyon earning 700 points! This slid anglers Shelby Zimmer and Kerry Weber into 3rd Place in the Billfish Release Division and earned \$20,522 in award money. Rounding out the crew on the "Max Bet" were Capt. Austin Robus, mate Alex Stonley and Paige Bayliss.



Baylie Phillips is laden with awards and gifts after winning the Junior Angler Award at the 28th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open! She released a white marlin, her first, while fishing on the "Ohana" in the Poor Man's Canyon with fellow anglers Hunter Causey, Amanda Campbell, Ellen Weber, Phoebe Rantz and Erica Adams. Capt. Jon Yost was at the wheel with able mates Josh Twilly, Ian Rodgers and Jaymson Stephens!

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The lady anglers on the "Sea Wolf" had a solid day fishing with Capt. Donnie White. They were trolling in 1000 fathoms south of the Poor Man's Canyon where anglers Sadie Aiken, Alli Angeline, Beth Semonelle, Dana Ford, Tyler Rodulski and Maddie Kennedy with mate Derrick Nelson released a white marlin, hooked up on a double with blue marlins and boated this 9.3 lb. mahi to secure 3rd Place in the Dolphin Division and \$4,104 in award money.



Anglers Megan Collins, Brittani Phillips, Abby Erbe, Kira Mangone, Laura Leach and Lisa Dudley had fun and good fishing with Capt. Buddy Whetzel and mates Joey Collins & Johnny Bourna during the 28th Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open. They spent the day in the Poor Man's Canyon where Megan released a blue marlin, Lauren a white marlin and Brittani caught this 47.5 lb. wahoo in only 15 minutes! Despite some challengers, the wahoo held on to finish in 3rd Place earning \$3,645.



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Part of the fun of the Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open is the costume contest. Anglers not only compete for top fish, they also create team names and costume themes and we were not disappointed in this year's outfits. Winner of this year's Best Costume Award was the crew from the "Absolut Pleasure" with their team 'There's No Crying in Baseball' made up of Beth Moore, Amy Coleman, Lisa Windsor, Kristen Preston, Danielle Fragale and Monica Le with Capt. Steve Moore and mate Rich Hastings. They won a free Cruisin' Tiki trip from Cruisintikisoc.com.

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