

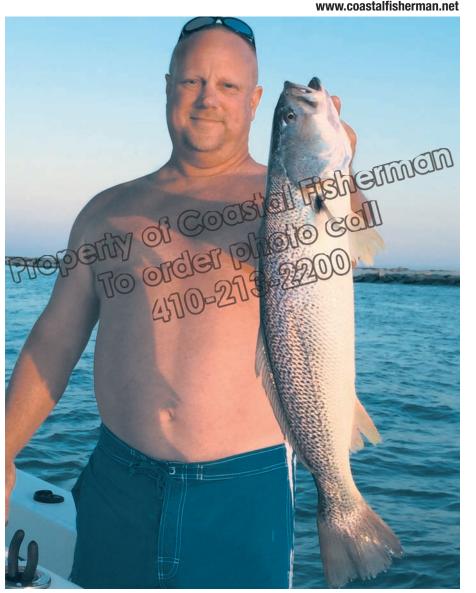






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The man's on fire! Fresh off his boats win in the 2017 Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Rich Daiker hit the South Jetty and hooked this 28-inch, 5 lb. 6 oz. weakfish on a plug.











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Shane Martin, Jeff Waxman, Brent Rohm and Steve Redden teamed up to catch this 408.2 lb. thresher shark after luring it in with Hook'em & Cook'em custom made Triple Threat Shark Chum and hooking it on a mackerel fillet at the Fingers. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



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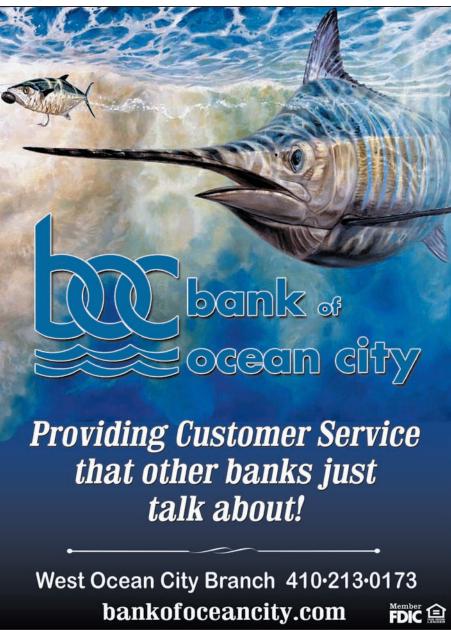
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Robert Schmidt, Paul Becker, Mitchell Scholtes and Jeff Mullins returned to Sunset Marina with a 45 lb. yellowfin and a 115 lb. bluefin tuna in the box after fishing in 800 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon. Mitchell hooked the bluefin and Paul captured the yellowfin while trolling ballyhoo dressed up with blue and white Joe Shute lures.

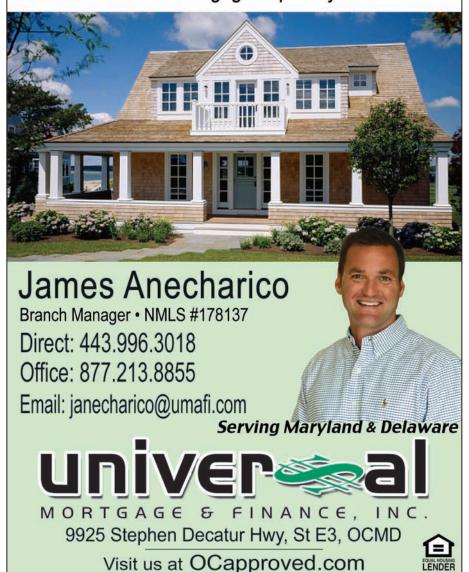




Last Friday, Steve Schrenk caught a 17 1/2-inch flounder and Dan Hartman boated a 10 lb. 8 oz. bluefish, both while fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. The fish were caught on Gulp! artificial baits near the duck blinds behind Assateague Island. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Ocean City Fishing Report by Larry Jock

As our spring fishing season continues to be plagued with more windy days than not, there are periodic windows of good weather that get anglers hearts pumping and this past weekend was one of those windows.

White Marlin

I don't think a day goes by where I don't receive an email or a phone call asking if the first white marlin has been caught and released. Unbelievably, the answer is no! The only white marlin I even heard of being released was on the "Foolish Pleasures" last weekend, 123 miles down the beach.

Tuna

We saw a smorgasbord of tuna arrive at local scales this past weekend. Giant bluefin tuna were found cruising deep outside the canyons. As you saw on the cover of this weeks issue, the "Nauti Norwegian" arrived back at Sunset Marina on Sunday with a 202 pounder

caught in 500 fathoms south of the Poor Man's. Smaller bluefins were caught in 300 to 500 fathoms between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons.

Several bigeye tuna were also captured last weekend by anglers trolling between the Rockpile and the 461 Lump where water temperatures were hovering around 66-degrees. All were caught on ballyhoo or spreader bars, with some of the bally's dressed up with the ever popular Joe Shute lure. On Saturday, the charter boat, "Marli" had a pair of eyeballs, weighing 59 and 62 lbs. and the "Reel Chaos" boated 4 bigeyes at the 461 Lump.

Everyone is reminded to be careful when identifying giant bluefins and bigeyes. With the wide discrepancy in regulations between the two, a misidentification could be costly.

Although a few yellowfins were caught in the canyons off

the Delmarva coast, a few boats decided to make the 100 to 125 mile journey down to below the Norfolk Canyon and absolutely crushed them. "Killin' Time", with Capt. Jason Norton at the wheel, took an overnight trip on Saturday to the 160 line and returned on Sunday with 21 yellowfins and a mako in the At the same location, "Foolish Pleasures" had 14 yellowfins, a mako and a white marlin release and the "Stalker" boxed 9 yellowfins and a mahi in 68 to 73-degree water.

Mahi

We didn't see a lot of mahi caught last weekend, but the charter boat, "Moore Bills" did end their day with 10 in the box after trolling in 800 fathoms below the Washington Canyon on Saturday.

Sharks

A few makos were caught out in the canyons but we didn't see any threshers arrive at Ocean City scales last week. There was a 408.2 pounder caught at the Fingers on Sunday by the "Triple Threat" out of the Indian River Marina.

Sea Bass

Sea bass fishing has been hitor-miss. Larger knotheads continue to be caught in 100+ feet of water by anglers fishing with clams. Capt. Kane Bounds on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" had good luck taking his anglers north to the Old Grounds where they picked up a combination of sea bass and flounder.

Local headboats also had good catches of sea bass with a few flounder mixed in.

www.coastalfisherman.net Flounder

Many days of windy weather made it difficult for flounder pounders last week, but that didn't keep a couple of anglers from hooking into some quality fish. On the following page, you see William Castleberry's 7 lb. 11 oz. doormat that he caught on Sunday while tossing a pink bucktail off the dock at the Coast Guard Station.

Late in the week, Mark Breesman was fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" and nailed a 25-incher at the Old Grounds that weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. Over the weekend, another group on the "Fish Bound" ended their day with 17 keepers in the box, also from the Old Grounds

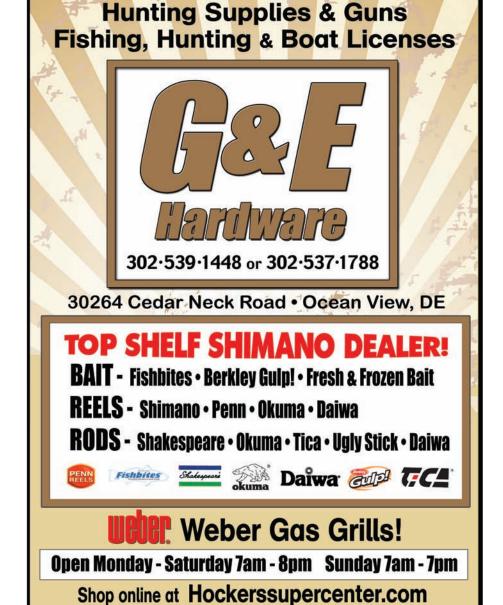
In the bay, the throwback to keeper ratio continues to run high. The best bite was in the East Channel, but fish were also caught in the bay behind Assateague near the duck blinds and also up in the Thorofare. Gulp and minnow combinations have been very productive.

Bluefish

There was a real mixed bag of bluefish in the bay last week. Although smaller fish have dominated the action over the last couple of weeks, we did see some larger fish caught around the Rt. 50 Bridge. Big Bird Cropper continued his spring assault on choppers, catching his limit last Thursday with fish up to 32-inches and 12 lbs. 8 oz. All were caught on Roy Rigs on the north side of the Rt. 50 Bridge during the outgoing tide. Bird said that you had to get your rig deep to get the bigger fish, so 3+ ounces of weight was needed to get into the strike zone. Those fishing with less weight were striking out.

Cobia

The second cobia we have seen so far this year was caught by Jaime Buffington in the Ocean





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City Inlet. The first cobia was caught a couple of weeks ago by an angler fishing in the surf off South Bethany.

Sheepshead

On Monday morning, a few sheepshead were caught at the South Jetty. The largest we heard of at press time weighed 8 lbs

Weakfish

Fresh off his win in the Mako Mania Tournament, avid angler, Rich Daiker caught a 28-inch weakfish while tossing a plug at the South Jetty. Rich's weakie weighed 5 lbs. 6 oz.

Upcoming Tournaments

At the time this report was written on Monday, two tournaments are on the schedule, but the weekend weather forecast is dicey, so check the Coastal Fisherman website for any changes.

The M.S.S.A. Tuna-ment will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday with weigh-ins at Atlantic Tackle from 4:30 to 8:00.

The Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament is Saturday and Sunday. Anglers can fish 1 of 2 days and weighins are at Sunset Marina from 3:00 PM to 6:30 PM.



The largest flounder we have seen so far this season was caught on Sunday morning by William Castleberry of Ft. Lauderdale, FL. William, a Coast Guardsman in Ocean City, was fishing off the dock a the Ocean City Coast Guard Station when he hooked the 7 lb. 11 oz. flattie on a pink bucktail. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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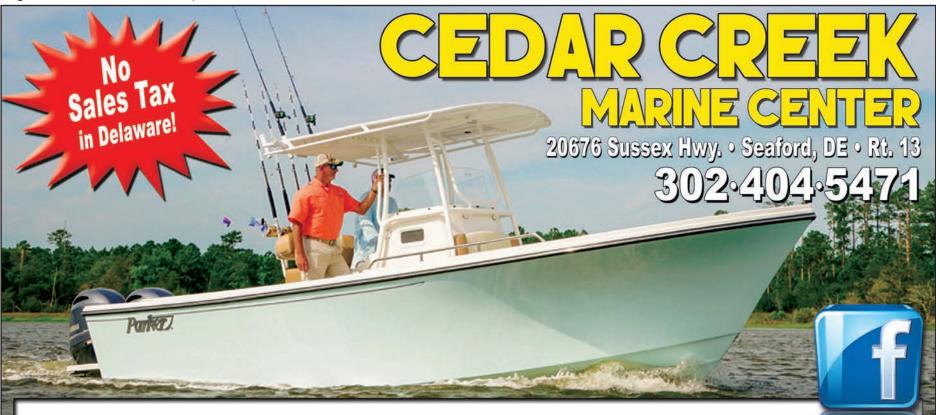
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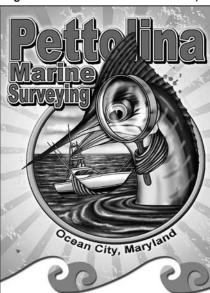




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Beth Shriner joined Kevin, Mike, Craig, Randy and Josh Bohlman for a trip to the Poor Man's Canyon on the "Caneelin" where they caught a pair of yellowfin and 2 mahi in water temperatures ranging from 57 to 67-degrees. All of the fish were hooked on trolled ballyhoo in 1,000 fathoms. The yellowfin weighed up to 40 lbs. and the mahi weighed 8 and 10 lbs. Pictured at Sunset Marina.









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the love internet. Seriously. Countless hours of my day are spent on the WorldWideWeb. In the morning and the evening I answer emails from my desktop. Throughout my land based work days I will reply from my smart phone or my iPad as needed. There is no way I could even think about going fishing without consulting numerous webbased weather guessing, err, I mean predicting, sites. I also utilize multiple sea surface temperature providers. Daily fishing reports from Sunset Marina, the Ocean City Fishing Center, and of course the Coastal Fisherman are reviewed. Throw in a few fishing forums and the ever popular Facebook and my day is quickly getting filled up with a whole lot of computer screen viewing. This doesn't even take into account time spent on mixed martial arts sites, heavy metal music fan pages BaltimoreRavens.com page. Like I said, a whole lot of screen time. I am not even sure how I make it to a boat, let alone the ocean.

The weekend before last, I was out of town. My charter for the Mako Mania Tournament had something come up and unfortunately they had to cancel me for the event. I was unable to rebook the days, so I took one last out -of-town weekend before the summer season kicks in to full swing and I went to a concert with one of my old fishing and my buddies wife. Actually two concerts. We saw the same band (Iron Maiden) twice, one night in Virginia and one night in Philadelphia. We logged a lot of miles, swapped old fishing stories and had quite a bit of fun. But that didn't stop me from keeping tabs on the Mako Mania Tournament. Like I said... I love the internet.

The Mako Mania Tournament holds a special place in my heart since my friend and former captain, Steve Harman, founded the tournament. I was working as Steve's mate when he came up with the idea for the tournament and he included me in the rule writing process and asked my opinion many

times in the formatting of the tournament. Steve, who was lovingly referred to as "The Big Fish" by his friends and family, has since passed on, but the Harman family and Bahia Marina make sure his legacy is preserved and continue to host this awesome event every June.

So, throughout my heavy metal road trip I made sure to keep an eye on the Coastal Fisherman website Facebook for updates when it got close to weigh-in time each day. I must admit that it was pretty cool to be tailgating in a parking lot in Virginia and checking out pictures of makos and huge threshers as they were coming to the scales at Bahia Marina. My Dad and Chris, our third crew member on charterboat, "Last Call", were texting me and keeping me in the loop as far as dock gossip was concerned, and we were all monitoring the web for tournament updates. It felt like I was there. Almost. I love the internet.

After the concert ended Saturday night, my merry band of travelers fought the traffic leaving the Jiffy Lube Live venue's terrible parking lot to return to our hotel. Since I was not behind the wheel I took the time to scan the final tournament standings for the day and

check out any new pictures that were posted on Facebook. What I found was something very different than what I was expecting. Sure there were a bunch of pictures and Larry had the daily standings listed. But what really caught my eye, and the eyes of the fishing community at large, was an assault that was happening on Bahia Marina's facebook page. People from all over the country, and even some from other countries, were posting negative reviews of the marina and making ill informed and hateful comments about the tournament.

It turns out that some extremist conservation groups happened to take notice of the event and they called for their close-minded minions publicly trash something they obviously knew little to nothing about. What ensued was a copy and paste fiasco of misinformation and many "1 Star" ratings. Anyone who has been to Bahia Marina and Fish Tales knows what a top shelf operation both the marina and restaurant are. Likewise, anyone that has participated in Mako Mania, either as an entrant or a spectator, knows that the event is conservation minded and very well run. The things I read on facebook that night made me very angry at first,



but then they made me start to laugh. These enviro-tyrants were spewing hatred and showcasing how little they know about actually sportfishermen and sportfishing in general. All they actually knew was that their beloved eco extreme supreme commander told them to hate something. So they did. You have to love the internet!!!!

sportfishing The community rallied together and helped to combat the negativity with actual facts about the tournament and a show of unity in the face of these keyboard commandos that were staging the assault. Now, a few days later, many emails have been sent to the different organizations behind this attack, and facebook has been made aware of the situation. The hateful envirotyrants have gone off in search of their next victim.

My loyal readers, I encourage you to take the high road on the internet, but

never hesitate to defend our sport. Support organizations like the Recreational Fishing Alliance and the Ocean City Reef Foundation. These groups are actually on our side. Do research before you donate and you will find that other many so called conservation groups are in league with the same types of groups that recently attacked the Mako Mania Tournament. Take time to educate the misinformed. Let them know that you release fish not intended for the table. Let them know that you are future minded in your fishing practices and promote conservation while taking part in the sport we all love.

And share your fishing pictures and reports freely on the fishing forums and social media. Like I said. I love the internet!

Capt. Franky Pettolina is Co-Captain of the charter boat, "Last Call" and President of the Ocean City Marlin Club.



Big Bird Cropper of Powellville, MD stopped eating egg rolls long enough to catch his limit of 10 bluefish while tossing Roy Rigs on the north side of the Rt. 50 Bridge. His largest gator measured 32-inches and tipped the scale at 12 lbs. 8 oz.



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Flounder fishing on ocean structure has steadily improved over the last couple of weeks, and on this day anglers fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" ended their trip with 17 keepers in the box, measuring up to 23-inches, and released 10 flatties measuring between 16 and 17-inches. They also caught 38 sea bass, 1 tautog and a triggerfish, all on natural bottom at the Old Grounds. Fishing with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley were Mike Schaefer, Steve Zeller, Jackson Aes, Jimmy Lee, Eddie Kim and Eugene Kim. Pictured back at Bahia Marina.









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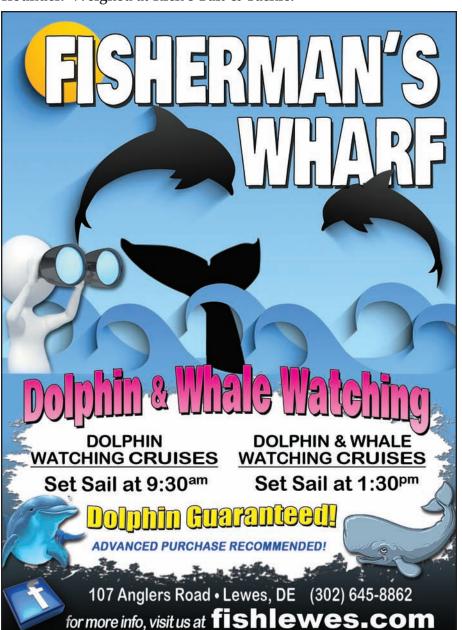
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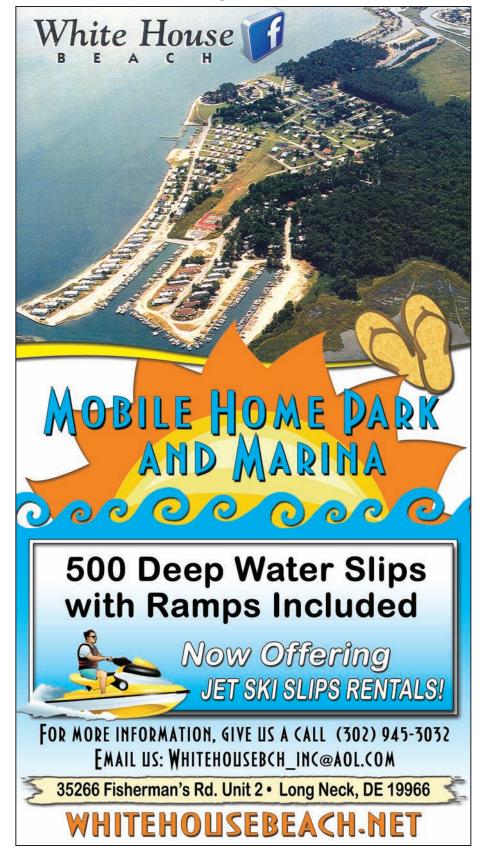


Wes Grove from Pequea, PA was fishing with squid at Site 11 off the coast of Delaware when he hooked into this 24-inch, 4 lb. 13 oz. flounder. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.





On Sunday morning, dirty water conditions put a damper on the flounder bite in the bay, but that didn't stop Vinny Trotta, Matt Trotta, Jonathan Dior and Jared Wilkes from catching a couple of keepers in the East Channel. The flatties measured 17 1/2 and 18-inches and were hooked on white Gulp! Swimming Mullets during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham.





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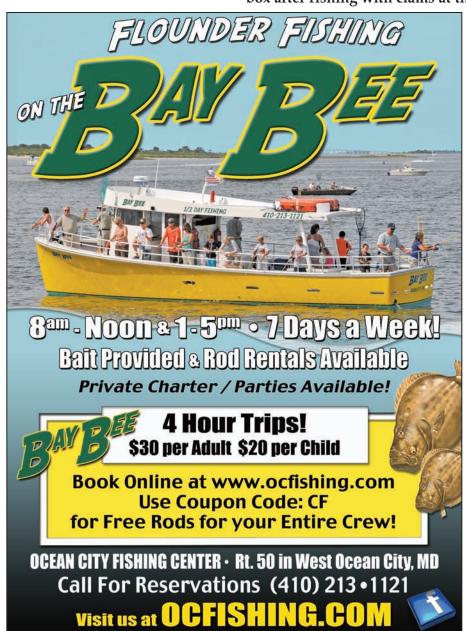


While fishing with Capt. Jason Mumford on the charter boat, "Lucky Break", Victor DiMeo of Ellicott City, MD muscled in this 19-inch flounder after hooking it on a Z-Man paddler in the bay behind Assateague Island.



Bob, Jesse and Jeff Reinhart, Ian Donlin, Kyle Fulton and Chris Partol returned to Lewes Harbour Marina with 3 black drum in the box after fishing with clams at the Coral Beds on the "Pirate King".







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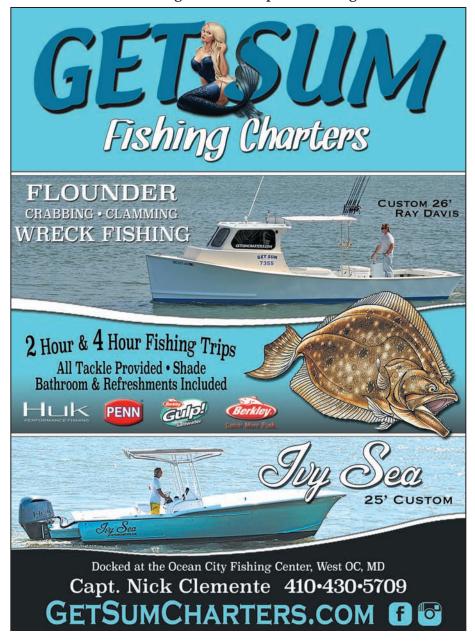


When the seas calmed down and headboat captains were able to hit their favorite sea bass spots, anglers hooked into some nice catches of knotheads. On this day, Sean Walsh of Ocean Pines, MD and Tim Police of Georgetown, DE hold up some of their sea bass, measuring up to 18-inches, caught on clams while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt.



During a trip aboard the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham, junior angler Addyson Kirk of Shermansdale, PA caught this 17 1/2-inch flounder in the East Channel while using a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet for bait.









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D.J. Novak from Centreville, MD was fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Finder" with his dad, Dominic Novak, his grandfather, John Breeden and Capt. Mark Sampson when they caught and released 1 blue shark, 1 hammerhead, 7 sandbars and 3 makos. The makos weighed an estimated 100 lbs. and two of them, as well as the hammerhead, were fitted with satellite SPOT tags before they were released. The "Fish Finder" is docked at the OC Fishing Center.



Eric Badorrek from Selbyville, DE was fishing with a chartreuse Gulp! artificial bait around the Rt. 90 Bridge when he hooked into this 20-inch flounder. Pictured at Harbour Island.



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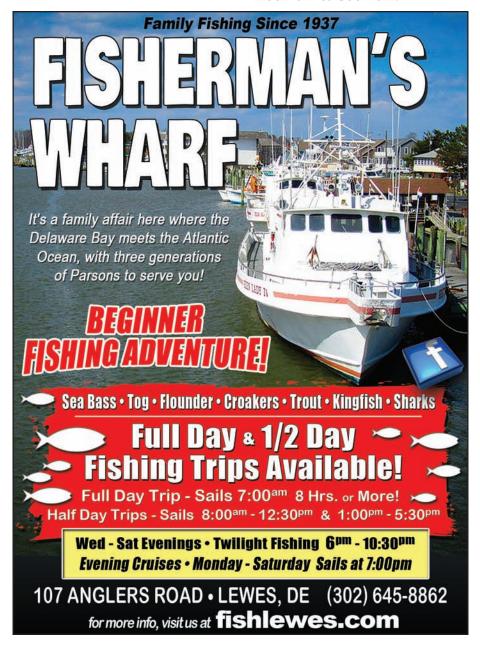


Keith Schellinger and Ray Denham from Pennsville, NJ and Dan Harrison from West Chester, PA teamed up to catch 4 bigeye tuna and a yellowfin tuna while fishing on the charter boat, "Reel Chaos" with Capt. Anthony Matarese, Sr. and mates Rich Hastings and Mike Matarese. The tuna were hooked on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in 65.5-degree water around the 461 Lump. Pictured back at Sunset Marina.



Francesca and Mary Gessler joined their dad, Tom Gessler, Jr., their uncle Josh Gessler, Capt. Charlie Horning and mate Will Emmert for a trip to the Washington Canyon on the "Fish Whistle" and ended up with a pair of mahi and a yellowfin tuna. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.









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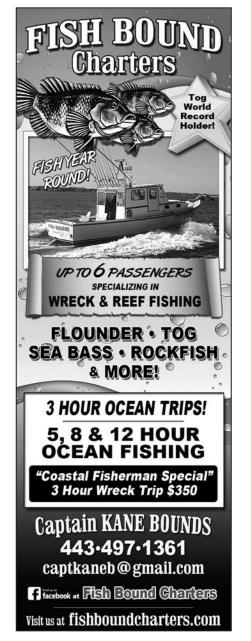
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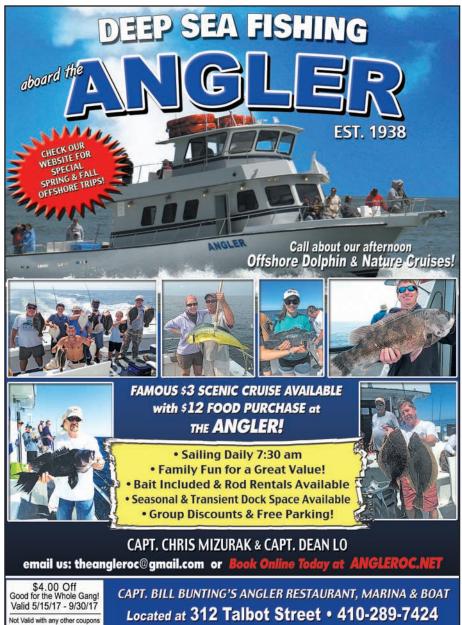


Ruby Talabisco, age 9, and her dad, Stefan Talabisco of Elsmere, DE took on some windy conditions and boated some nice bluefish, including Ruby's first, while fishing on the "Top Fin" with Capt. Pete Haines. Stefan's big chopper, caught on a spoon, weighed 11 lbs. 4 oz. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.



While sea bass fishing, anglers on local headboats have caught a few good size flounder lately, as shown by the 3 lb. 8 oz. flattie hooked by Jerry Fox of Baltimore, MD. Jerry fooled the flounder on a chunk of clam while fishing at a natural reef on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo.









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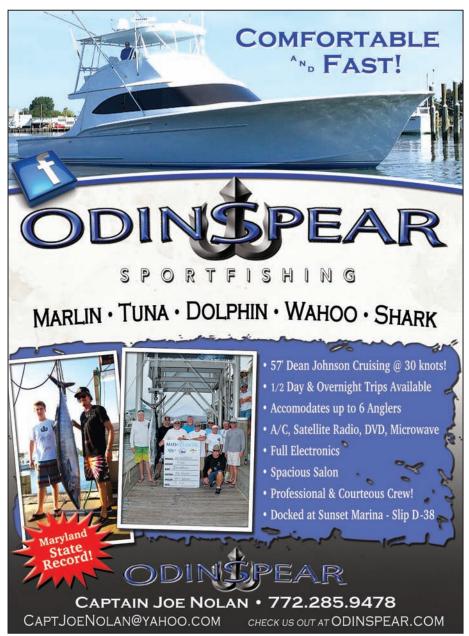


Last Saturday, anglers fishing on the charter boat, "Game Over" returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with a mix of bigeyes, bluefins and yellowfins. All were caught while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars around the 461 Lump. Fishing with Capt. Steve Pfeiffer and mate John Morton were Dennis Valentine, David Rice, Chris Strickland, John Gardner, Chris Banning and Mike Gawne.





A few boats headed over 100 miles to below the Norfolk Canyon on Saturday and one of them was the "Stalker" with Capt. Steve Moore at the wheel and mate Cory Lednum in the pit. Carin Pepper and David Wilson from Georgetown, DE, Sean Wilson and Meghan Wilson from Avalon, NJ and Jax Moore and Andy Moore from Scottsdale, AZ teamed up to catch 9 yellowfin tuna and a mahi in 500 fathoms where Capt. Steve found a 68 to 73-degree temperature break. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





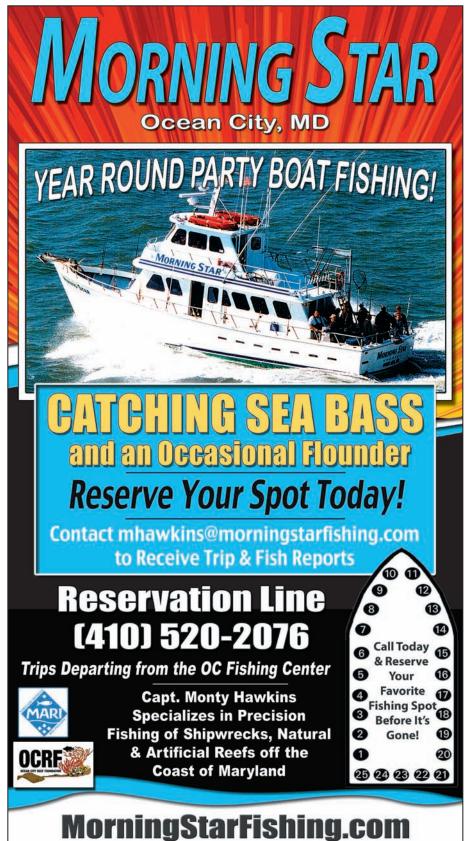
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This smooth dogfish shark tangled with the wrong angler. Emily Dukes, age 10, of Laurel, DE loves to fish for sharks in Delaware state waters and is pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Earl Sheats of Pocomoke, MD caught the first flounder of the year on the headboat, "Morning Star" and his grandson, Josiah reeled in sea bass all day after hooking them on clams at an ocean wreck. As always, Capt. Monty Hawkins was at the helm and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt worked the deck. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



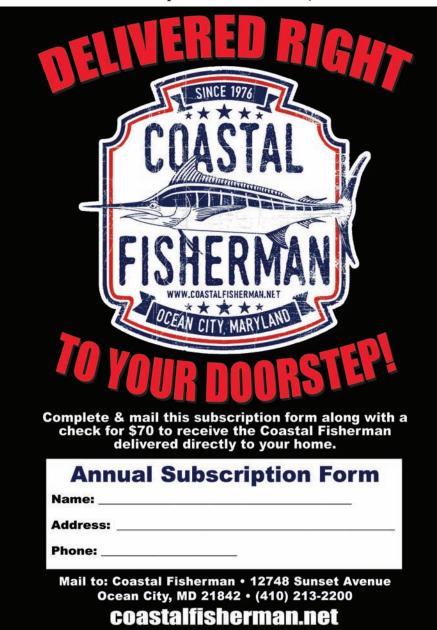




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The winds finally calmed down on Saturday and gave the charter boat, "Marli" an opportunity to head to 800 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon where Capt. Mark Hoos found 67-degree water. His anglers ended their day with 7 mahi and a pair of bigeye tuna in the box, all hooked while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars. The bigeyes weighed 59 and 62 lbs. on the scale at Sunset Marina. Fishing with Capt. Mark and mate Mark Stephens were Rob and John Ermer, Bill Mueller, Charlie Gorby, Rosby Carr and Gary Turner.









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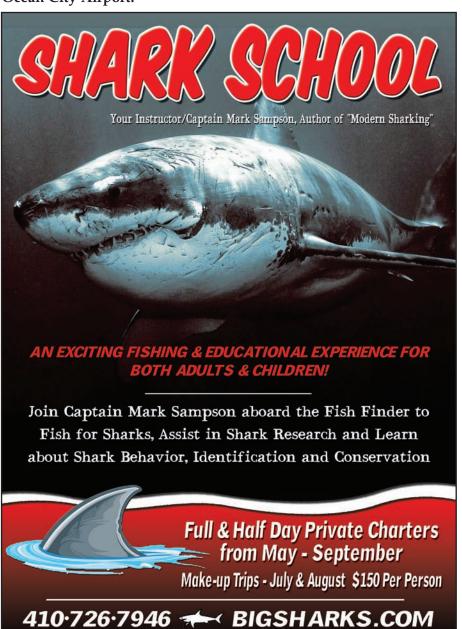
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Scott McGovern of Salisbury, MD nailed this 19-inch flounder, one of three keepers for the day, while drifting a jig head tipped with a chartreuse Gulp! artificial bait in the bay, just north of the Ocean City Airport.



In the 2017 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Matt Russell from Elkton, MD caught a 135.8 lb. mako while fishing on the "Total Chaos" with Jeff Gdula, Joe Hall, Capt. John Russell and mate Scott Shockley. The 71-inch shark was caught on a whole bunker in 30 fathoms at the Hot Dog and took 25 minutes to get to the boat. Weighed at Bahia Marina.







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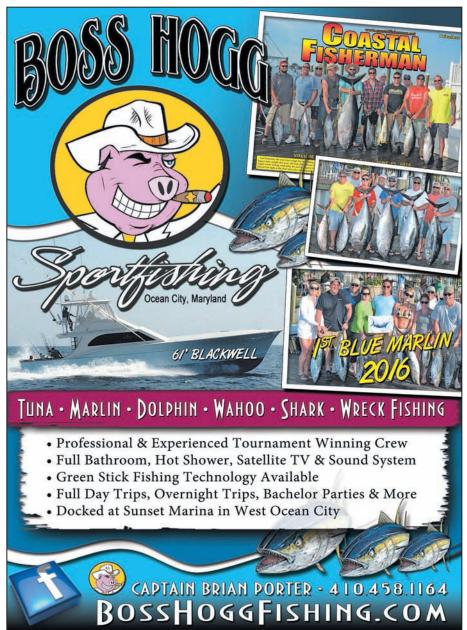
Brandon Mathias, Tyler Potepan, Marshall Freng, Tony Freiji and Mike Freiji on the "Hammer Down" went 2 for 4 on yellowfins (1 pictured) while fishing in 200 to 500 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon.



Mark Breesman from Rockville, MD caught this 25-inch, 5 lb. 11 oz. flounder last Saturday during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. The flattie ate a long strip of squid dressed up with a silver teaser feather at the Old Grounds. In addition to the flounder, Mark's group ended their day with 90 sea bass and 3 additional flounder in the box. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



Kevin Ramsey of Havre de Grace, MD was drifting a white Gulp! artificial bait in the bay behind Castaways Campground when he caught this 18 1/2-inch flounder during the incoming tide.





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Delaware Fishing Report by Larry Jock

It was another tough week for fishing, not because the fish aren't here, it's just that windy weather has kept bay waters dirty and boats from being able to head to the canyons.

Up and down the line, every tackle shop is commenting on how good crabbing is right now. I heard it up in Lewes and down at Fenwick Tackle, so if you like to pull traps or work handlines, now looks like a good time to get out on the

At Fenwick Tackle, John said that a few stripers are still being caught in the surf, but most are too short to keep, but if you put your time in a few keepers can be mixed in looking for either bloodworms or sand fleas to eat. Surfcasters are also

finding kingfish looking for Fishbites or squid and there are still some good size bluefish being caught during the day on finger mullet and bunker. The choppers are averaging in the 18-inch range. At night in the surf, anglers are battling sandbars and duskies while soaking bunker in the suds.

In the bay near Fenwick, besides the awesome crabbing, anglers are still pecking at flounder around the Rt. 90 Bridge and down in the Thorofare. The Ditch is producing loads of small bluefish for anglers tossing plugs.

John said that his customers that are looking for sea bass are still having to head to deep water wrecks to fill coolers with knotheads after hooking them on clams.

At the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina, Capt. Bert Adams said that they had good bluefishing in the Indian River Inlet prior to the windy conditions on Wednesday and Thursday. After that, the bite cut off.

There were a few flounder caught in the back bay, near the VFW Slough, but Bert heard of none being hooked in the Inlet. Minnows and Gulp! combinations are a good producer right now. Bert also reported that his customers who are interested in crabbing are reporting outstanding hauls right now.

On the beach, sharks dominate the nighttime action with kingfish and smaller bluefish being caught during the day.

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Fenwick Shoal are giving at good anglers shots numbers of small bluefish. Anglers on the "Capt. Bob II" Christopher with Capt. Adams at the helm have had some good days dropping Tsunami jigs for small blues at Fenwick Shoal, however, if you are looking for choppers this is not the place to go right

Those boats heading to the Old Grounds in search of sea bass are finding more and more flounder willing to take their offerings of clams, squid and artificial baits. On Sunday, anglers on the "Capt. Bob II" hooked over 30 flounder with 8 keepers finding their way into coolers.

If you are looking for sea bass, structure closer to shore is mainly holding smaller fish with runs out to 100+ feet of water needed to get into bigger fish weighing over 3 lbs. This is nothing new and has been the case all spring.

The dock at the Indian River Marina was buzzing



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over the weekend when anglers on the "Valkyrie" showed up with a 408.2 lb. thresher shark that was caught at the Fingers. The fish was lured in with Hook'em & Cook'em Triple Threat Shark Chum. years, I have heard the good results from sharkers who use this chum, so whatever Bert is loading it up with seems to work great!

Bert said that they also had a few makos arrive at their scale on Sunday, with a 156 pounder coming on the "Still Lucky" from the Norfolk Canyon and another on the "Jack Rabbit II" from the Hambone.

Anglers looking for tuna found bluefins in 300 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon but really had to run all the way down to below the Norfolk to concentrations vellowfins. A few yellowfins were picked up in canyons further north, but those that took the trip down to the 160 line really slayed them.

Bigeye tuna were caught around the 461 Lump on Saturday. I also received reports of giant bluefins being found deep, in 500 fathoms from the Washington Canyon up to above the Lindenkohl. In Ocean City on Saturday, anglers on the "Nauti Norwegian" boated a 71incher that tipped the scale at 202 lbs. They hooked it in 500 fathoms, south of the Poor Man's in 66.6-degree water.

Over the weekend, we saw mahi caught deep outside the Washington Canyon. Interestingly, the mahi this season have definitely been larger that what we typically see this time of year.

Further north at the Lewes Harbour Marina, Tommy reported that flounder fishing in the Lewes Canal is getting better, both in the average size of fish and the number being caught. Larger flounder seem to be coming in from down by the Roosevelt Inlet. Hunter Walsh boated a couple of beauties in the Canal that

measured 19-inches and 22 1/2-inches. Both were caught on Gulp! artificial baits.

The black drum bite at the Coral Beds seems to be dying Tommy said that he hadn't seen one hit their cleaning table in days.

Anglers fishing in the Canal are also releasing a few small stripers during their trips.

Tommy did say that crabbing in the Lewes Canal and in the Broadkill River is very good right now.

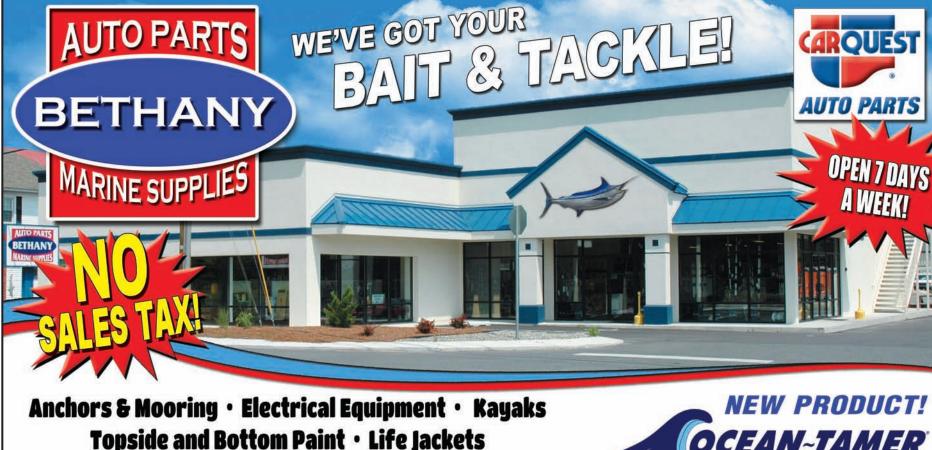
Inshore, anglers fishing on the charter boat, "Katydid" returned with good catches of sea bass from ocean structure, but the big news was the 328 lb. thresher shark caught at Site 11 on the "Pirate King". The shark ate a butterflied mackerel and is the largest shark brought into Lewes Harbour Marina so far this season.

Until next week, keep those lines tight and have some fun! That's what it's all about.

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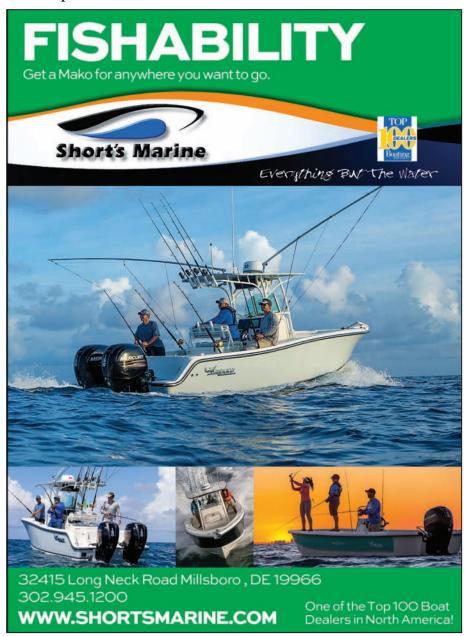


Robbie Baxley is all smiles while posing with the 30-inch striper caught in the Lewes Canal. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Ken Yuen of Germantown, MD got himself a Headboat Grand Slam when he captured a pair of keeper flounder weighing up to 3 lbs. (1 pictured), sea bass up to 2 lbs. 8 oz. and a 6 lb. tautog. All were caught on clams at a natural reef while fishing on the "Angler" with Capt. Charis Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo.





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Paige, Sandy and Dylan Brown joined Lauren Floyd for a trip on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mates Austin Bickford and Will Hathaway. They ventured out to 700 to 900 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon and hooked 6 yellowfin tuna while trolling ballyhoo.











Dominic Hildebrand, age 12, from Slanesville, WV muscled in this big boomer while fishing on the "Grizzly" with Capt. Carey Evans. The black drum was fooled with a chunk of clam at the Coral Beds. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

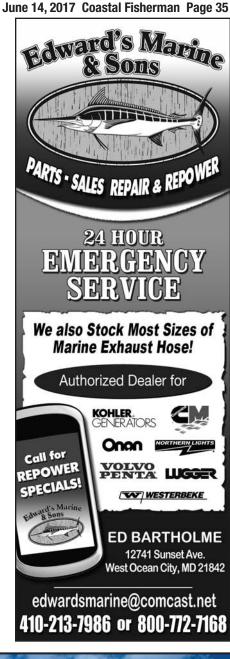


While fishing with Nick Ager off the beach on Assateague Island, Steven Mogel fought this big southern stingray for an hour after hooking it on a whiting.





The Lewes Canal was good to Joe and Sandra Twaddel and Daniel McDerby, giving them 8 keeper flounder measuring between 18 and 20-inches. They hooked the flatties on 1/2 oz. bucktails tipped with chartreuse Gulp! artificial baits. Daniel led the way with a 4 lb. 3 oz. flounder. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



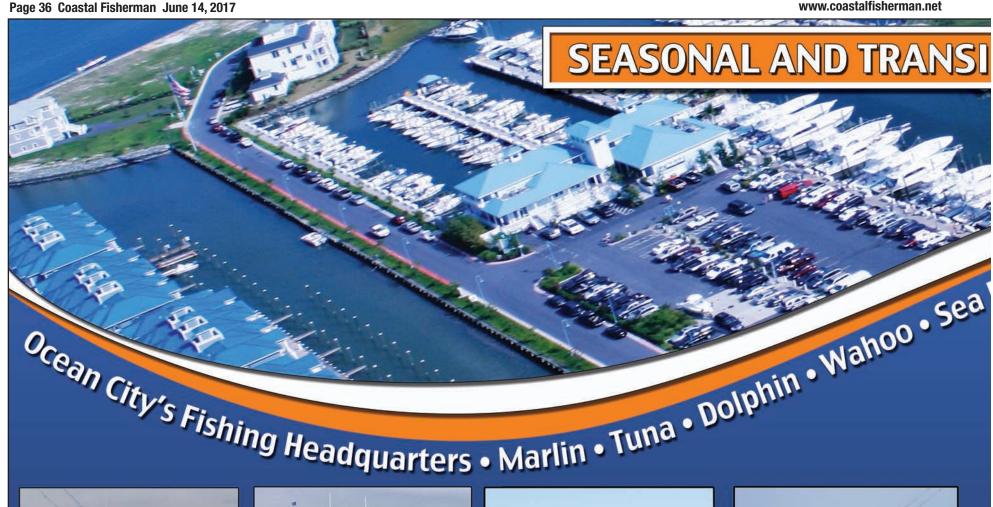


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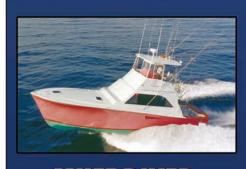


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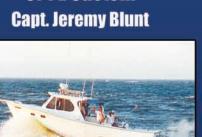
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Well, since I'm not quite as computer savvy as Capt. Franky Pettolina (I don't even know what a # hashtag is), I'll just relay that, as of this writing, the first white marlin of the year has still not been caught out of Ocean City. It seems that the tuna and mahi are still well offshore when boats are able to get to them and the wind has still kept most of us from stocking up on flounder. Fortunately, sea bass fishing has been terrific when the weather cooperates. With tuna, mahi and the first whitey just in range, outside of the Mako Mania Shark Tournament, a lot of us have forgotten about shark fishing, especially without the old Ocean City Shark Tournament which was a great event. Although this may be more of Capt. Mark Sampson's field of expertise, I have managed to

hook quite a few sharks in my lifetime so I figure I will throw in my two cents.

Starting with the coveted mako shark, one thing I have noticed in the past few years is that fisherman are either running too far offshore or not quite far enough. Now, if you want to be like the late Capt. Billy Verbanas out of Delaware who broke his own state record for mako sharks more than a few times, than overnighting in 1,000 fathoms is fine. I can remember running to the Fingers and fishing in 120-feet of water and catching makes when I was younger. I can also remember anchoring on the Jackspot and chunking up as many bluefin tuna as we wanted in the middle of the day on 150 lb. leader!

Now, fishing in 120-feet or less of water, especially around wrecks or reefs, is great for thresher sharks and you may even bump into a mako. It seems that running just a tad bit further towards the Sausages, Hambone, Hot Dog or Massey's Canyon gives you a better shot these days.

Years ago there were days when keeping a shark bait in the water without it being eaten by a chopper bluefish was nearly impossible. The upside to this was that you always had fresh bait and when the blues disappeared you knew there was a shark in your slick. We would take a couple of large blues and string them up along the side of the boat and constantly shear small pieces of flesh off of them as added fresh chum. Unfortunately, I haven't seen a bluefish in my chum slick in over five years. What I do often see, especially on calm days, are huge schools of bluefin tuna making their way to the north. With all of the larger bluefish hanging out in the back bays and inlets over the past few years maybe the makos have changed their diet.

I only take a few make trips a year and they make for great shakedown runs for a first trip. I almost always end up with a mako as well. Now, granted, I am not seeking any monsters, but a 100 to 150 lb. shark is more than enough to feed my huge family and all of my neighbors. Plus, most of the smaller fish are males and their flesh tastes a lot better than that of a 500 pound female. I see no need to take more than one or two of these fish a season, unless someone specifically wants to catch a shark after you have returned from earlier trips with makos in the box. I will also keep a few in late summer that end up as bycatch while overnight tuna fishing in the canyons.

You can make shark fishing as simple or as complicated as you like. Our fellow fisherman in California who fish for monsters will use drums of fresh bait that they continually mash up and either ladle or pump overboard. I have found that in our waters at least, you really don't have to complicate things too much. Two buckets of either mackerel or bunker chum, a half dozen frozen



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Boston mackerel and a half dozen snapper bluefish are about all that you need. I like to leave one bucket out the night before to thaw a bit and keep the other bucket frozen.

When we get to the fishing grounds, I will use a cordless drill to put a number of 1/4 to 1/2-inch holes in the thawed bucket to get the slick going. I simply hang the bucket over the side on a rope and by either lengthening or shortening the amount of rope I have out, I can control the rate of chum that flows out. A shorter rope will cause the bucket to rock up and down with the boat and release more chum. Likewise, a longer rope will simply drift in the current and slowly dispense pieces. You may have to play with the number of holes that you drill and the length of the rope that you use to get things just right. Remember, you want to entice the sharks, not feed them! On a flat calm day you may even have to lift and drop the bucket just get some chum to flow from it.

Now, if you are using my simple method, here is the most important thing to remember; NEVER tie the rope around the wire bucket handle! If you do, eventually you will look down and see that your bucket is gone because the handles almost always break. Instead, drill two holes in the bucket large enough for your rope to fit through. One hole goes in the lid, and another hole goes

through the very top of the bucket on the side. Line up these two holes, thread your rope through, and with a couple of overhand knots you will have nothing to worry about. I also like to add some bunker (menhaden) oil into a small water bottle with a few small knife slits in it and tie it off to a cleat with some light mono and the cap still on. This gives me a surface visual of my slick and helps me to keep my baits in the chum.

As for the actual rigging and bait attachment, if you have been reading any of Capt. Sampson's articles lately he is exactly right: small to medium baits will outfish giant ones and circle hooks are definitely the way to go. Before scaling down from 50 to 30 lb. gear, and even light tuna jigging rods with braid and using circle hooks, I have never seen a make jump! Now, instead of bringing a green and perfectly healthy, gut hooked make to the side of the boat (where he/she inevitably ruin your paint job and twist your gaffs into pretzels), vou get to actually fight the fish with the possibility of a few jumps and wear them down to where they are much easier to handle at boat side. Makos are often easiest to boat when you see them sniffing around your baits first. Simply use a small piece of bait that are slightly bigger than your chum pieces, like a

it drift in front of the shark. Almost always they will inhale that bait without even chewing it and all you have to do is let the circle hook come tight in the fish's jaw.

As for long drifts versus short drifts, there have always been two schools of thought. The long drifters never want to break their slick for fear of losing a fish that may be working towards them. The short drifters would rather stay over promising structure, even if it means picking up and relocating a few throughout the day. I am not going to tell you which method is better, but what I will tell you is that if you don't see a contour line coming up on your GPS for over a mile, and the next one is just as far away, you should probably move. Makos do not inhabit lifeless stretches of flat bottom. For long drifts I prefer a north or south drift that will keep the boat drifting in an area of small humps and hills, versus east to west where the next drop-off may be a mile or two away. As for fishing areas such as humps or hills, I prefer

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to start a 1/4-mile down drift and once I have crossed the hill I will pick up and try somewhere else once my intuition says that there were no fish there.

I love shark fishing! Just waiting for that fin or cobalt blue back to show up in the slick can really get my heart racing. Capt. Mark Sampson is by far the king of this fishery, but there are many other well respected charter boat captains here in the pages of the Coastal Fisherman that can take you out for an exciting day of sharking. As an added bonus, it's a great way to cut your teeth on offshore fishing on your own boat if you aren't quite comfortable running to the canyons yet.

Until next time, go catch something for me as I continue to work on my boat dammit!

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Shrimp and Smoked Oyster Chowder

3 cups water

1 cup bottled clam broth

1/2 lb. medium shrimp 6 clove garlic

1/4 cup dry sherry

1/2 tsp. crushed red pepper

2 bay leaves

1 onion

1 TBSP extra-virgin olive oil

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1 small fennel bulb

1 celery rib

1 small green bell pepper

1 can peeled Italian tomatoes

1 medium baking potato Salt

Freshly ground black pepper

6 oz. skinless grouper or cod fillet

1 can smoked oysters

1 TBSP Worcestershire sauce

1 cup buttermilk

2 TBSP chopped flat-leaf parsley

In a large saucepan, combine the water and clam broth with the shrimp shells, smashed garlic, sherry, crushed red pepper, bay leaves, and one third of the onion.

Bring to a boil and simmer, covered, over low heat for 20 minutes.

Strain the shrimp stock into a heatproof bowl and discard the solids.

In a soup pot, heat the oil.

Add the fennel, celery, bell pepper, minced garlic, and the remaining onion.

Cover and cook over moderate heat, stirring once or

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twice, until the vegetables are barely softened, 3 minutes.

Uncover and cook until tender, 3 minutes longer.

Add the tomatoes with their juices and the shrimp stock; bring to a simmer.

Add the potato, season with salt and pepper, and simmer until just tender, 15 minutes.

Add the shrimp, grouper, oysters, and Worcestershire sauce; simmer until cooked through, 3 minutes.

Off the heat, stir in the buttermilk and parsley.

Serve in deep bowls.

Mahi-mahi with Herbed White Wine Sauce

1/4 cup pine nuts

1 cup bottled clam juice

1/4 cup dry white wine

1 medium shallot

1 TBSP finely chopped thyme

1 TBSP finely chopped marjoram

Salt and freshly ground pepper

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4 skinless mahi-mahi fillets

Extra-virgin olive oil 2 TBSP flat-leaf parsley

In a small saucepan, toast the pine nuts over moderate heat, shaking the pan a few times until the nuts are fragrant, about 1 minute.

Transfer to a plate.

Add the clam juice to the saucepan and boil over high heat until reduced by half, about 5 minutes.

Add the wine and boil until reduced to 1/4 cup, about 5 minutes.

Add the shallot, thyme and marjoram and season with salt and pepper.

Cover the sauce and keep warm.

Light a grill.

Rub the fish fillets with olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

Grill over high heat, turning once, until nicely charred and just cooked through, about 3 minutes per side.





Transfer the fish to plates. Stir the parsley into the wine sauce.

Coarsely chop the toasted pine nuts.

Spoon the sauce over the fish, sprinkle with the pine nuts, and serve.

Spicy Tuna Wraps

1 lb. tuna fillets

2 TBSP mayonnaise

1 tsp. soy sauce

2 tsp. Sriracha

2 wraps

2/3 cup matchstick carrots

1/2 avocado, sliced

1/2 English cucumber, peeled and sliced into long sticks

Grill tuna in cast iron skillet until it flakes easily with a fork.

In a small bowl, mix together the tuna, mayonnaise, soy sauce and sriracha.

Divide the tuna salad between the two wraps.

Divide the vegetables

between the two wraps. Serve.

Fish Tacos with Creamy Lime Guacamole and Cabbage Slaw

2 avocados 1/4 cup low-fat sour cream or Greek yogurt 1 small jalapeño pepper 2 TBSP minced red onion 2 TBSP chopped cilantro 5 TBSP fresh lime juice Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper 1 small head of cabbage 2 TBSP vegetable oil 2 lb. mahi-mahi fillets 10 flour tortillas 2 medium tomatoes Hot sauce Lime wedges

Light a grill.

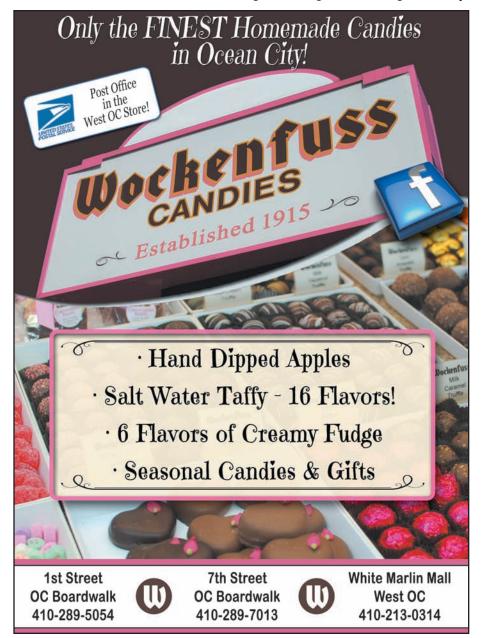
In a medium bowl, mash the avocados, sour cream, jalapeño, red onion, cilantro, and 3 TBSP of the lime juice.

Season the guacamole with salt and pepper and press a piece of plastic wrap directly

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The Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay have heated up lately for anglers looking to catch big boomers and that is where Melissa and James Dawson of Townsend, DE boated this pair weighing 48 and 60.6 lbs., with Melissa's 46-incher taking big fish honors. Both were caught on clams and weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.





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Windy weather this spring has made it difficult to bust through local inlets, but when the headboats can get out into the Atlantic their anglers have had some good days of sea bass fishing. Bruce Cox of Severn, MD caught knotheads weighing up to 2 3/4 lbs. while fishing on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. All of Bruce's fish were caught on clams at a natural reef.



onto the surface of the guacamole.

In a large bowl, toss the cabbage with the 2 TBSP of vegetable oil and the remaining 2 TBSP of lime juice.

Season with salt pepper.

Brush the fish with oil and season with salt and pepper.

Grill over moderately high heat until lightly charred and cooked through, about 10 minutes.

Transfer the fish to a platter.

To assemble each taco, spread a dollop of guacamole on a tortilla.

Top with a piece of fish, a few tomato slices, and a large spoonful of the cabbage slaw.

Serve with the hot sauce and lime wedges.

Spicy Shrimp Pasta with **Tomato Cream Sauce**

8 oz. dry fettuccine pasta, uncooked

2 TBSP canola oil

3/4 lb. shrimp, peeled and

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deveined

- 1/2 tsp. ground red pepper
- 1 TBSP finely chopped garlic
- 1 can (28 oz each) Hunt's Diced Tomatoes, drained well
- 1/2 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup reduced fat cream cheese with chive and onion
- Shredded Parmesan cheese, optional

Cook pasta according to package directions.

Meanwhile, heat oil in large skillet over medium-high heat.

Sprinkle shrimp with pepper and add to skillet.

Cook 2 to 3 minutes, stirring frequently.

Add garlic; cook until garlic is fragrant and shrimp has turned pink.

Remove from skillet; set aside.

Add drained tomatoes, broth and cream cheese to skillet.





Simmer over medium heat 5 to 7 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally until blended.

Add pasta and shrimp; toss to coat.

Cook 2 minutes more or until hot.

Top with Parmesan cheese, if desired and serve.

Potato Chip Crusted Baked Sea Bass

4 sea bass fillets

1 TBSP mayonnaise

2 cups salt and vinegar potato chips (3/4 cup crushed chips)

Salt and pepper

Preheat oven to 400-degrees.

Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper.

Set the sea bass on the parchment paper and pat dry with a paper towel.

Brush just the tops of the sea bass fillets with a thin layer of mayonnaise.

Sprinkle the tops with salt and pepper.

Place potato chips in a large zip bag and crushing with a rolling pin.

Pour the crumbs on a plate. Press the top of each piece of sea bass into the crushed potato chips.

Set fillets back on the parchment paper with the potato chip crust up.

Bake the sea bass for 10 to 15 minutes. Be very careful not to over to overcook.

Serve warm.

Savory Crab Stuffed Mushrooms

3 TBSP butter, melted

24 fresh mushrooms

- 2 TBSP butter
- 2 TBSP minced green onions
- 1 tsp. lemon juice
- 1 cup diced cooked crabmeat
- 1/2 cup soft bread crumbs
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1/2 tsp. dried dill weed
- 3/4 cup shredded

Monterey Jack cheese,





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divided

1/4 cup dry white wine

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Prepare a 9x13-inch baking dish with 3 TBSP butter.

Remove stems from mushrooms.

Set aside caps.

Finely chop stems.

Melt 2 TBSP butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat.

Stir in the chopped stems and green onions.

Cook until soft, about 3 minutes.

Remove saucepan from heat.

Stir lemon juice, in crabmeat, soft bread crumbs, egg, dill weed and 1/4 cup Monterey Jack cheese.

blend Thoroughly the mixture.

Place mushroom caps in the buttered pan, and stir until caps are coated with the butter.

Arrange caps, cavity side up, and stuff generously with the green onion and crabmeat mixture.

Top with remaining Monterey Jack cheese.

Pour wine into the pan around the mushrooms.

Bake uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes, until cheese is melted and lightly browned.

Serve warm.

Flounder Tagine

1/4 cup flat leaf parsley, chopped

2 TBSP fresh cilantro, chopped

1/8 cup extra virgin olive oil

1 tsp. ground ginger

2 tsp. sweet Hungarian paprika

8 saffron threads, crushed

2 tsp. fresh lemon juice

4 flounder fillets

4 large tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 tsp. ground cumin

1/2 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. fresh ground pepper

1/4 cup extra virgin olive

2 large carrots, diagonally sliced

1 large onion, thinly sliced

1 TBSP preserved lemon 12 kalamata olives or 12

brine-cured black olives, rinsed and pitted

Fresh flat-leaf parsley

Combine first 7 ingredients in a large bowl.

Place flounder fillets in a 13x9-inch baking dish.

Pour parsley mixture evenly over fillets.

Cover and chill 2 hours, turning once.

Combine tomato, garlic, and cumin in a large saucepan over medium heat.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer, uncovered for 8 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally.

Remove from heat and add salt and pepper. (This mixture may be made 1 day ahead and chilled. Reheat before using.).

Heat 1/4 cup olive oil in a

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Dutch oven over medium heat.

Add carrot and onion.

Top with tomato mixture.

Cover and cook over medium heat for 12 minutes or until carrot is tender.

Remove from heat.

Place fillets and parsley marinade on top of tomato mixture.

Spread preserved lemon evenly over fillets.

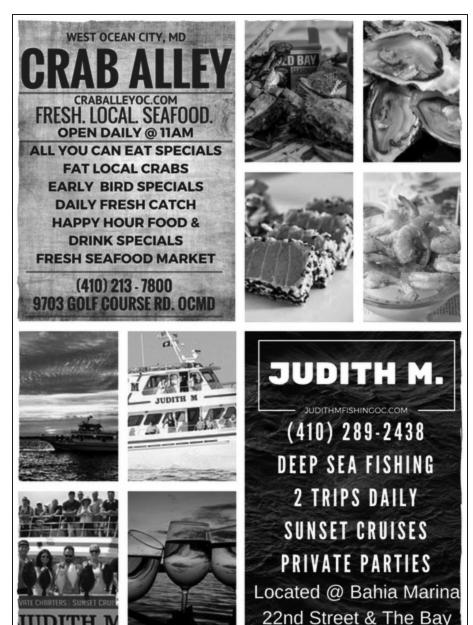
Sprinkle with olives.

Cover and cook over medium heat for 10 minutes or until fish flakes with a fork.

> Garnish with parsley. Serves 4.

If you would like to share your favorite seafood recipe with readers of the Coastal Fisherman, all you need to do email the recipe to maureenjock@comcast.net or make a copy of it and mail it to Coastal Fisherman, 12748 Sunset Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842.









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Margaret Orchulli braved extremely windy conditions and was rewarded with an 18 1/2-inch flounder, caught on a Gulp! and minnow combination in the Thorofare during the outgoing tide. Margaret was fishing with her husband, Mike Orchulli.



In the 2017 Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Kevin Bricker caught a 124 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "I-Cart-Er" with Eddie Kuntz, John Dolmetsch, Vincent Bury, Ron Marquette, Capt. Alan Carter and Mate John Griffith. Pictured at Bahia Marina.





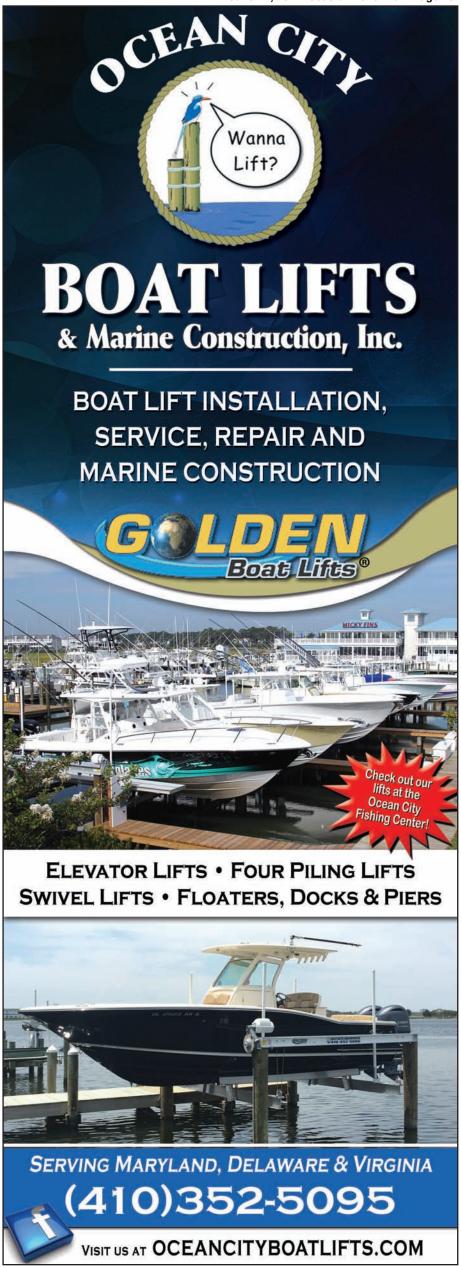






Charles Jenkins of Westover, MD used a flounder rig tipped with a shiner to fool this 24-inch, 5 lb. 8 oz. flounder while fishing off the Rt. 50 Bridge. Pictured at the Coastal Fisherman office on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City.



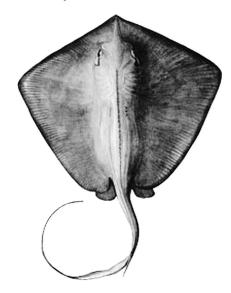




Page 50 Coastal Fisherman June 14, 2017 Chum Lines by Capt. Mark Sampson

Last week, a friend gave me a few fish for dinner and I couldn't wait to bring home and let my wife work her magic on. The next day, I finally had the chance to sit behind a plate of the fish spread out over a bed of spinach. Boy was it ever good! As we ate, we both questioned, as we always do whenever we eat this type of fish, why so many folks turn their noses up at it. "What's not to like?" I asked as I helped myself to a second portion.

Anyway, I'm not going to go into what kind of fish they were, at least not now, but I did want to use the incident as a segue to get started talking about a few of the fish we have tooling around our waters that for one reason or the other, have more than just a few myths, misunderstandings, and misconceptions about their edibility.



At the top of the list are the rays, which would mostly include the stingrays and the skates. Roughtail rays, southern stingrays, cownosed rays and clearnosed skates are the species most often

"accidentally" caught by anglers in this area. I know that whenever we have an encounter with one of these critters I can pretty much count on someone aboard saying, "I hear they punch the wings out of those rays with cookie cutters to make scallops!" I'm guessing most of you have heard similar comments as well.

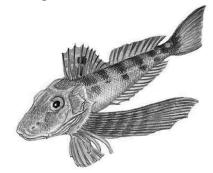
OK folks, let's get this straight once and for all. Nobody ever has - or ever will use a cookie cutter to punch a scallop-like piece of meat out of the wing of a ray! If you've ever cut into a ray to see what the meat is like, you'd know that it is way too firm to push a cookie cutter through. Someone once told me a slight variation of the myth claiming to have heard that "they" sharpen the ends of metal pipes and pound them through the meat to make the scallops. I could see that process possibly working to produce a plug-like chunk of ray meat, but I'm pretty sure that you'd have to be from some other planet to be fooled into thinking that the end product could be compared to a scallop in anything but shape. For those who have never seen either; scallops have a very fine grain that runs vertically through an all white and very tender meat, while the thick grains of ray meat run horizontally and are separated by strands of tough fibrous tissue, the meat of some rays is comprised of alternating streaks of red and white mussel. Ray meat

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doesn't look like, chew like or taste like scallops – period!

I will not dispute that rays can be eaten and I'm sure there are plenty of people who have great recipes for the winged members of the saltwater world. However, if anyone tries to tell you that they've heard that "they" make scallops out of ray wings, please find out who "they" are and forward that information off to me so I can visit them and perhaps learn for myself how to perform such a culinary miracle!

To the extent that rays are not necessarily all they're cracked up to be, the lowly sea robin is just the opposite. Sea robins, with their broad winglike pectoral fins and leg-like appendages, are certainly odd enough in appearance that it's understandable why most folks would not look at them as a source of food when they are hanging from a hook that was intended for flounder or sea bass. Pretty much every bottom fisherman I know rates them in the trash fish category and release them as fast as they can get their hook out of the big, bony head. But as goofy as this sounds, sea robins are really not bad eating at all!



The first time I ate sea





robin it was just experiment. We were catching a lot of big ones on an offshore structure and I remembered how an "old-timer" use to claim that they would eat them. So I brought some home for dinner and was pleasantly surprised that they tasted somewhat like croaker. From then on I've never shied away from throwing a sea robin in the cooler if it's big enough. Note: when I say "big enough" that doesn't mean there is a size limit on sea robins because there is not, but most of them we usually catch are just too small to provide much meat so we wait until we get a couple that are worth the effort of cleaning and cooking.

If anyone is brave enough to take the sea robin challenge, be aware that when you pull these fish out of the cooler they will likely be covered with a layer of slime that apparently comes out of their skin when they've been chilled. While undoubtedly makes them all the less appealing, when they are filleted and skinned the slime will go away with the rest of the unwanted parts leaving a nice fillet ready for the grill or broiler.

There has been a bunch of shark fishing going on over the last few weeks and anglers have caught and released a lot of blue sharks. But if you've That's because it's mostly should I say an "unpalatable" like better than busting myths about blue sharks prepare the meat properly.



The meat from a blue shark is different from other sharks that anglers might keep for dinner in that it holds a lot of moisture in the tissue. This moisture does not create a poor taste but it will provide for a meat that ends up being very "mushy" if it's prepped and cooked the same way as one might for other species of shark. To counter the moisture problem, anglers should start by cutting blue shark steaks half as thick as they normally would for other sharks - like about a half inch. Prior to

taken notice, there hasn't been many, if any, blue sharks brought back to the dock. understood that blues are an inedible species of shark. Or species, suggesting that you can eat them - but you're not going to like it much! Well, well, well, there's nothing I about sharks, and I think it's time that the inedibility myth gets fractured a bit. Blue sharks "are" edible and are really quite good as long as you know how to handle and

cooking the steaks, they should spend the night in the refrigerator on a bed of paper towels that will help to draw out some of the moisture. The steaks can then be sprinkled with some kind of spice like Old Bay, lemon pepper, Montreal Steak Seasoning or Cajon seasoning and cooked on a hot grill. Sauces, oils or marinades should not be added to the meat until after the fish has been cooked because the idea is to get the moisture out of it, not add more. Once it's cooked through, you can anything you want to it and "enjoy" because it's really quite good!

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Blue shark on the grill, sea robin sandwiches and skate on a stick, all sounds like dinner to me. And by the way, the fish I brought home last week that my wife and I enjoyed so much was a couple of good old bluefish. And since I'm about as tired of hearing folks bash the taste of bluefish as everyone is probably tired of me writing about how good they are, maybe we should just leave of at that!

Capt. Mark Sampson is an outdoor writer and captain of the charter boat, "Fish Finder", docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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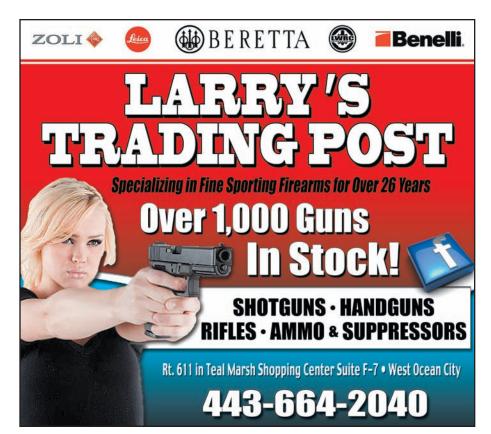
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Last Sunday, anglers on the charter boat, "Foolish Pleasures" arrived back to the Ocean City Fishing Center after an overnight trip with 14 yellowfin tuna, 2 mahi and a 116 lb. mako shark in the box, and a white marlin release after fishing 113 miles south of the Ocean City Inlet, below the Norfolk Canyon (165 line). The tuna and mahi were caught while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars and the mako ate a butterflied bluefish. Fishing with Capt. Dale Lisi and mate Eddie Braxton were Nick Benjamin, Harvey and Derek Fisher, Rob Reusch, Jason Kilby and Pat Strawbridge (not pictured).



Bowfishing is really taking off for anglers fishing in the bays behind Ocean City and these anglers on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" capped off their day by shooting a couple of rays after spending some time with the rod and reel in search of flounder and bluefish. Mark Miller, Mike Zeccola, Daren Henderson, Joseph Davolos and Paul Davolos took a trip with Capt. John Prather and ended up with 13 bluefish and a 20 1/2-inch flounder caught on bucktails tipped with Z-Man artificial baits. They also arrowed a cownose ray and a southern ray while bowfishing around the Rt. 50 Bridge.



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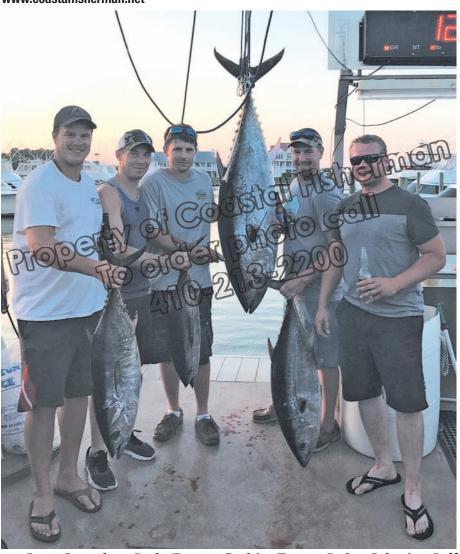
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Last Saturday, Josh Ensor, Corbin Ensor, Luke Schmitt, Jeff Rosenkilde and Rick Barber on the "Tuna Fowl" teamed up to boat 3 bluefin tuna and a yellowfin tuna while trolling in 300 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. The tuna were caught in 63 to 65-degree water. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



Anglers don't need to travel all the way down to Cape Charles, VA to hook into a cobia, because we had a couple caught right in local waters last week. One was hooked in the Ocean City Inlet and Connor Wingate landed this one while fishing with cut bait in the surf off South Bethany Beach, DE. Last year we had the best cobia fishing we have seen in years along the Delmarva coast, especially on the shoals just outside the Ocean City Inlet. Hopefully, 2017 will be another good year to catch the "Man in the Brown Suit".

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Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
White Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size

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POOTBALL

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Ted and Bennett Traurij from Finksburg, MD, Ryan Tompkins from Selbyville, MD, Scott Tompkins from Woodstock, MD and Mike Bromwell from Westminster, MD had a good day of fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mates Wade Jamarowicz and Mark Stephens. The anglers ended their trip with 8 yellowfins, a bigeye and a gaffer dolphin after trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in 800 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon where Capt. Mark found water temperatures at 67-degrees. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





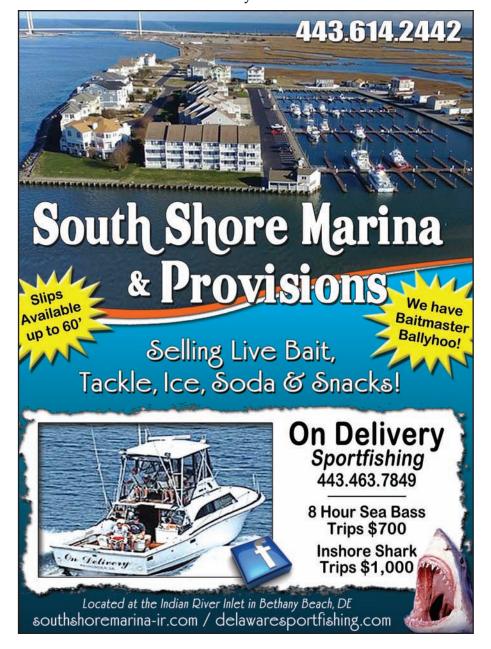








Bob Shaw from Berlin, MD was in the West Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge when he hooked this 18-inch flounder on a Gulp! and minnow combination. Pictured at the Coastal Fisherman office on Sunset Ave. in West Ocean City.





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Jill Dolfi of Monongahela, PA is one happy angler after catching this 18-inch flounder on a white Gulp! artificial bait by the Assateague Bridge. Jill was fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town on Rt. 611 in Berlin, MD.



Last weekend, Jim Barnes, Russell Odea, Jim Hicks, Don Oswinkle, Glenn Freeman, Dan Barnhardt, Tom Ziemann, Joe Hamel, Tim Gelmeav, Sr., Tim Gelmeav, Jr., Mark Gelmeav, Sean Bowie, Andrew Erickson, Chuck Frank and Harold Langford returned to Lewes Harbour Marina with a 13 1/2-foot, 328 lb. thresher shark caught at Site 11 on a butterflied mackerel. The anglers were fishing on the "Pirate King" with Capt. Chris Ragni and mate Tanner Virden.

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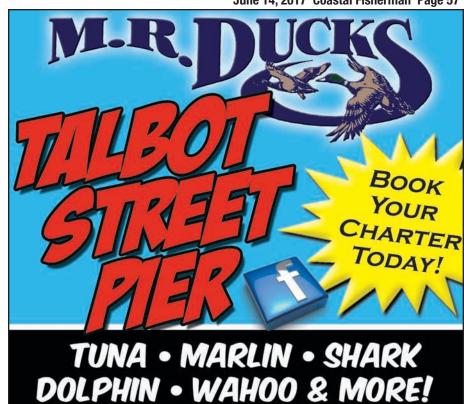






Mike Troy from Tunkhannock, PA used a whole finger mullet to fool this 20-inch flounder while fishing off the beach on 90th Street in Ocean City. Pictured at the Coastal Fisherman office on Sunset Avenue in West Ocean City.







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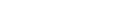
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After a slow start, the Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay started producing good catches of black drum for anglers fishing out of Lewes, DE. On this day, Terry Hartaub, Paul Kump and Bo Liesienger joined Capt. Vince Keagy on the "Miss Kristin" and brought back a half dozen boomers that they caught on clams. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Last Saturday, Wes Pollitt, mate on the headboat, "Morning Star" took matters into his own hands and caught this 21 1/2-inch, 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder after dropping a bucktail tipped with a Gulp! artificial bait on an artificial reef. Unfortunately, Wes didn't hook-up Mama Jock with any flounder fillets so future blueberry muffins don't look promising for Wes.





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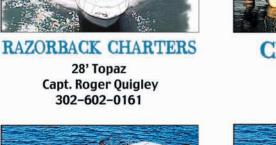
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During a half-day trip on the headboat, "Judy V" with Capt. Christopher Adams, Brian Ferguson and Clarissa Grim, from York, PA got into some snapper bluefish while dropping jigs at Fenwick Shoal. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



Logan and Bella Flurrie teamed up to land this 51.5 lb. black drum while fishing at the Coral Beds with Geoff McCloskey on the "Tuttu Benne". Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





The Thorofare has been a hot spot for keeper flounder this spring and that is right where Danny Cox caught 3 flatties, measuring 19 to 21-inches. Danny fooled the fish with minnow and Gulp! combinations.



Adam, Pat and Steve Hanley, Dave Kiser and Erik Szymanski from Buffalo, NY and Steve Sojka from Charlotte, NC took an overnight trip to below the Norfolk Canyon and were rewarded with 21 yellowfins caught on ballyhoo and spreader bars in 300 fathoms. The anglers were fishing on the "Killin' Time" with Capt. Jason Norton and mates Mike Davidson and Buzz Lovendusky.









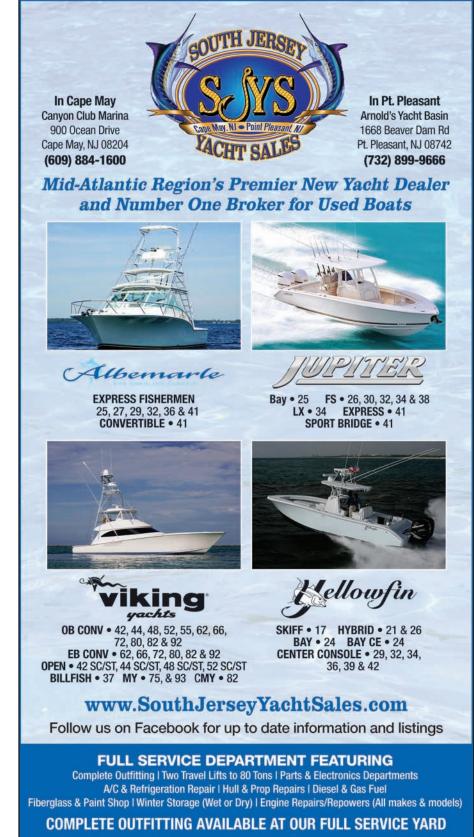


Abbe Tribbitt from Ocean View, DE was fishing with peeler crabs off Hog Island, a Virginia barrier island, when she caught and released this 43-inch red drum while fishing with Tyler, Tom and Jane Tribbitt.





Mike Herbert and Jimmy Dobbs are pictured with a pair of yellowfins caught during an overnight trip with Brandon Steinhiece on the "Bonnie Lynn". The anglers caught the 40 pounders in addition to a 66-inch make in 68-degree water, northeast of the 461 Lump. They also boated some tilefish and sea bass after stopping on some structure on their way home.



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NOAA seeks comments on controversial seismic surveys off Atlantic Coast

NOAA Fisheries is seeking public comment on proposals under the Marine Mammal Protection Act that would allow companies that are proposing to conduct geophysical surveys in the Atlantic Ocean using seismic air guns to incidentally, but not intentionally, harass marine mammals.

The agency is proposing to authorizations that prescribe monitoring, reporting, and mitigation measures to minimize the impacts of the surveys to marine mammals.

NOAA Fisheries reviewed five separate requests from companies proposing conduct geophysical surveys using seismic air gun arrays in the Atlantic Ocean. Department of the Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management recently resumed its permitting process for

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geophysical surveys in the Atlantic Ocean under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, and as a result NOAA Fisheries is now moving forward with the related proposed incidental harassment authorizations.

The proposed authorizations stipulate that any survey operation use mitigation and monitoring measures in order to minimize harm to marine mammals, including:

- Observers board on seismic survey vessels to listen and watch for marine life and alert operators if a protected species comes within a certain distance.
- •Operational restrictions designed to eliminate or reduce impacts to sensitive species in their preferred habitats.
- Acoustic monitoring to marine detect mammal vocalizations beneath the ocean surface.
- Gradual increases seismic activity to alert animals in the area and reduce potential for exposure to intense noise.
- Required shutdowns when certain sensitive species or





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groups of animals are observed.

Survey vessel strike avoidance procedures.

The agency is accepting public comments for 30 days on the proposed authorizations until July 7.

NOAA Fisheries will use the best available information in considering the requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act relating to incidental proposed takeduring geophysical surveys in this region. The public comment period ensures interested stakeholders are able to provide information for consideration in NOAA Fisheries' final determinations.

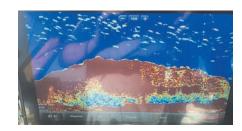
Comments should addressed to Jolie Harrison, Permits Chief, and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service. Physical comments should be sent to 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and electronic comments should be sent to ITP.Laws@noaa.gov.

Comments received electronically, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Below are pictures of the sounder on the headboat, "Morning Star". According to Capt. Monty Hawkins, "Some cable and small concrete block piles at Power's Jackspot Reef. Tiny habitat compared to the Blenny. This picture was taken on June 4th, but with sea bass present & behaving normally."



"The picture below is at the submarine, "Blenny", also on June 4th after a brief survey impact ceased. There are no sea bass in this image of about half the 300-foot reef.





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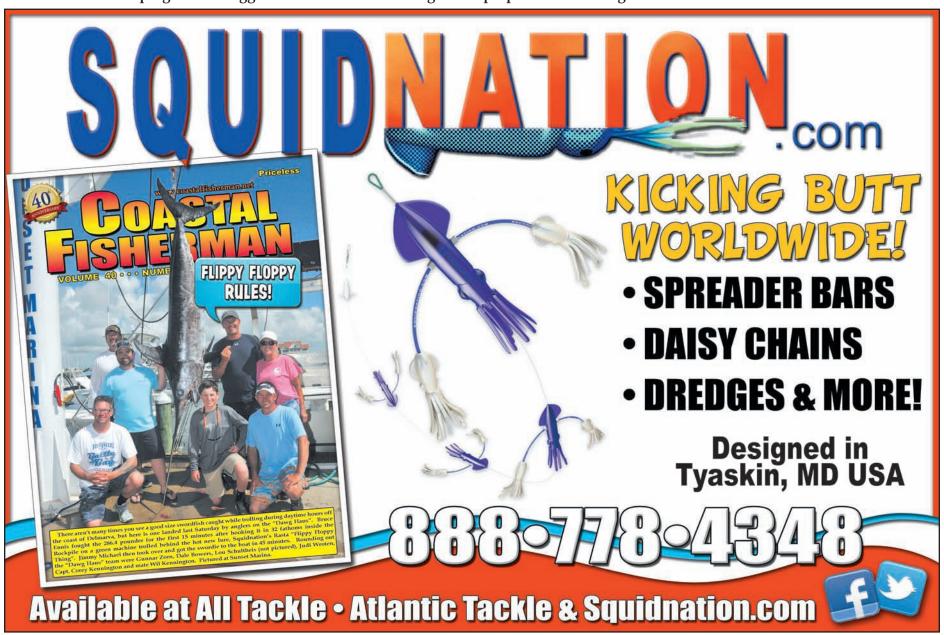
(As reported to the Coastal Fisherman - Must be reported with picture within 48 hours of catch) 2017 2016 **Species** 2017 2016 **Species** Sea Bass **Mako Shark** May 16, 2017 May 15, 2016 April 28, 2017 May 14, 2016 **Steve Billingsley** Tom Vaughan **Andy Smelter Brian Leader** "Morning Star" "Morning Star" "Nontypical" "Keep Er Wet" Ocean Wreck Sue's Reef Triple 0's Poor Man's Canyon Tautog January 1, 2016 **White Marlin** January 1, 2017 May 27, 2016 Pat Scida **Dave Moore** None **Andy Urban** "Morning Star" "Morning Star" Reported "In the Black" Ocean Wreck **Artificial Reef** Norfolk Canyon January 14, 2016 **Striped Bass Blue Marlin** May 28, 2016 April 28, 2017 **Connor Metz** None Bo Appel **Jack Austin** "G-FORCE" Reported "Boss Hogg" Cape Henlopen Surf Little Gull Norfolk Canyon **Bluefin Tuna** Weakfish April 30, 2017 April 21, 2016 May 20, 2017 June 2, 2016 **Dale Christensen** Joe Cantianelli Rod Grodzicki John Kelleher "Wrecker" "Reel Life" **Inner Wall Ice Breakers** Triple 0's **Baltimore Canyon** Flounder Yellowfin Tuna April 30, 2017 May 7, 2016 April 16, 2016 April 7, 2017 **Corbin Ensor** Jeff Rosenkilde Hannah Johnson **Lukas Layton** "Tunafowl" "Mate Trix" "Lucky Break" Rt. 90 Bridge **Sinepuxent Bay** Triple 0's **Baltimore Canyon Bluefish Longfin Tuna** April 17, 2017 June 5, 2016 April 15, 2016 None **Ayrton Pryor Jeff Drury Sean Fox** Reported **Assawoman Bay** Lindenkohl Canyon **Assateague Surf Black Drum Bigeye Tuna** May 27, 2017 May 26, 2016 April 20, 2017 March 31, 2016 **Mark Robbins Denise Rust Tom Fox** Billy Powell "Husevo" "Marli" Assatague Surf **Assateague Surf** Norfolk Canyon Norfolk Canyon Sheepshead **Dolphin** April 30, 2017 May 20, 2016 May 7, 2016 May 31, 2017 Megan Humphrey **Randy Tracey Paul Lebling George Easter** "Wrecker" "Talkin Trash" Russell's Reef **South Jetty** Triple 0's **Washington Canyon Thresher Shark** Wahoo May 20, 2016 June 2, 2016 May 27, 2017 **Chris Stafford** None **Ryan Morris Anthony Pino** "Reel Nauti" Reported "Jade II" Fingers **Washington Canyon Jackspot**

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The first cobia we have seen caught in Ocean City so far this season was hooked by Jaime Buffington while fishing in the Ocean City Inlet on the "Jaime Lynn" with Ron Buffington. The cobia measured 21-inches and was caught on a jig head tipped with a Bass Kandy Delight at the start of the outgoing tide. Jaime and Ron also got into stripers, measuring up to 30 1/2-inches, at the South Jetty but the bite slowed as the week progressed. Bigger fish were found feeding under porpoises and diving birds.



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The summertime fishing scene continues to pick up momentum, but the northeasterly blow last week could slow things up a little. Expect the trend to continue once things settle and anglers can get back out on the water.



Cobia is still the main event. Good numbers of early season fish, with many pushing to over 50 lbs., are contributing to a good start to the fishing season. Plenty of encounters are providing ample opportunity to score with some nice fish for sight casters. Chummers are also experiencing good results from Buckroe and Bluefish Rock, while even local pier anglers are getting in on the

action, with some cobia weighing over 60 lbs. coming over the rails last week. Be sure to review the regulations before targeting these local favorites.



With the recent full moon, the red drum bite is still very good as big fish continue to hit along the surf of Eastern Shore barrier islands and near Buoys 8 and 10 near Nautilus Shoal and the Nine-Foot Shoal areas. According to Captain Steve Wray, skipper of the "Ocean Pearl" from Lynnhaven Inlet, some extra-large sharks have been lurking also Chesapeake Bay waters lately, including bull sharks and hammerheads.

The flounder bite continues to evolve, with more anglers reporting limits of fish from various lower Bay locations. The 1st and 2nd Islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) were productive spots before the coldfront and Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets also provided some good flatfish action over the past week. The Cell, Willoughby, Buckroe and Buoy 36A areas are giving up some decent catches recently, while the bayside and seaside areas of Oyster are still producing good numbers of fish for drifters.



Good quantities of puppy drum continue to come

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Lynnhaven Inlet while Rudee Inlet and Mobjack Bay are also reporting some catches of pups.



The croaker bite remains typical for this time of the year, with plenty of medium-sized fish keeping bottom bouncers and pier anglers content. The Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, Hampton Bar, the Monitor-Merrimac, the James River Bridge and Little Creek are providing good action on a range of sizes of hardheads. Some big sea mullet are also biting off the oceanfront and lower Bay piers.

The sheepshead bite is still heating up, with some big fish coming from the CBBT proper lately. Spadefish are circling the Chesapeake Light Tower, as well as responding over several inshore wrecks, with a







nice class of fish available this year.



Although interest is low, some striped bass are still biting around the 3rd and 4th Islands of the CBBT on topwater lures in the evenings, but be sure to review the new regulations.

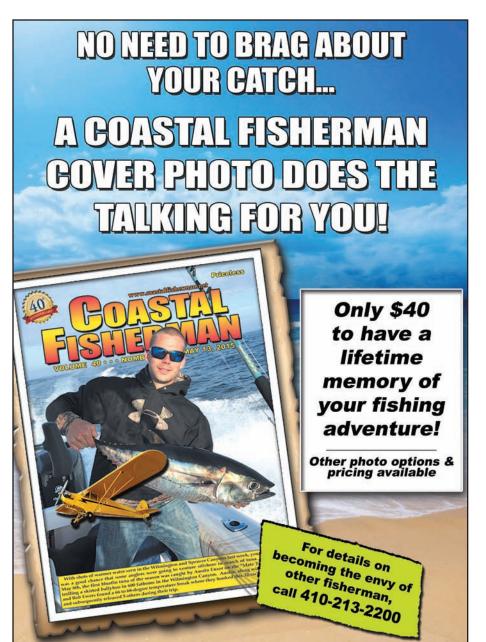
The Spanish mackerel action continues to heat up in local waters. These fish provide quick action, and are easy to catch. Boats are encountering good numbers of Spanish while trolling off Cape Henry and along the Virginia Beach oceanfront in about 25 to 30 feet of water. Tailor and snapper bluefish are also in these same vicinities.

When boats can get out, deep droppers are finding a good variety of blueline tilefish and nice golden tilefish along with a by catch of big sea bass near the Norfolk Canyon. A few boats are still targeting wrecks for sea bass, but that attraction is faltering as more species become available.



Offshore, very good catches of yellowfin tuna, along with some nice bigeye tuna and large and abundant dolphin are contributing to a great intro to Virginia's early offshore season. Many boats are returning to the dock early with limits of fish, with most of the yellowfin tuna averaging to around 30 lbs..

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Fri. June 16	Low 07:20 am Low 07:30 pm	High 01:03 am High 01:36 pm
Sat. June 17 Last Qtr. Moon	Low 08:08 am Low 08:30 pm	High 01:53 am High 02:33 pm
Sun. June 18	Low 08:57 am Low 09:33 pm	High 02:48 am High 03:33 pm
Mon. June 19	Low 09:50 am Low 10:39 pm	High 03:46 am High 04:32 pm
Tues. June 20	Low 10:46 am Low 11:43 pm	High 04:43 am High 05:29 pm
Wed. June 21	Low 11:42 am Low	High 05:40 am High 06:26 pm
Thurs. June 22	Low 12:44 am Low 12:38 pm	High 06:36 am High 07:24 pm
Fri. June 23 New Moon	Low 01:40 am Low 01:32 pm	High 07:34 am High 08:22 pm
Sat. June 24	Low 02:34 am Low 02:25 pm	High 08:33 am High 09:19 pm
Sun. June 25	Low 03:26 am Low 03:18 pm	High 09:31 am High 10:13 pm
Mon. June 26	Low 04:19 am Low 04:12 pm	High 10:27 am High 11:06 pm
Tues. June 27	Low 05:14 am Low 05:10 pm	High 11:23 am High 11:57 pm

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