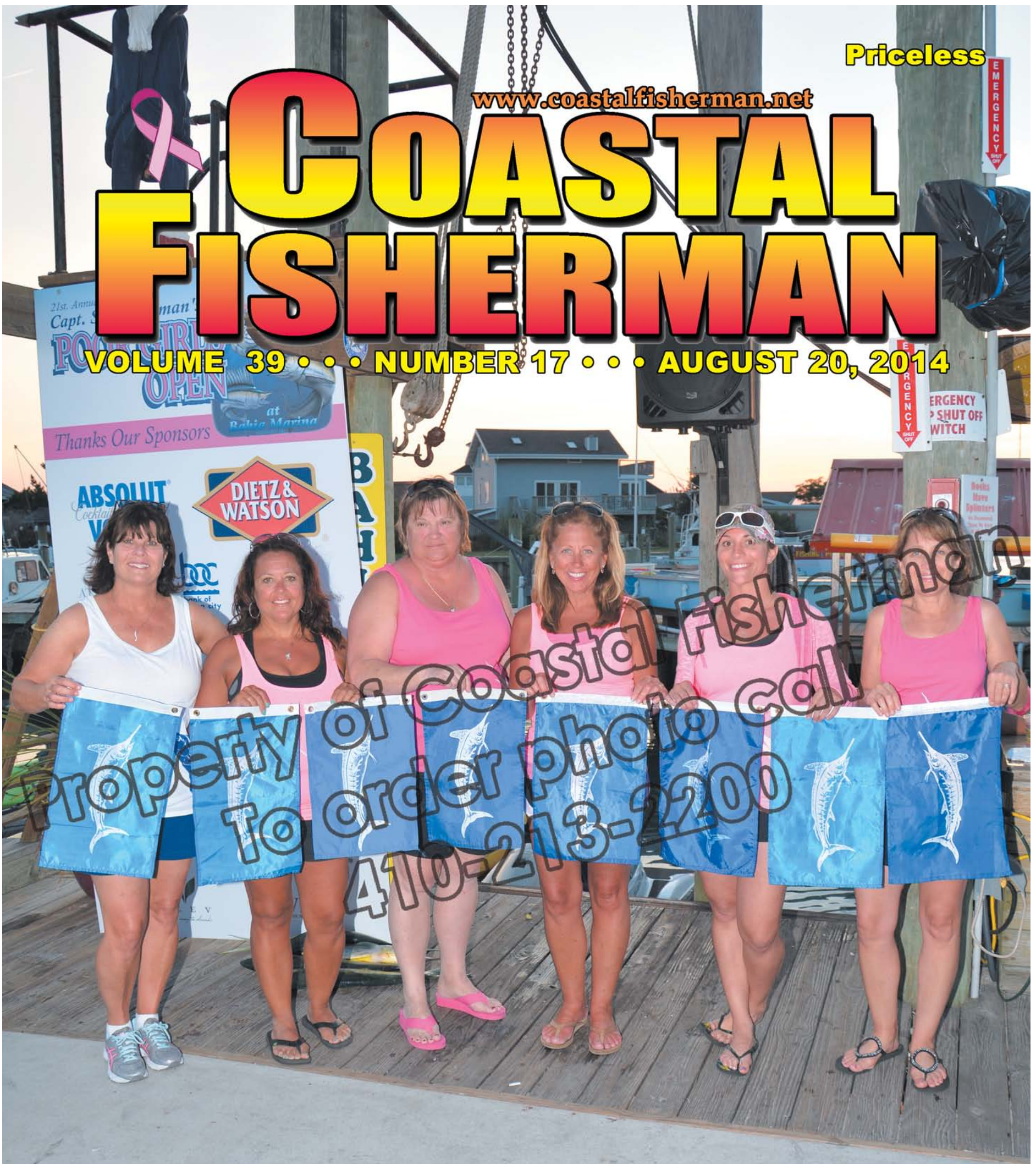


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On the second day of the 21st Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, anglers on the "Tighten Up" arrived at the scale with 8 white marlin releases and held on to win 1st place in the Billfish Division. Fishing with Capt. Jason Genthner and mates Michael Murray and Dylan Harrington were Lynn Runk, Beth Houck, Candace Yohn, Terry Lennon, Leeann Spindler and Doreen Yohn. All of the white marlin were hooked on trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon and the 8 releases earned the lady anglers \$31,640 in award money. Proceeds from the tournament and other Bahia Marina events raised \$65,000 for the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Parker, Michael and John Scanlon joined Michael and Carter Riviuccio on a trip aboard the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Lizzy Brittingham and they ended their day with 5 keeper flounder in the box. The flounder were caught on white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the East Channel. The largest fish measured 24-inches and weighed 5 lbs. 5 oz. Pictured back at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Gina Drago-Frey of Fenwick Island, DE captured this 45 lb. wahoo during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Restless Lady" with Jennifer Izzi, Brittany Ofano, Mary Soprano, Debra Stauffer, Capt. Todd Kurtz and mates Will Hathaway and Sean Welsh. The wahoo was caught while trolling in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.

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Bruce McConkey from College Park, MD landed this 26-inch flounder while drifting minnows behind 32nd Street in Ocean City.



John Jacobs was fishing with minnows near the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay when he hooked into this 6 lb. 10 oz. flounder. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Robert Spangler of Pikesville, MD was fishing on the "Stick 2 It" with Jack Strouse and Capt. John Monroe when he captured this 34 lb. wahoo on a Stick 2 It wahoo lure at the Jackspot. The anglers also had 2 shots at white marlin but both came loose during the fight. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



We don't see too many speckled trout being caught out of Lewes, DE but Brian Smith managed to find this pair in the Broadkill River. The trout weighed 3 lbs. 8 oz. and 5 lbs. 6 oz. and were caught on an Electric Chicken Bass Assassin Sea Shad. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Charlie Green, Mike Skovira, Mark Adams, Todd Adams, Andrew Adams and Alan Harris teamed up to land 7 yellowfin tuna while chunking in 250 fathoms in the Wilmington Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On Saturday, anglers on the "Jezebel" went deep dropping in 600-feet of water in the Baltimore Canyon and caught 9 golden tilefish, weighing up to 13 lbs. 5 oz., and a black bellied rosefish. Fishing with Capt. Chester Sadowski and mate Tim Kane (not pictured) were Leo Monfredo, Don Riggins, Jacob Wozar, Jason Courtney and Keith Kline. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.

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OCEAN CITY FISHING REPORT

BY LARRY JOCK



The weather over the weekend made it challenging for boats heading offshore, but it wasn't bad enough to keep folks at the dock. Offshore water temperatures are in the mid-to-high 70's, hopefully setting up a good marlin bite as we head into the end of August and what has been a historically the time for good marlin fishing.

Poor Girls Open

We didn't see a lot of action at the scale of the Poor Girls this year, but when we did it was a flurry of activity. The scale was fairly quiet each day until the last hour of weigh-ins when the boats finally got back to the dock.

On Thursday, the first day of the tournament, seas were rough and only 15 boats ventured offshore. Most headed to the Baltimore Canyon where several recorded white marlin releases, including 5 coming on the "Pumpin' Hard 58". A blue marlin was also released on the "Pool Party" while trolling outside the Baltimore Canyon. The only tuna weighed was a 63.2 lb. yellowfin caught on the "Foolish Pleasures" in the



After lines came out of the water on the first day of the Poor Girls Open, Capt. Jon Yost decided to run from the Baltimore Canyon down to the bigeye hole in the Washington Canyon where they boated this 249 lb. eyeball at 9:40 PM on a trolled ballyhoo. Pictured the next morning are Yvonne Pruitt, Capt. Jon Yost and mate Phil Knapp. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Washington Canyon.

Day 2 of the tournament saw seas mellow a little with most boats heading right back to the Baltimore Canyon. The lady anglers aboard the

"Sushi" weighed a couple of nice wahoo (49.1 & 53.5 lbs.), but unfortunately there wasn't a wahoo division in the tournament this year. Tournament Chairman, Shawn Harman did say that they plan to add a wahoo division to next years lineup. A half dozen nice size dolphin were weighed, including the 25.2 pounder caught on the "Marli", just south of the Baltimore Canyon. The

highlight of the day was the 8 white marlin releases by the anglers on the "Tighten Up" to take over 1st place in the tournament and the 6 white marlin releases that came in from the "Fin-ness". All of the fish were hooked in the Baltimore Canyon.

On the final day of the tournament, 51 of the 96 boats fished with the majority heading back to the Baltimore. "Rhonda's Osprey" was one of the first to arrive at the scale with a 71.6 lb. yellowfin and 4 white marlin releases from the Baltimore. The "Reel Toy" shook up the leaderboard when Nancy Kohl weighed a 34.7 lb. dolphin, caught in the Poor Man's Canyon, to take over 1st place in the Dolphin Division. "Give It Away" was the next boat at the scale with 5 white marlin releases in the Baltimore, but got beat out on the tiebreaker for 3rd place when the "Moore Bills" also recorded 5 releases with their final one coming at 12:56 PM.

Also on the last day of the tournament, Laura Mamberg-Schlote caught and released an estimated 500 lb. blue marlin that was hooked in the Baltimore Canyon.

Tuna

Very early in the week we saw a good yellowfin bite in the Wilmington Canyon, but that petered out and turned into hook-ups of white marlin and dolphin for boats that ventured out the following days.

Most of the yellowfins continue to be caught in the Washington Canyon, where on Monday, both the "Marli" and the "Moore Bills" captured 10 yellowfins and where the

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"Marli" returned for 2 bigeyes the following day. On Thursday, after the lines were pulled out of the water in the Baltimore Canyon, the "Game On" decided to run down to the bigeye hole in the Washington Canyon where they boated a 249 lb. eyeball at 9:40 PM.

Billfish

In addition to white marlin being caught and released in the Wilmington Canyon early in the week, and moving south into the Baltimore Canyon heading into the weekend, we also saw blue marlin released every day from Thursday through Sunday by the "Pool Party", "Bar South", "Why Not" and "That's Right". Also on Friday, the "Reel Chaos" returned with a 70 lb. swordfish caught while chunking in the Wilmington Canyon.

Dolphin

A lot of dolphin are being caught right now and not only by boats trolling the canyons. With water temperatures in the mid-to-upper 70's, mahi are

being hooked up as close as 5 miles off the beach. The larger dolphin were caught in the Poor Man's, Baltimore and Washington Canyons.

Flounder

Flounder fishing in the bay was pretty slow during the week but improved over the weekend, especially on Sunday during the incoming tide for anglers drifting around the Rt. 50 Bridge, in the Fishbowl and in the West Channel. The vast majority of fish were too short to keep, but there were some keepers mixed in and the bite was fast and furious with boats hooking 40+ flatties.

Watch over the next several weeks as these fish begin to stage around the Rt. 50 Bridge and in the Ocean City Inlet before their migration offshore.

The best flounder action continues to come from ocean reefs and wrecks. Anglers fishing at Fenwick Shoal, the African Queen and at the Bass Grounds are routinely coming back with double-digit catches

including fish measuring up to 26-inches.

Cut bait is producing the best right now with strips of bluefish and dolphin belly leading the way.

In the Surf

We are seeing the typical summer activity in the surf with kingfish, croaker, flounder, sharks and skates dominating the action.

Upcoming Tournament

When this issue comes out on Wednesday, we will be halfway through the 2014 MidAtlantic tournament. Historically, the final day weigh-ins on Friday at Sunset Marina are very exciting, so make your plans to head on over. The scales are open from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

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This group of anglers were chunking in the Wilmington Canyon with butterfish and sardines and ended their day with 5 yellowfin weighing up to 72.7 lbs. They also spent some time bottom dropping for a boxfull of tilefish, including a 15.7 lb. gray tilefish and a 25 lb. golden. Fishing on the charter boat, "Katydid" were Glenn and Michael Melrose, Jeff Brodsky, Mike Iori, Anthony Perrone and George Durant. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Ashton Clarke of Ocean City, MD caught this mahi on a whole squid at the Twin Wrecks while fishing with Robert, Wayne, Bob, John and Cooper Clarke.



Geoff McCloskey, Andrew White, Mike Zecolla and Vic Mattia found these yellowfins among the whales in the Wilmington Canyon and boated 3 that weighed 56, 68 and 69 lbs. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Jim Simon loves to fish off the wall on the north side of the Ocean City Inlet and you can see why. Jim caught this 26-inch, 6 lb. 14 oz. flounder on a live finger mullet.

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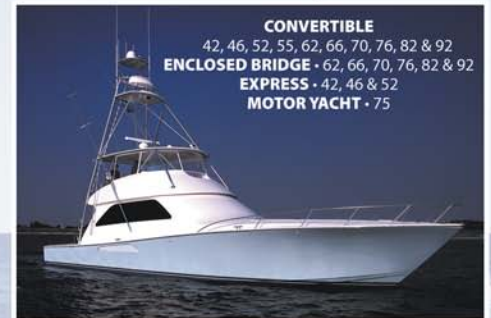
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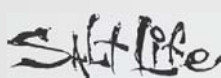
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Tom Monaco from Logan Township, NJ was fishing with cut bluefish off the Rt. 50 Bridge when he hooked into this 23.5-inch flounder during the incoming tide.



Tuna fishing has been a little tough lately, but on this day anglers on the charter boat, "Moore Bills" were fortunate to find a big school of yellowfins in the Washington Canyon. The 10 yellowfins were all caught while chunking butterfish with Capt. Rob Skillman and mate Steve Moore. Pictured are Blake Hughes, Will Hughes and Roxanne Hughes, all from South Lake, TX, Dan Keith from Kopperl, TX, Billy Tisdell from Port Tobacco, MD and Jesse William from from Nanjomey, MD. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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BY SUE FOSTER



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All summer long, anglers are fishing with bloodworms, Fishbites and little strips of squid or other cut bait. The blues will take the cut bait, but usually are not interested in bloodworm or Fishbite bloodworm. One of their favorite baits in the surf is finger mullet!

Finger mullet are baitfish about 5 or 6-inches long that are packed and frozen in

packages of a dozen. There are three ways you can fish with finger mullet. If you are good with a fillet knife, you can fillet off the sides of the finger mullet and attach them to a medium-sized, high/low type surf rig. This will also attract flounder or sea trout. However, blues are not big on presentation, so the filleting is not really necessary. You can take the mullet and cut it into one-inch chunks, discarding the head and tail. (Some anglers like to leave the tail on.) Hook the mullet chunk once through the dark, back section so it stays on the hook. The smaller size of the Sea Striker bluefish rigs work well for this. They call them DT34 and DT34S. The S signifies wire. I personally prefer the DT34 made with monofilament because it does

not kink up after fishing for a day like the wire does. Rarely does a snapper blue bite through the styrofoam float and long shank hook and bite off the monofilament. If you lose a hook this time of year, it's probably due to a shark "bite off."



The most popular and effective way to fish for blues in the surf is with a mullet rig! A mullet rig lets you fish the finger mullet whole. You do not need to cut the finger mullet at all. The finger mullet rig is made with a float, a leader, a three-way swivel, a snap for your sinker, a steel rod to run through the body of the finger mullet and a detachable double hook. What you do is run the rod in the mullet's mouth and out its anal cavity and attach the hook back on. The hook naturally tucks into the mullet's anal cavity so only the two prongs of the hook stick out of the mullet's body.

Cast the rig out with a 3 to 5-ounce pyramid sinker attached to the dual lock snap. You can put it in the sand spike and watch the tip of your rod or you can hold the rod and wait for a bite. I like to fish with a light rod this time of year, in the 8 to 9-foot range, and hold my rod. When I feel a bite, I jerk the rod tip and reel in a little to see if I hooked the bluefish. If not, I leave it for a minute then

start to "ever so slowly" bump it back in towards shore. The blues will follow and nip at the mullet, so keeping it moving gives you a better chance to hook them.

"What if the mullet is bit half off?"

Throw it back out and continue to fish with it. No need to change it until there is only a head left. Snapper blues are generally pretty aggressive and will continue to hit the rig as long as there is some meat left on the mullet. You will know when you quit getting bites! Then it's time to put on a new finger mullet.

The other neat thing about fishing with a whole finger mullet this time of year is that flounder will also grab this bait. Flounder are often close in, feeding right on the drop off going into the surf. They are usually there when the water is clean and relatively calm. The casting and slow bumping in with the finger mullet rig works well for flounder. Some anglers cut the surf float off when fishing for flounder, but you do have to keep your bait moving or the crabs will chew off your bait. Hint: If there's one flounder, there's generally more and if there's one bluefish, there's generally a lot more!

There's one very important thing to note when buying finger mullet rigs. The little double hooks can easily fall off or get bent when fishing for blues. The bluefish can make a quick turn and pull off the hook. The hook can get lost

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"What else will take a whole mullet on a mullet rig?"

Rays, sharks, puppy drum and flounder. For kingfish and croaker you need to fish a second rod with smaller hooks and bloodworm or Fishbites along with a little strip of box squid or other cut bait. Adding cut bait to your kingfish rig will let you know if there are other fish out there such as bluefish or flounder. Plus, kingfish often like a little piece of meat on their hook along with a bloodworm bait this time of year.

"The bluefish are tiny!"

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fishing with a six-inch finger mullet, you can catch a seven-inch bluefish! If you are fishing extremely close to the beach, the bluefish might be running tiny there so try casting out to deeper water. Also, wait for the tide to change and the blues may increase in size. Another nice thing to know is that a light, easterly breeze will bring in bigger blues. So will a falling barometer and some cloudy weather. The old saying that fish bite like heck right before a storm is often true. A flat ocean, with a westerly breeze usually sees slower fishing and smaller blues.

Fishing is fishing and some days are better than others. You know what they say. A bad day of fishing is better than... OK, we won't tell your boss!

Good fishing...

Sue Foster is an outdoor writer and co-owner of Oyster Bay Tackle in Ocean City, MD and Fenwick Tackle in Fenwick, DE.



Renee Pergeorelis has been catching a lot of big flounder recently as shown by this pair weighing 5 lbs. 3 oz. and 5 lbs. 10 oz. The flatties were hooked on cut bait at the Old Grounds and weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Don Thomas from New Providence, PA caught this 5 lb. 10 oz. flounder on cut bait at the Old Grounds and weighed it at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.

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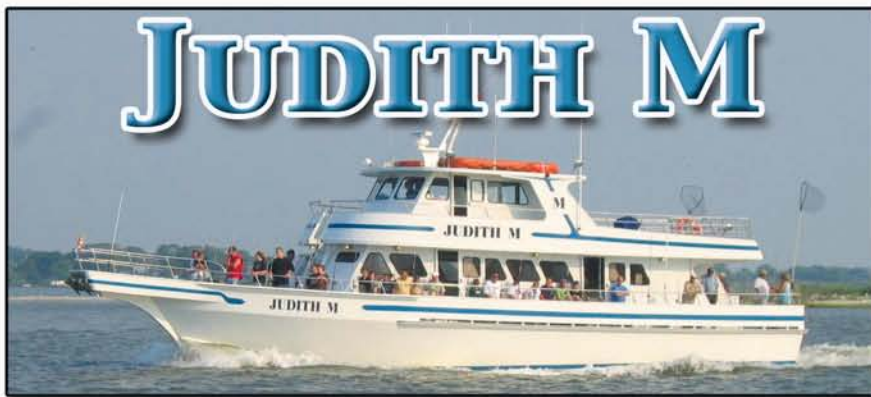
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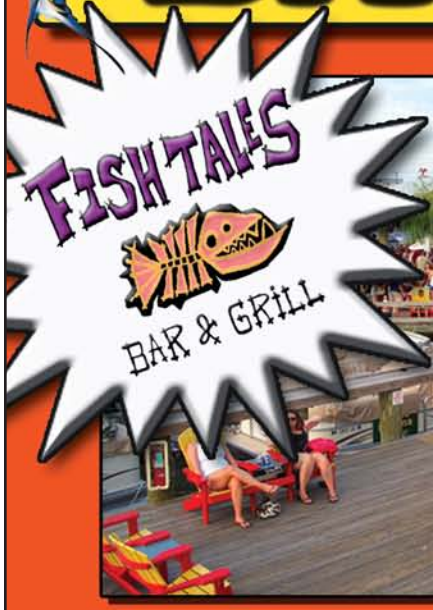
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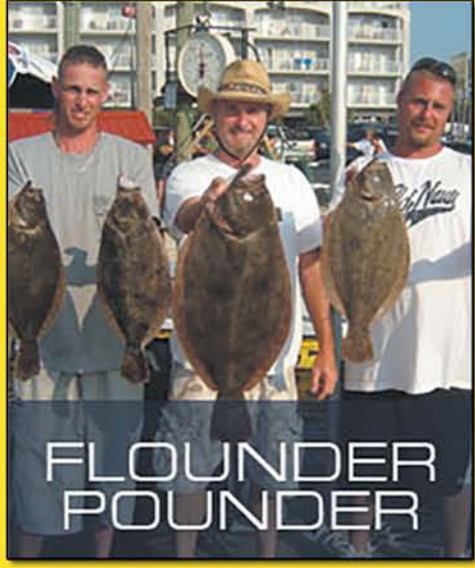
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Bridgette Wisiewski along with Mark, Liz, Adam, Vincent and Joseph Chandlee caught 7 keeper flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather and mate Tyler Hasenei. All of the flatties were caught in the East and West Channels on white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts with the largest flounder measuring 20 1/2-inches. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Lily Doud and Jay Droney each caught and released their first white marlin during a trip to the Wilmington Canyon aboard the charter boat, "Lil' Angler II" with Capt. Brian Wazlavek. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Claudia Taylor of Hampstead, MD caught a pair of flounder measuring 17 and 20-inches while fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Jacob Sturgill. Both fish were caught on live minnows in the Ocean City Inlet. Pictured back at Frontier Town.

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Chance, Gage, Jennifer, Storm, Maureen and David Zink returned to the dock with 5 keeper flounder and a load of crabs for dinner. The anglers took a half-day trip on the charter boat, "Whatever" with Capt. Jeff Hurley.



On Saturday, this group of anglers ventured out to the Bass Grounds on the charter boat, "Ivy Sea" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Lizzy Brittingham. They returned with 11 flounder in the box with fish measuring up to 24-inches. All were caught on cut mahi belly. Pictured are Austin Waechter from Sparks, MD, Matthew and Tom Starkey from Baldwin, MD, Jordan Loundas from Bel Air, MD, John Hinegardner from Baldwin, MD and Ben Townsend from Lutherville, MD. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center in West Ocean City, MD.

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Joe Walker and Mike Delio were drifting with squid and shiners at Site 10 off the coast of Delaware when they decked this pair of flounder weighing 5 lbs. 9 oz. and 6 lbs. 8 oz. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Jim Weller from Towson, MD, Dave Weller from Berlin, MD and Tim Keener from Lancaster, PA caught a wahoo and 7 dolphin while trolling skirted ballyhoo at the Fingers. Pictured at Ake Marine.

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Bob Miller, Earl Beall, Mark Thommen, Jim Bishop and Chuck Riddleberger captured this 200 lb. mako shark while using squid for bait during an overnight trip to the Washington Canyon aboard the "Black Cat".



Fred Weinhold from Birdsboro, PA, Kim and Alan Shainline from Boyerstown, PA, George and Georgie Albright from Mohnton, PA and Jen Hart from Phoenixville, PA teamed up to land 2 bigeye tuna and a yellowfin while fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. The bigeyes were part of a tripleheader with 1 coming loose. All three fish were caught on the troll in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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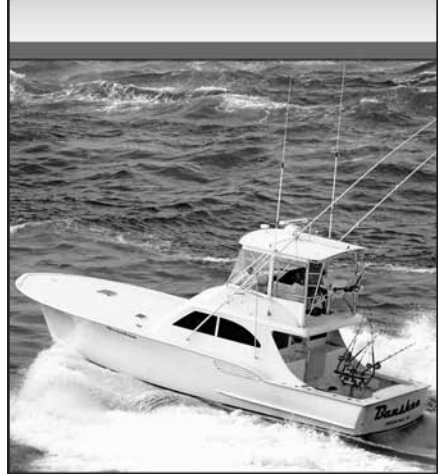
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On the 2nd day of the Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, Devon Harman, Patty King, Ripley Thumma and Danielle Berardi returned with 3 white marlin releases and 4 mahi after spending the day fishing on the charter boat, "Yellowfin" with Capt. Chuck Woodward and mates Benny Thumma and Kevin Weber. Patty, Ripley and Danielle all released white marlin during the trip. Patty was hoping to finally land a blue marlin, but there is still some summer left to get it crossed off her bucket list. Pictured back in the slip at Bahia Marina.

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Jason Brady of Washington, VA boated this mahi during a trip to the Jackpot with David Konick and Nathan Higgins (not pictured) on David's 1954 Chris Craft Sea Skiff. The dolphin, in addition to some medium-size bluefish, was hooked on trolled ballyhoo.

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Barry Gerhard and his grandson, Sam Hazlett caught 4 keeper flounder on bucktails tipped with croaker strips at the Star Site Reef.



Barry Gartrell from Cockeysville, MD made the most of his first offshore trip, boating this 180 lb. bigeye tuna and releasing a mako shark while trolling ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon.

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Cy Brong from Wilmington, DE landed the first swordfish brought into the Indian River Marina this year, a 62.8 pounder caught while on an overnight trip aboard the "Last \$" with Larry Chenney, Gregg Peters and Capt. Rodney Meyers. The swordfish was hooked on a whole squid in the Washington Canyon where the anglers also boated 30 bailer dolphin during their trip. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



Daniel Dry, Luis Torres, Todd Giest, Bill Meade and Irv Low had a great day fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Nick Pfeiffer. The anglers caught 28 flounder, 13 triggerfish and 2 sea bass while fishing on ocean structure 10 miles from the shoreline. All of the fish were caught on bucktails tipped with squid or Gulp! artificial baits. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Nick Olds, John Elmes, John Elmes, Jr. and Gene Mazzilli were fishing an ocean wreck with strips of bluefish when they caught 6 flounder measuring up to 26-inches. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Tom Adkins of Denton, MD and his nephew, Cody Gear from Greensboro, MD had a good day fishing on the head boat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. Tom caught a 5 lb. 4 oz. sea bass and 3 keeper flounder while Cody added 4 flatties to the cooler. All were caught on cut bait at an artificial reef. The "Angler" is docked at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.

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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
 Sea Bass	July 25, 2014 Bob Van Allen "Angler" 5 lbs.	May 30, 2014 Adam May "Katydid" 4 lbs. 15 oz.	 Mako Shark <i>100 lb. minimum</i>	May 30, 2014 Sean Hogan Baltimore Canyon 314 lbs.	June 8, 2014 Tommy Dukes Baltimore Canyon 317 lbs.
 Tautog	February 9, 2014 Bob Rochelle "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 2 oz.	May 10, 2014 Paul Matthews Outer Wall 12 lbs. 13 oz.	 Thresher Shark	June 6, 2014 "Fin Chaser" Crew Fingers 610 lbs.	July 2, 2014 Dave Janney "DB" Buoy 417 lbs.
 Striped Bass	May 19, 2014 Bob Murphy Assateague Surf 26 lbs. 9 oz.	May 21, 2014 John Green Indian River Inlet 31 lbs. 11 oz.	 Bluefin Tuna	May 21, 2014 Francois Aldrich Baltimore Canyon 202 lbs.	May 25, 2014 Geoff McCloskey Wilmington Canyon 114.5 lbs.
 Weakfish	May 17, 2014 Dave Watts Rt. 50 Bridge 8 lbs. 2 oz.	June 2, 2014 Joe Larocca Roosevelt Inlet 7 lbs. 8 oz.	 Yellowfin Tuna	June 20, 2014 Howard Todd Baltimore Canyon 83.3 lbs.	July 26, 2014 Guy Warrington Wilmington Canyon 75.2 lbs.
 Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	May 25, 2014 Nathan Allison Fenwick Ditch 5 lbs. 4 oz.	 Longfin Tuna	June 15, 2014 William Karashin "Restless Lady" 57.2 lbs.	June 16, 2014 Addison Baumgardner Poor Man's Canyon 57 lbs.
 Flounder	June 29, 2014 Jacob Cockman Ocean City Inlet 9 lbs. 8 oz.	June 29, 2014 Danny Cox, Jr. Site #10 10 lbs. 6 oz.	 Bigeye Tuna	July 6, 2014 Keith Puller Washington Canyon 267.2 lbs.	July 1, 2014 Johnny Horning Washington Canyon 253 lbs.
 Bluefish	June 9, 2014 Matt Keller "Wrecker" 11.4 lbs.	July 18, 2014 John Lindsay Indian River Inlet 12 lbs.	 Dolphin	August 1, 2014 Bernadette Mumford Baltimore Canyon 49.6 lbs.	July 6, 2014 Butch Emmert Baltimore Canyon 56.9 lbs.
 Sheepshead	July 11, 2014 Bill Klinedinst North Jetty 14 lbs. 4 oz.	June 8, 2014 Greg Biener Outer Wall 12 lbs.	 Wahoo	July 1, 2014 John Schar Rockpile 131 lbs.	NEW August 10, 2014 Vincent Kerrigan Wilmington Canyon 86 lbs.
 Black Drum	May 21, 2014 Marcus Crowley Assateague Surf 80 lbs.	May 25, 2014 Tom Newsham Broadkill Beach 86 lbs. 10 oz.	 White Marlin NEW	Most Releases in One Day August 15, 2014 "Tighten Up" 8 releases	
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DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

BY LARRY JOCK



I start the report this week with the sad news of the passing of Albert "Buzz" Adams, Jr. Buzz, the father of Hook'em & Cook'em owner, Bert Adams, passed away last Thursday, August 14th after a long illness. He was well known in the fishing community, having owned several headboats and charter boats, including the "Capt. Bob", "Judy V" and "Capt. Bob II". Buzz retired in 2007, but could still be found helping out from time to time at Hook'em & Cook'em. Our condolences go out to the entire Adams' family.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said currents in the Delaware Bay continued to run hard, even after the recent full moon waned, and most anglers seeking flounder headed for the ocean to find better drift conditions. Inshore Reef Sites 9 and 10 produced flatfish, and Site 11 outside the shipping lane yielded fluke too. Bottom structure of the Old Grounds between "DB" and "DA" Buoys also held plenty of flounder. Ocean water has been very clean and in the low to mid 70's.

Because of the water quality, flounder fishermen encountered fish normally found offshore. Marc Levinrad was bucktailing for flounder on the Old Grounds when a nice dolphin swam up to the boat. Marc pitched it a jig, and the mahi pounced on it. He landed the



Craig Pawley, Dan Cornell, Chip Lyons, Jitters Jeffers, Vince Kerrigan and Capt. Gerry Bulat returned to the Indian River Marina with a 102 lb. bigeye tuna, an 86 lb. wahoo and a release of an estimated 250 lb. blue marlin. All of the fish were hooked in the Wilmington Canyon. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

11.5 pounder, and added it to his limit of fluke weighing up to 4.5 pounds for a mixed bag of fine eating. James Summers was drifting the Old Grounds on the "Martha Marie", when a 12.6 pound dolphin grabbed his flounder rig as he wound it up from the bottom.

Good numbers of flounder were brought in during the week, and many were nice sized. Wayne Demarco decked an 8 pound doormat that ate a bucktail and cut bait combo on the Old Grounds. Bert Long

landed a 6.1 pound fluke aboard the "Miss Kirstin". Geoff Klopp and Mason Newsham had flatties of 5.1, 5.95 and 5.96 pounds as part of their limit from Site 10. Chris Vann usually works the deck as mate aboard the "Katydid", but he took off Saturday to celebrate his birthday by fishing aboard the boat with a bunch of his buddies. Captain Brent ran the boys to Site 11 for the party, and the flounder were quite cooperative. The guys put a 40 fish limit in the box, and headed

back to the dock early. Bucktails tipped with Gulp! and smelts were responsible for the demise of many of those flatties. Ron Mistretta muscled in the largest, a citation slab weighing 7.33 pounds. Most were quality fish, and just the 5 heaviest totaled 27.5 pounds. Captain Brian worked the Old Grounds Sunday aboard the "Lil' Angler II", and put together a 16 fish limit for his four flukers. Captain Brent was at it again Sunday, positioning the "Katydid" over productive ocean bottom. Regular anglers aboard landed their 40 flounder limit, then topped off the catch with 14 knothead sea bass and an equal number of chunky ling. Fred Robinson had big fish honors for his 7.88 pound lunker fluke.

Back in the Delaware Bay, croakers remained plentiful around the reef sites. Kingfish, spot, puffers, spike trout and triggerfish mingled with hardheads. Bottom bouncers encountered a few surprise species. Vice Zagroba got a 5.75 pound spadefish at Site 7 on the "Indian". Jack Sullivan landed a 12 pound black drum that took a small piece of clam on a croaker rig at Site 8 aboard the "Katydid".

Snapper bluefish have been showing in the rip outside the northern end of the Outer Wall. Their presence is often indicated by diving birds working on baitfish forced to the surface by the ravenous little choppers. A bucktail or small metal jig cast among the feeding blues usually got bit in short order.

Croakers and jumbo spot were abundant in Lewes Canal and Broadkill River. Slot sized stripers and an occasional red



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drum were caught as well. Brian Smith was casting an Electric Chicken Bass Assassin along the bank of Broadkill River and connected with a pair of beautiful speckled trout weighing 3.5 and 5.4 pounds.

Capt. Bert Adams at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina reported slow action in the Indian River Inlet and back bays. Anglers were able to catch small bluefish on Sunday morning and the croaker bite was a little better in the afternoon, but nothing to really rave about.

Most of the action out of Indian River is happening around the inshore shoals, as close as 5-miles off the beach. Those fishing at Fenwick Shoal are finding good numbers of small bluefish and keeper flounder. The "Miss Ene II" ventured out on Saturday and returned with their limit of bluefish, 30 lbs. of flounder, a Spanish mackerel and a sea bass.

The flounder bite on ocean structure is incredible right now, but you need the right drift to make it happen. The areas around "DA" and "DB" Buoys

along with Sites 10, 11 and down to Fenwick Shoal are all spots where anglers are really whooping on flounder. Bucktails tipped with strips of bluefish or flounder belly are really producing.

The headboats out of Indian River are having some excellent days for flounder fishing, but again, it depends on the current. They are also beginning to find larger croaker, in the 12-inch range, along with all the bluefish you want.

Further offshore, mahi and wahoo are outnumbering tuna right now and with warm water temperatures, anglers are surprised finding mahi closer to shore than normal. Bert did report a 19.9 lb. blueline tile fish caught by an angler on Saturday. That is a huge blueline tilefish, and unfortunately, the fish was already filleted before a picture could be snapped.

Off the beach, surfcasters are finding the typical summer selection of a few kingfish, croaker, small bluefish, sharks and skates.

Until next week, tight lines!



Joe "The Postman" Lofink from Rehoboth Beach, DE delivered this 24-inch, 5 lb. 6 oz. flounder to the cooler after catching it with cut bait on ocean structure. Pictured at Bill's Sport Shop.

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Ethan Fabyan from Essex, MD is all smiles after landing this 22.5-inch, 4 lb. 4 oz. flounder while fishing with squid strips around the South Jetty. Ethan is pictured with fishing buddies, Jason Fitch and Jake Milburn.



Gene Poppitt from Millsboro, DE caught this 19.5-inch, 3 lb. 4 oz. sea bass at Site 11 while fishing on the "First Light" with Capt. Chuck Cook. Weighed at Bills' Sport Shop.



Joe Ungvarski, Dick Miller, Jim Daniels and Terry Ryan ended their day with a limit of 16 flatties in the box (4 pictured) after fishing at the African Queen on the "Cat Tales". The flounders weighed between 3 and 7 lbs. and were caught on large minnows and white Gulp! artificial baits.

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Rudy Schlesner, Nick Schlesner and John Ijams were fishing on the "Kelly Jean" between the Hambone and the Hot Dog when they released this 64-inch white marlin after hooking it on a trolled, skirted ballyhoo.



Mike Radcliff from Baldwin, MD was fishing with Tim McGuire and Jeff Erhardt on the "Reely Movin" when he caught and released his first white marlin in 75-degree water, southeast of the Hot Dog. The white marlin was estimated to weigh around 80 lbs.



Dan Duranko, Vince Ciurca, Jim Wheeler, Bill Romberger, Tony Rinuada and Eric Badorrek spent the day chunking in the Washington Canyon and returned to the Talbot Street Pier with 4 yellowfin tuna weighing between 25 and 60 lbs. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Restless Lady" with Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Will Hathaway.

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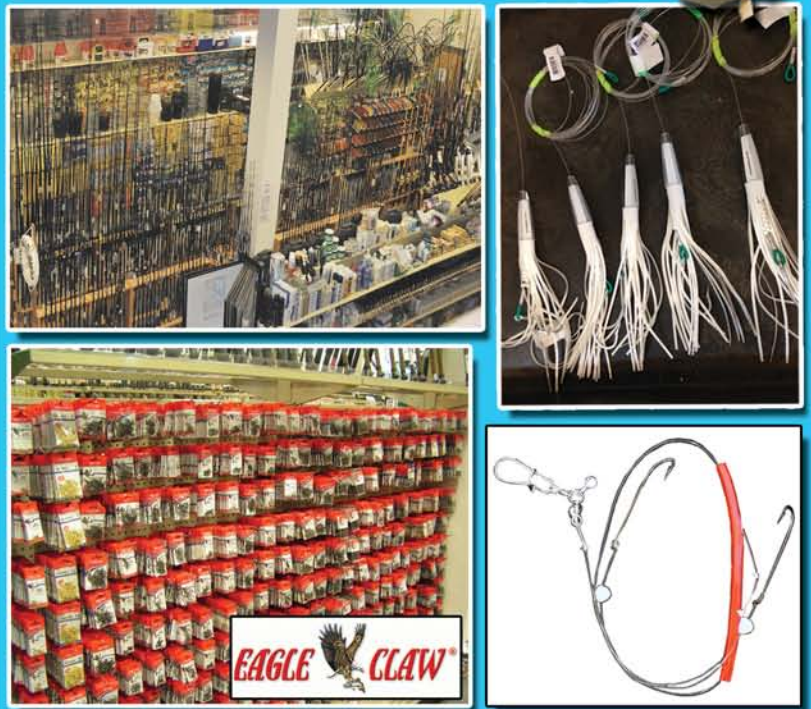
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Steve Cosgrove landed this 25-inch, 6 lb. 4 oz. flounder on a live bunker while fishing in the East Channel on the "Gracealicious".

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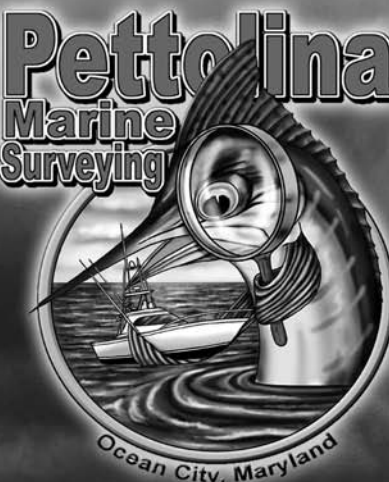
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First place in the Pier Point Marina Flounder Tournament was won by Michael Baumgartner with a 27 1/4-inch, 8 lb. 4 oz. flattie. Michael won \$861 for his 1st place finish.



John Coffey landed a 25-inch, 6 lb. 11 oz flounder to win 2nd place in the Pier Point Marina Flounder Tournament that ran from July 4th to August 9th. John took home \$414 for his 2nd place flounder.

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Skip Mosiej, Jr. didn't know it at the time he caught these fish on July 19th, but he was holding the 3rd place flounder in the Pier Point Marina Flounder Tournament. Skip's 24-inch 5 lb. 4 oz. flounder earned him a Penn fishing rod and reel for his 3rd place finish.



Burt Campbell was fishing from the beach, just north of the Indian River Inlet, when he captured this 23-inch, 4 lb. 5 oz. flounder. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



Price Lindsay has caught some nice flounder this season and here's another one. This 9 pounder was caught on a Gulp! and mackerel strip combination at Site 10 off the coast of Delaware. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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- 3 TBSP. butter, melted
- Lemon wedges

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Season the bread crumbs with salt and pepper; remove fillets from the milk and dredge fillets in the bread crumbs, patting them to make sure they adhere.

Drizzle a little butter over bottom of pan and lay fish in.

Drizzle with remaining butter.

Bake near the top of the oven for about 8 minutes.

The fish will be tender and opaque when done.

Serve with lemon wedges.

Serves 4.

Weakfish Pie with Potatoes

- 2 cups grated peeled potatoes
- 1 TBSP. salt
- 2 cups flaked cooked weakfish
- 2 TBSP. minced fresh basil
- Black pepper to taste
- 2 TBSP. butter
- 2 TBSP. olive oil

Put the grated potatoes in a colander and sprinkle them with the TBSP. of salt.

Let them sit for about 15 minutes, tossing and squeezing occasionally.

Combine the weakfish,

basil, pepper, and a little more salt.

Heat a nonstick skillet over medium heat for 5 minutes.

Place the potatoes in a kitchen towel and squeeze out as much remaining moisture as possible.

Combine them with the fish.

Melt 1 TBSP. of butter and 1 TBSP. of oil in the skillet.

Keeping the heat on medium, add the fish and potato mixture and flatten out into a cake.

Cook for 10 minutes, then slide the cake onto a large plate and cover with another plate of equal size.

Add the remaining olive oil and all but a bit of butter to the skillet.

When the butter melts, invert the plates and slide the cake back into the skillet.

Cook another 10 minutes, then slide onto a serving plate.

Spread the remaining bit of butter on top and serve immediately, or keep warm in a 200 degree oven for 1 hour, or serve at room temperature.

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Serves 4.

Scallops with Mustard Sauce

- 1 TBSP. butter
- 1 TBSP. garlic oil
- 2 oz. prosciutto, finely diced
- 24 large scallops
- 1 medium shallot, finely minced
- 4-6 TBSP. Grey Poupon mustard
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 TBSP. chives
- 2 TBSP. parsley
- Salt and pepper

Melt butter and garlic oil over a low/medium heat in a large saute pan.

Saute prosciutto until crispy, remove and set aside.

Drain scallops, pat dry and saute in pan until golden.

Remove scallops from the pan and tent to keep warm.

In same pan, add shallots and saute until opaque, using additional oil if necessary.

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Slowly whisk the heavy cream into the mustard mixture.

When blended, add prosciutto and scallops, including accumulated juices.

Warm through gently.

Season to taste with salt and pepper, garnish with parsley and chives, and serve.

Serves 4-6.

Crab and Avocado Salad

Salt

½ lb. green beans, halved

2/3 cup plain yogurt

3 TBSP. mayonnaise

1 to 2 TBSP. fresh lemon juice

½ cup chopped fresh chives

¼ cup fresh basil

3 anchovy fillets, chopped

Black pepper

½ lb. lump crabmeat

1 avocado, halved, pitted and diced

3 romaine hearts, chopped

1 ½ cups croutons

1 pint cherry tomatoes,

halved

Bring a saucepan of salted water to a boil.

Add the beans; cook until crisp-tender.

Drain and run under cold water to stop the cooking.

Puree the yogurt, mayonnaise, lemon juice, chives, basil and anchovies in a blender until smooth.

Season with salt and pepper.

Toss the crabmeat, half the avocado and about 1 TBSP. of the yogurt dressing in a small bowl.

Toss the romaine, croutons, beans and the remaining avocado with the remaining dressing in a large bowl.

Divide the romaine salad among plates, top with the tomatoes and place some of the crab mixture in the center.

Serves 4.

Baked Tuna with Potatoes

2/3 cup olive oil



Matthew and Lucas Gessler joined up with Jude Knowles for a flounder fishing trip with their families and the junior anglers caught 9 flounder weighing up to 9 lbs., while fishing with minnows and squid at "DB" Buoy off the coast of Delaware. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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1 red chili, chopped
1 garlic clove, chopped
1 bunch flat-leaf parsley, chopped
Salt and pepper

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Brush an ovenproof dish with oil and make a layer of half the potato slices and then a layer of half the onion rings.

Season the fish pieces on both sides with salt and pepper and lay them on top of the vegetables, then sprinkle with the chili and drizzle with half the oil.

Cover with a second layer of potatoes and a second layer of onion and sprinkle with the garlic and parsley.

Season with salt and pepper and drizzle with remaining oil.

Bake for 40 minutes.

Remove from oven and let stand for 5 minutes, then serve.

Serves 6.

Flounder Fillets with Citrus over Wilted Spinach

4 flounder fillets
2 oranges
2 grapefruit

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8 slices bacon, diced into ¼-inch pieces
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. white pepper
1 large red onion, sliced as thin as possible
1 TBSP. fresh tarragon, chopped
1 bag spinach

Prepare the citrus by cutting away rind and pith and cut into individual segments.

Place in bowl; set aside.

Fry bacon until crisp.

Remove bacon but reserve the bacon fat for cooking the fish and spinach.

Using the same skillet, bring 2 TBSP. of bacon fat up to high heat.

Lightly salt and pepper fillets and place them in skillet.

Sear well on both sides.

Sprinkle the sliced onions around the fish.

Add the fruits and their juices, bacon and tarragon.

Cover with tight fitting lid.

Remove from heat and let steam 5 or 6 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fillets.

In another skillet, heat 2 TBSP. of bacon fat (use oil if necessary).

Once fat is hot, add spinach.

Toss until spinach is warm and has begun to wilt.

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spinach and place fruit segments and onions loosely over fish.

Spoon bacon and tarragon and pan juices over each portion.

Serves 4.

Lemon Shrimp and Mushrooms

- Shrimp - 40 medium or 28 large
- 2 lemons
- 6 TBSP. olive oil
- ½ lb. cremini mushrooms, sliced
- Salt and pepper
- 4 sprigs parsley, chopped

Peel shrimp except for last remaining tail section.

Remove zest of half a lemon and cut zest into fine julienne.

Juice the lemon.

In large skillet over medium-high heat, saute mushrooms in 4 TBSP. of oil for 1 minute.

Push to the side of the skillet.



Chris Miller, Tom Collins, Brandon Brookshire and Matt Law were trolling ballyhoo along weedlines on the southern end of the Poor Man's Canyon and ended their day with a white marlin release, 2 longfins up to 54 lbs., 15 bailer dolphin and a 38 lb. bull dolphin.



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Add 2 TBSP. oil and bring it up to temperature.

Add shrimp, saute 1 minute on each side; season with salt and pepper.

Add lemon zest and juice and parsley. over tightly and remove from heat.

Let steam for 6 minutes.

Serves 4.

Flounder and Oysters

- 1 ½ lbs. flounder fillets
- 1 pint oysters with broth
- 1 TBSP. lemon juice
- ½ tsp. seafood seasoning
- Dash of red pepper
- 3 ½ TBSP. butter
- 1 ½ TBSP. flour
- Parsley

Place fillets in a buttered baking dish.

Put drained oysters on top of them.

Pour 1 cup of oyster broth (add water if necessary to make the cup) over the fillets and oysters.

Sprinkle with lemon juice, seafood seasoning and red

pepper.

Dot with 2 TBSP. of butter.

Cover and bake in a preheated 400-degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes, until the fish flakes.

Drain liquid into a saucepan and place on low flame.

Keep the fillets and oysters warm.

Mix the flour and 1 ½ TBSP. of cold butter with fingers.

Drop little chunks of the mixture into the liquids and simmer until the broth is thickened, stirring constantly.

Ladle sauce over the flounder and oysters.

Garnish with parsley.

Serves 4.

Broiled Mahi-Mahi with Lime Mustard

½ cup Dijon or coarse-grained mustard

Juice and grated zest of 1 lime

Salt and black pepper to taste

1 TBSP. olive oil

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1 ½ lbs. mahi, in 1 or 2 fillets

1 large tomato, seeded and coarsely chopped

Lime wedges

Mix together the mustard, lime juice and zest, salt and pepper.

Preheat the broiler.

Brush a rimmed cookie sheet or broiler pan with the oil, and lay the mahi on it.

Brush fish with the mustard-lime mixture.

Broil 6 inches from the heat source for 6 to 10 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fillets.

Sprinkle with the tomato and return to the broiler for 1 minute.

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Matt, Maddie, Ally and Lauren Facchina of Centreville, MD fished down at Winter Quarter Shoal and were rewarded with 5 flounder and a sea bass, all hooked on squid and minnows.

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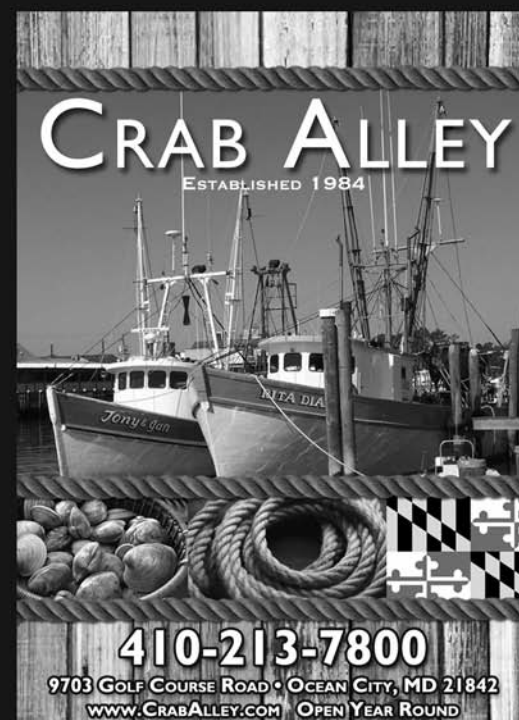
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Joe Vogt of Berlin, MD was drifting around the inside of the South Jetty during slack tide on Sunday morning when he hooked this sheephead on a rubber minnow and flounder belly combination.



On the 1st day of the 2014 Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, these lady anglers on the charter boat, "Moore Bills" took on some rough seas but still managed to release 2 white marlin and boat a couple of dolphin in the Baltimore Canyon. Elaine Jacobs and Terry Fuhrman each released a white marlin and Susan Braniecki (7.5 lbs.) and Kendra Maccari (4.8 lbs.) muscled in dolphin while fishing with Chris Butler, Susan Childs, Capt. Rob Skillman and mate Steve Moore. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Paul Lucas, Chadd Lucas, Julia Lucas, Chuck George and Charles George caught 3 flounder after drifting minnows in the Ocean City Inlet. Their largest fish measured 26.5-inches and weighed an even 6 lbs. Pictured at Ake Marine.



Jimmy Coffey, John Walls, Luke Horney, Nate Leo and Alex Bowe caught their limit of flounder while fishing at the Old Grounds on the "Gale Force" with Capt. Aaron Hurd. All of the fish were caught by jigging Spro bucktails tipped with Gulp! artificial baits. The largest flattie was caught by Nate Leo and weighed 4 lbs. 10 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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BY CAPT. MARK SAMPSON



A bunch of years ago, a friend of mine hooked an estimated 350-pound mako on 16-pound test line. At the time the world record for a mako shark on that class tackle was somewhere in the 200 to 300 lb. range and the three of us aboard the boat that day knew that if the angler could hold up long enough to actually go the distance with the shark that there would surely be a lot more than just a story of a big fish to talk about at the end of the day.

So the fight went on, for hour, after hour, after hour, and in process it seemed as though we chased the shark with the boat from one end of the ocean to the other, and when it was finally over, the by-then exhausted angler had

fought the fish standing-up and without assistance for a total of 11-hours, and yes, he was glad it was over!

The outcome of the fight? Let's not get ahead of ourselves. Before I get into "the rest of the story" let me say that the whole episode began the same way I've seen so many other long-term battles get started - with an angler who was just cocky enough to claim that he was willing, even eager, to go one-on-one with a fish for many hours if that's what it's going to take to land it.

I remember as a kid being just brash enough to make the same kind of statement about wanting to fight a fish for a long time. I thought it would be "fun" and I was just "bad enough" to do it. That

was until the day I did five and a half hours on an 80-pound class rod one afternoon, only to lose the fish at the boat. Not exactly the fastest learner in the class, a year later I did a rematch with a similar fish, only this time it was six-hours and I actually won the match. The fish wasn't so happy about the ordeal, but I managed to return home with a state record catch and the newfound knowledge that no matter what the outcome, it's sometimes better to watch someone else catch a fish than to be the one doing the pulling and cranking.

Now that I'm in the charter business, I don't have to worry about being the guy on the boat tasked with the job of sweating over a fishing rod for multiple hours. That's my clientele's job. Mine is to drive the boat and let them strain their arms and break their backs on fish that they are probably going to release

anyway. Amazingly enough, I actually have a lot of repeat clients who keep coming back year after year for more of the same type of punishment. They get off the boat all tired, beat up, arms hanging limp at their sides, squawking about chiropractors and wondering if they'll be any good at work the next day. Then, of all things, they pay me for the providing them the experience and often put down a deposit for next year!

None of this "pay for pain" makes any more sense now than it did 28-years ago when I got into this business, but as long as people keep asking to go fishing I guess I'll keep taking their money and doing my best to provide offshore experiences that include sore muscles and blistered hands. I'm even thinking that some day I'll offer a special, half-price deal where instead of going out on the water we just line



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everyone up on the dock under a hot mid-day sun and I spend an hour or two whacking their arms and backs with a baseball bat. The end results for them should be much the same, but they won't have to pack a lunch for the day and I'll save a lot of fuel. Seems like a win-win for both of us!

Which all brings me back to that marathon battle with the potential world record mako. After 11-hours it was finished, and my buddy pried his left hand from the foregrip of the rod, slumped down into a boat seat and with a great sigh of relief blurted out, "I'm just glad that it's over!" And it was, because after all that time the line finally parted and the shark was gone! Too tired and too sore to worry about a fish he didn't catch or a record he didn't set, my friend spent the next couple days recovering from his day of "fishing." Three days later I get a call from him, "Hey Mark when can we go fishing again? I want a rematch with that fish." And I thought I was a slow learner!

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



Cole Aris, age 6, of Perry Hall, MD was drifting squid and minnows in the Thorofare when he captured this 19-inch flounder.



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Those who follow this column know the topics often follow a seasonal trend or a popular trend. This week, we will discuss a popular topic, LED lighting. Just about every day I review, repair or replace a light of some type aboard a boat. While we discussed underwater lighting here a few weeks ago, this time we will discuss other LED marine lighting.

A light-emitting diode (LED) is an electronic semiconductor that converts the applied voltage to light. Most of the LED lighting work I do is retrofit, that is to install a new LED fixture or bulb in place of an existing incandescent or halogen fixture. There are projects where a customer wants to add lighting in an area, which often requires cutting holes, adding wiring and breakers/fuses for new circuits. A retrofit project can be as simple as replacing the existing bulb with an LED bulb or as complicated as adding transformers, cutting larger holes or covering up old holes and selecting the proper new LED fixture for

the task.

Why use LED lighting on your boat? LED lighting uses about a quarter of the power needed for a traditional light, making a retrofit easy since the wiring will most likely have the capacity for your new lights. LED lights give off less heat, a great benefit in the summertime. The LED bulbs are often rated to last 50,000 hours (or about 5.7 years), therefore offering a good value. Many LED fixtures are often totally sealed and water resistant resulting in no maintenance of the bulb and or contacts. While I have seen my share of LED lights that have had issues, the majority work well in their intended application.

Replacement Bulbs

A quick and easy way to upgrade to LED lighting is to remove the existing conventional bulb from your fixture and install a new LED bulb. While this is simple in a home, it is not always so easy on the boat. For those boaters who find the proper replacement LED's, the results are often surprisingly good, bringing new life to an old

fixture. To be sure you get the correct LED bulb, check the voltage of the existing fixture. Most interior lights are low voltage, 12 or 24 volts, but they can be DC (battery powered) or AC (household power). While the DC lighting is more popular, there are a lot of boats with 24 volt AC lights. Older Viking boats are one example. One captain recently found out his lighting was 24 volts AC and replaced all the original transformers with new transformers that output 24 Volts DC, which allowed him a wide variety of replacement LED bulbs to choose from. This conversion also allows him to install new fixtures if desired, using the existing wiring throughout the boat.

One company, Dr. LED in Seattle, Washington provides many innovative LED solutions, specializing in bulb retrofits to the marine and other industries. Another company, IMTRA, located in New Bedford, Massachusetts also offers replacement LED bulbs and also has a entire range of LED lighting just for boats. IMTRA's director of lighting sales recently visited Ocean City to see and learn more about the fishing side of boating, walking the docks and visiting boats during the White Marlin Open. This company supplies many boat builders with products and your existing lighting may be an IMTRA product.

Replacement Fixtures

Maybe you have decided

you want to replace the existing fixture. If so, there are many LED options to choose from. LED lights are often offered in many colors, such as cool white, warm white, blue, red multicolor, color changing, dimming, etc. For basic interior lighting, most people select warm white or cool white based on their personal preference. The warm white color is consistent with traditional lighting and may better match the look of other interior lights. The cool white is a slightly bluer light and appears brighter to some people. Cool white is a popular color for exterior lighting. There are also many other colors available alone or combined in one fixture. For example, the Lumitec Orbit light is available with white, red, blue and purple lights in one fixture, allowing the light to use any one of these four colors as selected by the switch. Lumitec manufactures many indoor and outdoor marine lights, all made in the USA.

Many LED fixtures operate on a wide range of input voltage. The Lumitec Orbit, mentioned previously, is rated from 10 volts DC to 30 volts DC, allowing the same fixture to be used in many applications. Most marine LED manufacturers have lights that operate on both popular voltages of 12 and 24 DC.

Many LED fixtures are dimmable, though not all, so if you need a dimmable fixture,



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please read the specifications carefully. Often, the same fixture is offered in many configurations, colors, voltages and dimming capability. The common way to dim a fixture or group of fixtures is with a common dimmer switch. This may need to be upgraded to a digital dimmer for some LED's to function properly, so please check with the manufacture to see if yours is compatible. A relatively new innovation for LED fixtures is a dimming feature designed into the fixture itself. This allows you to use a standard on/off switch to control the brightness, using a quick flip of the switch to hold the light in it's current brightness while it ramps up to full brightness. This innovative control is also used to select the color of the light, when properly equipped. These two features make retrofitting a new fixture easy, since the exiting wiring and switching can be used to activate these modern features.

Weather you choose a new LED bulb or a new LED fixture, LED lighting offers many benefits and can be enjoyed for years to come.

Captain Steve Katz is the owner of Steve's Marine Service and holds NMEA MEI, AMEI, NMEA2000 certificates, ABYC Master Technician certification and factory training from many manufacturers.



Riley Zimmerman used a chunk of butterfish to hook this 14.7 lb. mahi while fishing in the Washington Canyon. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



These anglers took an overnight chunking trip to the Washington Canyon and were rewarded with 19 yellowfin tuna weighing up to 65 lbs. Pictured are Collin Clarke, Jason Massey, Sean Tate, John Whelen, Bill Mathews, Aaron Strausbaugh, Addison Baumgardner and Jeff Rosenkilde. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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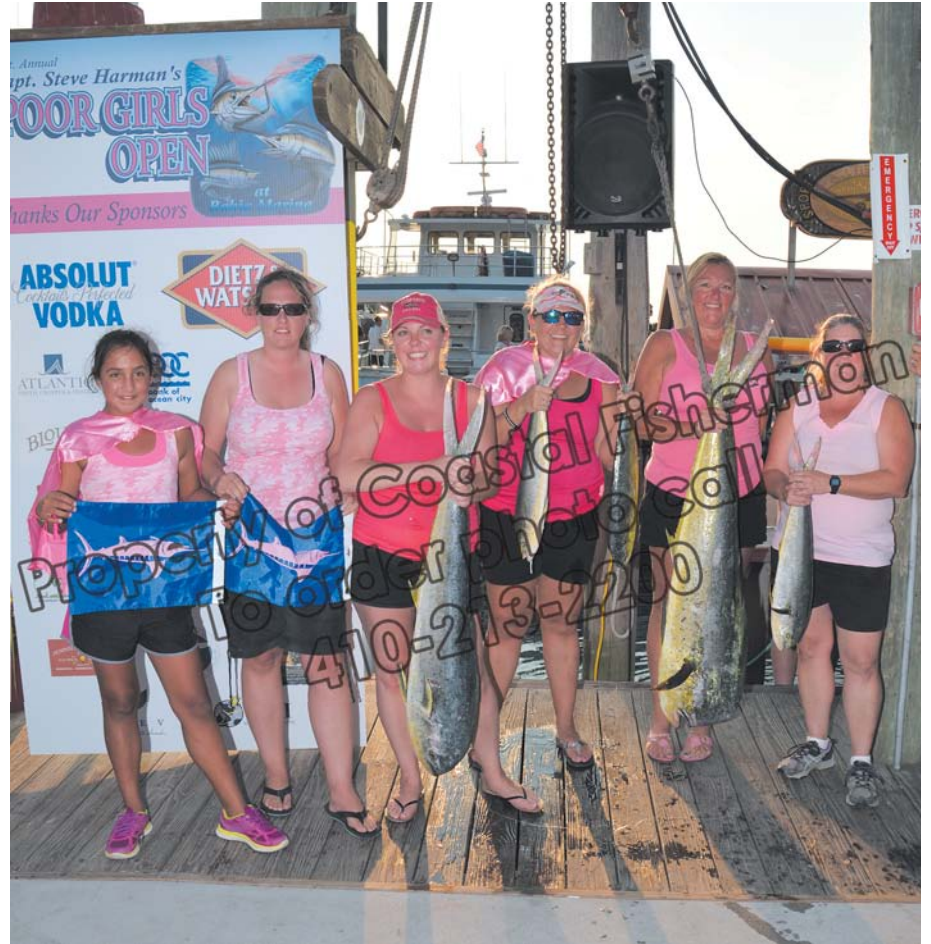
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On the final day of the 21st Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, Nancy Julio from Reisterstown, MD caught a 71.6 lb. yellowfin tuna to win 1st place in the Tuna Division and a check for \$7,170. Nancy was fishing on "Rhonda's Osprey" with Addie Mattingly, Tricia Gould, Lexi Julio, Capt. Joe Drosey and mate Ryan Greenway. The tuna, and 4 white marlin, were all hooked in the Baltimore Canyon while trolling ballyhoo. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Nancy Kohl muscled in a 34.7 lb. dolphin on the last day of the 2014 Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open to capture 1st place in the Dolphin Division. Nancy hooked the mahi on a trolled ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon while fishing on the "Reel Toy" with Jane Knopfmacher, Alyssa Andreallo, Laura Paletto, Wendy Jones, Melanie Macuch, Capt. Chad Meeks and mate Rusty Reddish. Alyssa and Laura also released white marlin during the trip and Wendy landed a 19.2 lb. mahi. For their 1st place finish, the "Reel Toy" team won \$7,575 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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In the 2014 Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, Cheri Green, Katie Green, Alyssa Hake, Isabel Catano, Jovita Lynch and Morgan Allison (not pictured) teamed up to release 6 white marlin on Friday and held on to win 2nd place in the Billfish Division. The anglers were fishing on the "Fin-ness" with Capt. Butch Davis, Capt. Howard Lynch and mate Tony Congialdi when they hooked the white marlins on trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. The lady anglers won \$18,984 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Tiffany Hudson landed a 29.8 lb. dolphin to win 2nd place in the Dolphin Division of the 2014 Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open. Tiffany was fishing on the "Turn Me Loose" with Adele Duker-Melson, Tiffany Shaffer, Krissy Page, Capt. Larry Dougherty and mates Mike Tyron and John Pasquariello. The dolphin, in addition to 3 white marlin releases, were all hooked while trolling ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. For their 2nd place finish in the Dolphin Division, the anglers won \$3,645 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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On the first day of the 2014 Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, Amber Kelly landed a 63.2 lb. yellowfin tuna and hung on to win 2nd place in the Tuna Division. Amber was fishing on the "Foolish Pleasures" with Pam Cunningham, Kristie Chau, Capt. Dale Lisi and mates Eddie Braxton and Brett Glatfelter. The yellowfin was hooked while chunking in the Washington Canyon. The "Foolish Pleasures" team took home a check for \$3,402 for their 2nd place finish. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



One of the last boats to arrive at the scale of the 2014 Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open was the "Moore Bills" with 5 white marlin releases, good enough for 3rd place in the Billfish Division. Stephanie Moore released 3 white marlin and Tracie Miller released a pair while fishing with Sandi Ashburn, Michele Dunn, Joyce Skillman, Capt. Rob Skillman and mates Steve Moore and Doug Haymans. The marlin were hooked just north of the Baltimore Canyon and won the "Moore Bills" team \$12,656 in award money.



Third place in the Tuna Division of the 2014 Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open was won by Kristen Schrader with a 38.2 lb. yellowfin caught on the final day of the tournament. Kristen was fishing on the "Let It Ride" with Kathie Hoos, Carrie Schaefer, Capt. Josh Rusky and mates Jake Graves and Jason Peers. The 3rd place tuna, worth \$2,268 in award money, and 3 white marlin were hooked on ballyhoo in the Norfolk Canyon. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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There were a lot of smiles in the room when the 2014 Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, Bahia Marina and the Harman family presented a check for \$65,000 to the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research. The donation came from proceeds of the Poor Girls Open in addition to \$11,000 raised by Donna Harman and Brandon Hemp from their "Clammin' for a Cure" fundraiser and Bahia Marina's weekly Cornhole Tournament organized by Bahia's doormen. Representing the tournament are Earl Conley, Shawn Harman, Kathleen Harman and Joslyn Harman. Members of the Poor Girls Open/American Cancer Society Committee are Chris Butler, Josette Castiglione, Susan Braniecki, Sheryl Mitrecic and Bean Keagle. Since its inception, the Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girl's Open has donated over \$607,500 to the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research. Pictured at the Ocean City Marlin Club.



On Day 2 of the 21st Annual Capt. Steve Harman's Poor Girls Open, Candice Bonczewski muscled in a 25.2 lb. dolphin to move into 3rd place in the Dolphin Division. Candice caught the mahi in 80 fathoms, south of the Baltimore Canyon while fishing on the "Marli" with Kim Saboy, Teresa Edy, Karen Bonczewski, Denise Michaloski, Tracy Gurry (who landed a 23.3 lb. dolphin), Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. For their 3rd place finish, the lady anglers won \$2,430 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



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ranging up to around 13-pounds. More sheepshead are beginning to move onto the tubes of the CBBT, along with lots of big triggerfish. Spadefish are still around, but they are preparing to leave the area soon.

As summer presses on, many favorite species are available along the Mid-Atlantic coast, with notable catches coming mostly from the inshore fishing scene. As for the weather, we continue to watch to our South for tropical developments as the hurricane season runs its course.

Cobia jumped to the top of the inshore fishing list, with some really big fish cruising local waters lately. The oceanfront got the nod last week, as sightcasters scored with plenty of fish as they group into pods. Many of these cobia were pushing to well over 50-pounds. Choose your bait carefully, as these fish are often finicky this time of year due to the high fishing pressure. A few die-hard chummers are also still finding some decent fish along the

lower Chesapeake Bay shoals.

Big red drum continue to provide late summer topwater opportunities, as schools of drum continue to roam near the entrance of the Chesapeake Bay and near the northern end of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT). Scattered sightings of jack crevalle also came from these same areas last week. Red drum are also a common by-catch for anglers targeting other species such as cobia and flounder, from the Bluefish Rock area out to the Virginia Beach oceanfront.

Interest in black drum is still low as the fish circle the islands of the CBBT, and they will be moving out soon.

The summer flounder bite is pretty much as good as it gets right now. Solid flatfish action is providing limits for anglers, with many fish

measuring in the 20 to 23-inch range or larger. Several doormats are also responding, with 7 to 10-pounders not uncommon. The best catches continue to come from the 3rd and 4th Island areas of the CBBT, with live baiting and jigging working well for anglers along structure and over inshore wrecks and reefs. Some drifters are also having luck with keepers found along lower Bay channels, drop-offs, and near Buoys 36A, 42, and the Cell, as well as the seaside inlets along the Eastern Shore. Both the Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets continued to provide decent catches of keeper fish last week. Offshore wrecks are also starting to become more productive.

Sheepshead anglers are still enjoying good catches of big fish on fiddlers, with some fish

Along oceanfront waters, trollers are still enticing large Spanish mackerel from Cape Henry to Sandbridge, with catches also coming from throughout the lower Bay. Small gold and silver spoons are the best lures for these fish. Scattered king mackerel sightings, along with a few hook-ups, confirm that these fish have arrived. The large abundance of ribbonfish showing along the coastlines lately could make for a good king season.

Shark fishing is still good in these same areas, but check the regulations. A few encounters with bailer mahi within a few miles of shore are surprising anglers targeting inshore species lately.

Croaker are still keeping pace within lower Bay waters

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Sailfish *	Any Size	-	Bluefin ***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
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Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"	Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
Speckled Trout	24"	-	White Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size
Striped Bass	40"	30 lbs. or 40"			

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and inlets, with some decent-sized fish to be found. The bite out of Oyster is also filling coolers of nice hardheads from the deeper parts of the channel.

Nice spot moved into lower Bay waters recently, with anglers intercepting yellow-bellied spot off Ocean View and from Lynnhaven, Rudee and Little Creek Inlets.

The puppy drum action is still going strong within most shallow water locations, with solid action happening within Lynnhaven, Little Creek, and Rudee Inlets.

Speckled trout action is starting to pick up in many of the same locations, with the nicer trout found on the Poquoson Flats, Back River, and the Bayside and seaside creeks and inlets on the Eastern Shore. A few nice grey trout along with some sea mullet are also responding near the High-Rise of the CBBT, as well as off the Bayside areas of the Eastern Shore.

Tarpon are still active in the backwaters of Oyster, but not

for much longer. Amberjack are available at the South Tower and some of the offshore wrecks, and jack crevalle will likely make a brief showing at the Chesapeake Light Tower soon. Deep droppers are still faring well as boats continue to find a variety of nice tilefish, rosefish, barrelfish, and grouper along the edges of the Canyon.

As the billfish population builds offshore, boats are returning with varied catches. Several white marlin, along with scattered sailfish, spearfish, and blue marlin were released recently. The best catches of billfish continue to occur with live baiting techniques. Nice gaffer dolphin and wahoo are also adding some variety, along with scattered big yellowfin tuna and an occasional big eye tuna.

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



Ryan Aument of Lititz, PA was drifting a minnow and pink Gulp! combination in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport when he captured this 25-inch, 6 lb. flounder. Pictured at Ake Marine.



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