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The crew of Michael Jordan's "Catch 23" came to play during the 31st Annual MidAtlantic Tournament last week. On their first fishing day Wednesday last week, they arrived to the scales with a white marlin that angler Patrick Field caught outside of the Baltimore Canyon. Once on the tournament scale the fish weighed in at 73 lbs. and measured 73¾" moving it solidly into 1st Place for Heaviest White Marlin. It stayed on top until almost the very end of the tournament when the "Kaarma" weighed a 75 lb. white in Cape May, NJ sliding this fish to 2nd Place. Still, the crew of Patrick Field, Jimmy David, Trey McMillon, Capt. Stetson Turney and mates Anibal Moya & Nick Ewald had a great week. In addition to the white marlin, the crew took 2nd Place in the Most Points Overall Category, 5th Place for Heaviest Tuna at 84 lbs. and 4th Place in the Billfish Points for Ocean City. This earned the crew a combined payout of \$693,615, the second largest for the tournament.



While fishing on the last of the outgoing tide in the East Channel, Dan Mattio from Kingsville, MD landed this 23" flounder using baby spot. He was fishing with Capt. Bob Weaver on the "Bojo II".



Angler Doug Whittam of Hatfield, PA reflects on the 60 lb. yellowfin tuna he caught and the day he spent with Ocean City locals Brian Fenstermacher, Jeff Fenstermacher and John Daley chunking butterfish at the Hambone. The group was fishing on the "No Static".

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We had a nice report from Andy Shelton of Lewes. His 7 year old nephew Jack Peden had set a goal to catch a mahi this summer, so the pair with Ben Peden, and Mike Ambler headed out to the Del-Jersey reef and fished around some of the sea bass pot buoys. Overall Jack caught 6 mahi, including this gaffer as well as a handful of sea bass. Nice trip on a nice day.


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**This Week Last Year**

- Many captains reported that some of the best blue marlin fishing that they ever saw occurred during a 3 day period this week last year. The "Reel Chaos" reported 4 blue marlin releases on a single trip and saw over 10 of the big fish over a 3 day period. The Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons were the hot spots with water temps in the upper 70's.
- Tuna catches were exclusively yellowfin with most in the 30 to 50 pound range. One standout was a 70 lb. tuna caught on the "Reel Chaos" in the Poor Man's Canyon in 80° degree water.
- Lots of mahi were being found across the inshore lumps and coral beds. The "Gret's Three J's" and the "Finatic" both came in with over 40 dolphin a piece.

The last big money tournament of the season dominated the offshore action last week. This year 178 boats competed during the 31st Annual MidAtlantic Tournament with 109 of those based in Ocean City and the balance fishing out of Cape May. The good news was the billfish apparently got the word and showed up in numbers we have not seen all summer. Over the 5 days of the event a total of 334 white marlin were caught with 98% of them released. That is over twice the total whites caught during the White Marlin Open this year. The blue marlins also came to play, with 56 caught overall, 41 released and the top 3 finishers all weighed over 600 lbs.

While the billfish categories soared during the event, the Tuna Division saw tougher times. Out of the 86 tunas weighed, only 3 were bigeyes and all of the others were yellowfins. Some of those

however were quite sizable, and there was even a 5 way tie for 2nd Place for the Heaviest Tuna from Ocean City boats with five 82 pounders weighed.

From a payout perspective, unlike last year, this year's competition between ports did favor the New Jersey crews. Our Ocean City teams brought home \$1,768,645 of the \$5,253,190 payout, or 33%.

There was a lot of action so let's break it down.

The first 2 days of the event saw tough offshore weather. Only 69 boats went out between the 2 ports with 26 departing from Ocean City. While Cape May saw some good action getting the first 2 blue marlins of the tournament weighed. The first was a 469 lb. blue marlin from the "Three's Enough" followed by a 490 lb. fish from the "Random Chaos". Two of the three bigeye tuna caught during the event from the "Right Place" were also weighed at 193 lbs. & 152 lbs. as well as a number of yellowfins. The Ocean City scales only saw one boat, the "Double R" posting 2 yellowfins with the heaviest at 68 lbs. Day 2 was a windy washout with only 3 boats taking the chance and no qualifying fish to change the leaderboard.

With 462 'fishing days' left in the tournament, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday all saw most of the fleet fishing with lots of action.

**Billfish**

The common theme for billfish during the tournament was northern waters and deep. Most of the white and blue

marlins were caught east of the northern canyons from the Baltimore Canyon up to the Lindenkohl Canyon. Most were in 1,000 to 1,400 fathoms of water.

The "Max Bet" fresh off of their win in the Poor Girls Open brought the first qualifying white marlin to the scales on Wednesday that they caught east of the Baltimore Canyon in 1,000 fathoms. It measured 71" and weighed the tournament minimum of 65 lbs. and put them on the board! While it eventually finished in 4th Place for Heaviest White Marlin, the crew did take top honors in the Most Points, Most Points White Marlin and Most Billfish Points Ocean City categories with 1,040 points for the 13 white marlin they released and the 65 lb. one boated. Shortly after, the "Catch 23" pulled up to the scale with a 73 3/4" white marlin that also was found east of the Baltimore Canyon in deep water, tipping the scales at 73 lbs. This crew also had a productive week releasing a total of 7 white marlin and 2 blue marlin. That put these two in 2nd and 1st Place respectively which held through day 5.

Day 5 saw two whites shake up the leader board with the NJ based "Kaarma" bringing in a 75 lb. white to secure 1st Place overall, moving the "Catch 23" to 2nd Place and another NJ boat, the "Random Chaos" weighing a 66 lb. fish to secure 3rd Place overall moving the "Max Bet" to 4th. The "RoShamBo" also caused a commotion when they came to the dock on the last day with a 65 lb. white marlin they got trolling 107 miles out of Ocean City in 1,400 fathoms east of the Wilmington Canyon. While this tied for 4th Place overall with "Max Bet", the crew of the "RoShamBo" had gone 'across the board' entering all eligible calcuttas and taking home over \$275K!

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The first blue marlin to the scales in Ocean City was a 494 pounder on the "No Quarter" from south of the Lindenkohl Canyon in 1,000 fathoms. This one hit on an Alan Williams Custom Lure and Alan Williams was on the boat to see it! While this was the heaviest blue marlin at the moment, their time in the sun was short as the next boat to the scales was the "Kilo Charlie" who also had a blue marlin in the cockpit. Theirs hit on an artificial lure in the Lindenkohl Canyon, also trolling in 1,000 fathoms and the 119" blue pulled the scale down to show 607 lbs., moving them comfortably into 1st Place. That was of course until 'moving day' on Friday where they slipped to 3rd Place for overall Heaviest Blue Marlin after the NJ boats "Low Profile" weighed the 657 lb. winner and the "Lucky 7" took the 2nd Place slot with their 691 lb. blue. Other notable catches were from the "D.A. Sea" with a 494 lb. they found in the Poor Man's in 800 fathoms, the "Bar South" landed a 472 lb. blue, the "Zipper" took top honors in the Under 50' Calcutta with a 414 lb. blue marlin from the Baltimore Canyon in 800 fathoms and 78° water. Last year's 2nd Place

895 lb. blue marlin winner, the "Wolverine", came to the scales this year with a nice 451 pounder.

**Tuna**

As we mentioned, bigeyes took the top 3 slots for Heaviest Tuna with local boat "Lucky Duck" topping the list with a 210 lb. eyeball they caught east of the Washington Canyon. The 5 way tie for 3rd Place for Ocean City boats was shared by "Double R", "No Quarter" and "Catch 23", with a single 82 lb. yellowfin and the "C- Student" who had two 82 pounders! Most of the boats that brought tuna's to the scales had low single digit or single fish to report for the day and the big ones were reported from the 800 to 1,000 fathom lines.

Other notable catches included a 104 lb. wahoo from the crew on the "Special Situation", caught in the Spencer Canyon that has set a new MidAtlantic Tournament record. Top honors for mahi this year went to the anglers on the "Valentine" who ventured 100 miles out to east of the Wilmington Canyon where the big dolphin hit on their left long rigger eating a naked ballyhoo. 3rd Place went to the

"Sea Wolf" for their 33 lb. mahi from the Baltimore Canyon. Overall the mahi bite is good both inshore and off with fish in the peanut to gaffer ranges.

After the tournament on Sunday the billfish bite continued and appears to be moving south toward us! The "Reel Chaos" reported 5 white marlin releases, the "Knot Again" had 7, the "Big Stick" reported 1 white and 1 blue marlin released and the "Showtime!" had 4. All of these were from the Wilmington Canyon. So it looks promising for the upcoming Ocean City Marlin Club's Labor Day White Marlin Tournament!

Lastly, we want to congratulate a couple of big blueline tilefish catches. Daine Hursh of York, PA caught a pending Delaware State record blueline tilefish last week that weighed 25.5 lbs. and measured 38". Angler Darwin Kunth from Duncannon, PA may also have a state record blueline, this one in Maryland. He hand cranked the 21.8 lb. blueline from 360' while fishing with Capt. Steve Danner on the "Still Lucky".

Until next week I will see you at the scales! \$

**Upcoming Tournaments**

- The Ocean City Marlin Club is holding its traditional Labor Day White Marlin Tournament, the 64th edition of the event on September 2nd - 4th. Registration is on the 1st from 6:30 to 8:30 at the club. This is a fish 2 of 3 day format with scales open from 6:00 - 8:00PM each night at Sunset Marina's Tournament Scale. More at OCMarlinClub.com.
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Sabrina Naud who was visiting from Shawinigan, Quebec, Canada is probably our best dressed angler this week. She caught this throwback 19" rockfish using spot at the south Ocean City Inlet Jetty.



Ticen Willey shares this golden tilefish he caught with friends Matt, Mark, Ryan and Jason Baker along with Adam Ritter and Billy Low on the "Sea Tiger" out of Lewes. The also got a mess of blueline tilefish and sea bass.

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# OCEAN CITY FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



Last week in the Maryland waters we had big storms in the early part of the week and ended with calm warm days at the end. The storms churned up the water making bay fishing difficult due to dirty water. The nearshore waters started to heat up with the African Queen site being a hot spot for flounder and even a few keeper bass.

### Nearshore Waters & Reefs

The African Queen has been producing the best results for flounder in the area. The rubble piles on the reef as well as those just west of the reef have given up some nice limits of fish. I am told that there are not a lot of trophy fish in the area, however limits of keepers are not hard to come by. Big bright Gulp baits have produced the best results. Live spot will get you a better

quality of fish but you won't get as many of the shorter yet legal fish. Austin Wagner was out last Wednesday and caught 3 nice keepers. "Bad Wind Charters" was at it again catching their clients boat loads of fish. They caught a plethora of nice size flatfish along with a good amount of sea bass. Sea bass, which is usually a tough fish to catch in the summer, has remained strong. The boys also managed a day or two of finding the mahi on the bass pots, bringing home plenty of prized fish for the dinner table. The mahi have been very sporadic on the bass pots. Many reports are that they are often found on the pots however, trolling and casting to them result in none wanting to bite. Getting out early is your best bet to target these pelagic beauties. Small

poppers and trolled squids are the best baits for trolling, and strips of squid on a circle hook are your best baits for throwing to standing fish. Jeremiah Kogon was out for a daddy/daughter day with Michelle Kogon and caught themselves several flounder. Jeremiah reports many were throwbacks, but they did manage a few for dinner and had a great family day on the water.

Strange to see our resident dive master fishing from a boat instead of under it! "Ocean City Girl" ventured a little further offshore and found the motherload of nice juvenile mahi. The crew returned with a table full of nice fish. That is going to be one big fish fry... hope I'm invited because I love mahi tacos!

Matt Moran from the headboat "Ocean Princess" stated that they had several good trips last week catching both sea bass and flounder up to 21". Frank Balla caught the big flattie along with 3 others for his limit on Tuesday out at the African Queen site. Captain Chris Mizurak of the "Angler" headboat also reported good catches of flounder. He said

www.coastalfisherman.net the bass are getting tougher to find with a lot of throwbacks, but the keeper flounder have made up for the bass. Captain Walt Hammond of the "Judith M" had a good week managing to bring home nice catches of sea bass and flounder. The crew even got a few triggerfish. Squid, shiners and clams were used to catch the fish. With many of the colleges and schools starting up, the head boats are not as crowded as in mid summer, so now is the time to get out and enjoy some of the great fishing available.

Captain Dave Caffrey from "On the Run" charters caught some mahi and a nice quality keeper flounder.

Dave, Brendan and Manny from New York were fishing on the "Green Reaper" 17 miles out with sand fleas and brought home keeper sea bass as well as flounder.

Amy Jo Lopata from Pittsburgh, PA, caught a nice size ribbon fish measuring 37 inches. That's one of the biggest I've heard of this year. They were fishing off of Assateague Island.

Peyton Balliett went with her dad a few miles offshore to chum for sharks and instead hooked and landed a 50", 37 pound cobia. That's quite the catch and will make for several great dinners. Cobia is a great tasting white meat which can be grilled or fried as well as



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served as sashimi. Cobia also makes for a great ceviche. The two reported seeing several cobia in the chum slick.

### Back Bays

Flounder in the inlet was a little slower last week due to the storms on Monday. Good catches can still be found along the rock jetties at the OC inlet. Drifting along the rocks is still producing the best chances for quality flounder. Daniel Mattio was fishing the East Channel landing a 23" flatfish using a small live spot. Skylar was fishing with his son Jaxon Snead at the inlet and hooked a nice triggerfish on bloodworm Fishbites.

Aquarium OCMD Rental Homes reported a number of flounder out front of their place, but most of them were 12-13 inches. At night they are seeing tons of shad up to 16".

Dan fished with Captain Bob Weaver on the "BoJo 2". Squid and shiner combos are the most productive baits and a

high incoming tide being the best tides. The area behind Assateague Island is producing a few nice flatties in the holes near the airport. This week I heard of a few croaker blitzes, however most of the fish are still small. These fish, although not giants, are great for teaching kids how to fish. The fish are very ferocious and will attack any bait put in front of them. If you have kids and can find a school of them, the action is usually very steady and will keep the young ones from getting bored. The inlet area is also producing some nice sheepshead as well as a few trout. The deep hole on the south side jetty wall is a prime spot but is often very crowded.

John Foreman caught a banded rudderfish. This is a unique catch as these fish typically don't travel this far north. Even though this fish is of the jack family it is very good table fare.

Until next week...  
Tight lines and fins up §



The crew of the "Times Like These" with Capt. Pete Kelly went out to the Baltimore Canyon for an overnight trip spending about 36 hours trolling offshore. After fishing about 20 hours without any luck, Paula Walker broke the doldrum when she hooked up with this 72.6 lb. swordfish. The fight lasted a half hour, getting it to the boat just at the stroke of midnight. It is a gorgeous swordfish and definitely the fish of a lifetime for amateur angler Paula. The crew also caught 3 nice mahi the next morning and overall had an unforgettable experience.



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Joseph, Jonathan & Michael Hager with Ryan Neuffer had a great day fishing in the Thorofare on a pontoon boat from Bahia Marina. They caught 15 in total including these 4 keepers all around 17".



George Frigm of Summer Time Park in Fenwick Island caught this 17" flounder off the beach at Fenwick Island State Park about an hour past high tide. He was catching spot 2 at a time with every cast before using one on a big circle hook to trick this flatfish!

## OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

<b>WED. AUG 31</b>	High 11:20 am High 11:32 pm	Low 04:50 am Low 05:22 pm
<b>THUR. SEPT 1</b>	High ----- High 12:04 pm	Low 05:33 am Low 06:16 pm
<b>FRI. SEPT 2</b>	High 12:14 am High 12:55 pm	Low 06:20 am Low 07:16 pm
<b>SAT. SEPT 3</b> 1st Qtr. Moon	High 01:04 am High 01:57 pm	Low 07:13 am Low 08:20 pm
<b>SUN. SEPT 4</b>	High 02:04 am High 03:10 pm	Low 08:12 am Low 09:27 pm
<b>MON. SEPT 5</b>	High 03:14 am High 04:25 pm	Low 09:15 am Low 10:35 pm
<b>TUE. SEPT 6</b>	High 04:26 am High 05:32 pm	Low 10:22 am Low 11:39 am
<b>WED. SEPT 7</b>	High 05:32 am High 06:32 pm	Low 11:29 am Low -----

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 - subtract 45 minutes to low tide  
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 Wawa - Rehoboth (Northside near Walmart)

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The father & daughter team of Brian and Emily Steele of Fenwick Island were a dynamic duo on this trip. They headed down to the bay behind Assateague Island and boated 3 keeper flounder using a minnow and squid combo. The largest was 22½”.



We are definitely seeing more sizable mahi hit the dock lately. J.P. Daley caught this gaffer chunking butterfish at an inshore lump while fishing aboard the “Nine Lives” with Capt. Brent Marshall Sr.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



Rebecca Gagnon of Montauk, NY picked a beautiful day to take a trip on the headboat "Judith M". Capt. Walt Hammond took her and the rest of the anglers out to the Bass Grounds where she hooked these two keeper flounder using squid, shiners and clams.



Capt. Parker Powell on the headboat "Thelma Dale IV" out of Lewes reported some of his anglers getting their flounder limits with the biggest fish over 5 lbs. as well as decent sea bass action on his trips last week.

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We don't think Judy Schiabe could have picked a better day to go flounder fishing. She headed out on the party boat "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and got her limit of keeper flounder jigging over a natural bottom.



The crew of the charter boat "Skeets" were all smiles when they came to the scales during the 31st MidAtlantic Tournament. Anglers Mike Cromwell, Larry Lehrke, Justin Ranck, Mike Cutler with Capts. Stu Windsor & Tom Coates and mate Chase Manhattan were trolling for marlin 80 miles out, east of the Baltimore Canyon in 1000 fathoms when this mahi hit a ballyhoo. The 25 lb. dolphin held 2nd place at the time and finished 5th overall in the Mahi Division.

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PA anglers Paul Unangst and Morgan McCollian killed it last week fishing with Capt. Dave Caffrey on the charter boat "On the Run". They took two trips to inshore reef sites and caught a combined total of 11 keeper flounder up to 23½" and 15 mahi. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Capt. JD Eddy on the charter boat "Green Reaper" got New York anglers Dave, Brendan and Manny onto some sea bass and a keeper flounder. They took a short trip 17 miles out and were using sand fleas. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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# FISHING CHARTERS



The boys from D. Gingerich Concrete did some serious deep dropping with Capt. Chris Ragni on the charter boat "Billslayer". Despite numerous cancellations due to weather, the crew got out boating over 30 blueline tilefish, 8 goldens and 4 bonus red rosies. Pictured at the Indian River Marina.



The crew of the "Wrecker" brought in the first wahoo during the 31st MidAtlantic Tournament last week. The lucky angler Jim Messina was fishing with Joe Rodgers, Joe Hancock, Kris Montgomery and Stephen Humphrey. Rounding out the crew were Capt. Bobby Layton with mates Cody Smith and Austin Bowden.

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Konnor Hudson from Frankford, DE got a nice surprise while fishing on the headboat "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak. Mates Rich & Steve had put out a cedar plug to troll as the boat moved between locations and Konnor hooked into a false albacore.



It was a mess of fish for the soon to be wed Austin Kitchen of Newark, DE during his bachelor party. He and Jake Lawton, Matt Casson, Zander Arroyo, John Dina and Wilson Forney went fishing at the Fenwick Shoals on the charter boat "Michael D" with Capt. Bruce Coffey out of the Indian River Marina. Overall they caught 58 spanish mackerel and 15 bluefish over 15" using spoons.

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Rich Magee ventured out with Capt. Jason Mumford on the charter boat "Lucky Break" to the Ocean City Inlet and caught a beautiful sheepshead using sand fleas.



Capt. Monty Hawkins on the headboat "Morning Star" reports seeing mahi, but not many taking the bait. This trip saw some exceptions with anglers catching some of the biggest for the season, pretty good for inshore fishing.

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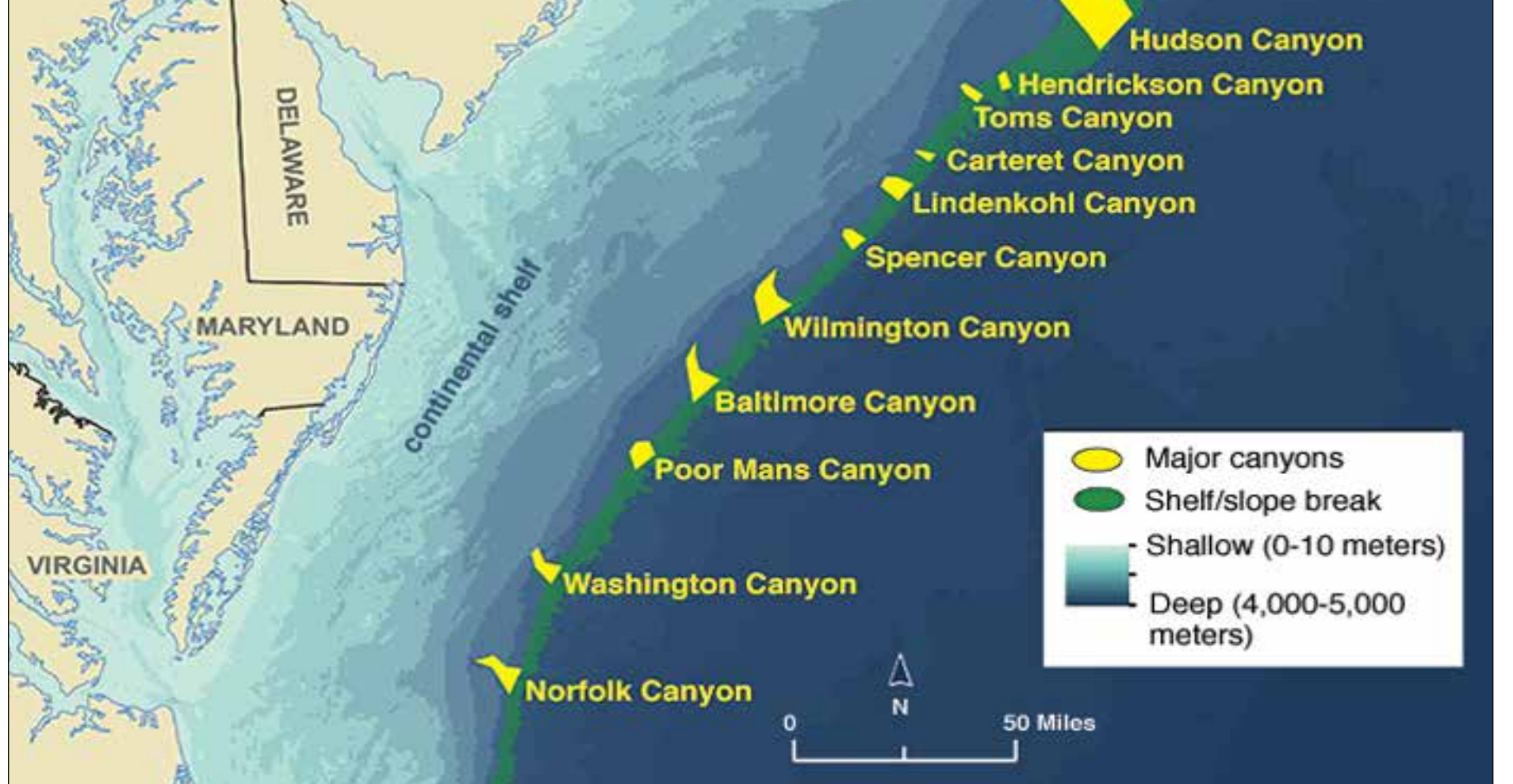
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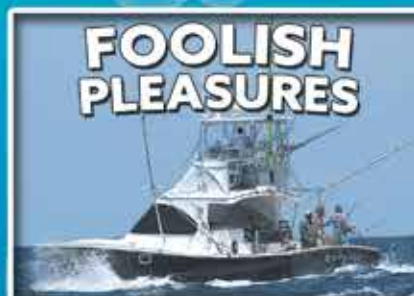
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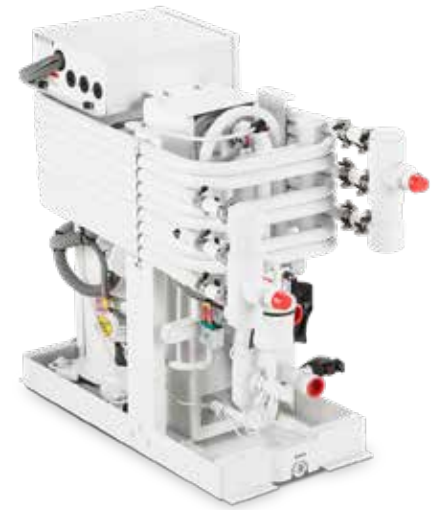
conditioning or have been re-fitted with an air conditioning system. There are even marine air conditioners that can be powered by ships batteries, eliminating the need for shore power or a generator.

A marine air conditioner is similar in operation to a residential air conditioner. A household air conditioner has refrigerant that is

outside air at the condenser (outdoor unit). In a marine air conditioner, a compressor circulates refrigerant to the evaporator in the cabin and discharges the heat into the seawater using a water-cooled condenser.

The most popular marine air conditioner is a self-contained unit, meaning the compressor, condenser, fan, and evaporator are all in one compact package. The package just needs electricity and seawater brought to its location. Often a limited amount of ductwork is needed to direct the cool air to the proper location.

Larger boats or unique situations may use a split air conditioning system, where the compressor and condensers are installed remotely, usually in the engine or mechanical room and just the evaporator and fan are installed in the cabin area. This system is more expensive than an all-in-one unit and more complex to install due to the refrigeration



and power lines that need to run between the two components. The advantage is that the compressor and sea water systems are kept out of the way, located with other machinery. The evaporator and fan in the cabin are quiet and take up less space than an all-in-one unit.

Large sportfishing boats and yachts use a completely different system, called a chiller system. This is a system with most components installed in the machinery room. A chiller cools a closed loop fresh water supply, maintaining the fresh water at 55 degrees or so. This chilly water is circulated through the boat using insulated pipes in a loop through the boat. A specialized air handler, similar in theory to a car radiator, is installed in the



fishing or at the dock can turn too hot in a hurry.

It is not just for large boats, many small boats come equipped with air

pumped through the system by a compressor to remove heat from inside the house by the evaporator (indoor unit) and discharge the heat to the

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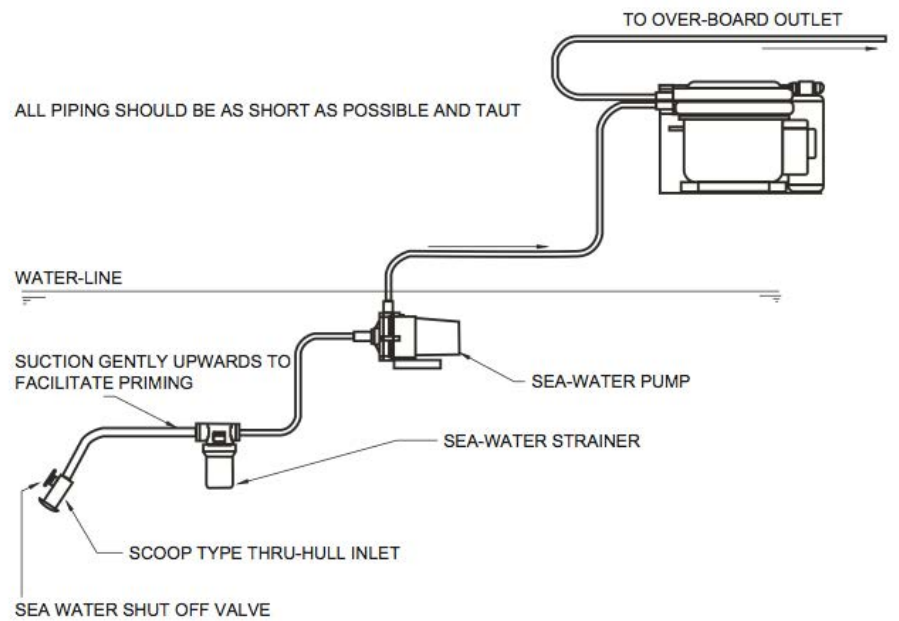

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areas that need cooling. The cold-water flows through the air handler and a fan forces cabin air through the cold-water evaporator, producing chilly air inside the boat. These systems are the most expensive to purchase and install though they can be more efficient with less maintenance than operating numerous smaller units.

A marine air conditioning system needs regular maintenance, the primary areas of concern is seawater flow and air flow. A problem

with one or both areas will often cause the system to activate a self-protection mode and shut down until the problem is fixed, usually resulting in a HPF or high-pressure fault error shown at the thermostat. If this occurs, it's best to check and clean the air filter(s) at or near the cabin fan and clean the seawater strainer and or the associated seawater plumbing lines. The rule of thumb is that a marine air conditioner needs to have 3gpm of water 12,000 Btu/hr at the unit, if you have



multiple air conditioners you need to check the water flow at each unit individually. If more than one system shares a common pump, you will also need an electrical pump relay and water supply manifold.

There are also specialized refrigeration systems, like air conditioners that chill a cooler or fish box, like a custom refrigerator. These systems are laid out similar to the comfort cooling systems above, though the evaporator is built into the drink box or fish box. While these boxes are usually incorporated during the boat building process, a custom drink box or fish box can be designed and retrofitted into a existing boat.

Owning and maintaining a marine air-conditioning system requires slightly more maintenance than a residential unit. Besides checking and cleaning air filters, which are often in inaccessible locations, maintaining the sea water cooling system is the most difficult. It's amazing how fast mud, silt and marine growth can accumulate in the plumbing, especially in the summer months, restricting the water flow and causing the air conditioning to shut down due to high refrigerant pressure. If you store your boat in the winter months, be sure the air conditioning seawater system is winterized and prepared for freezing weather. §



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Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE	Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE
 <b>Bluefish</b>	June 5 Mike Botsaris S. OC Jetty 12.5 lbs.	July 18 Tommy Schlauch Jr. Fenwick Ditch 12 lbs. 3 Oz.	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	May 30 Dan Cavey Fingers 373 lbs.	
 <b>Black Drum</b>	April 16 CW Wells Assateague Island 70 lbs.	May 22 Mike Strain Coral Beds 78 lbs.	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	July 23 Crew - Wrecker Washington Canyon 276 lbs.	July 4 Crew "Reel Fast" Washington Canyon 220 lbs.
 <b>Cobia</b>	August 17 Kai Cropper Inshore Shoal 77 lbs.	July 15 Scott Brooks Off Bethany Beach 89.2 lbs.	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	June 10 Corey Healy Baltimore Canyon 243 lbs.	
 <b>Flounder</b>	July 29 Mike Brockmeyer East Channel 7.85 lbs.	July 20 Jesse Norman Ocean Structure 10.4 lbs.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>	July 31 Zach Bower Wilmington Canyon 38.5 lbs.	June 5 Chad Tingle Wilmington Canyon 49.5 lbs.
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	May 31 Justin Eddy Poor Man's 4.7 lbs.	May 26 Kase Andrews Ocean Structure 3.125 lbs.	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b> <span style="color:red">★</span> <small>New</small>	July 22 Jim Clarke Massey's Canyon 89.2 lbs.	<span style="color:red">★</span> <small>New</small> August 27 Ian Beall 800 Fathom Line 151.6 lbs.
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	June 27 JC Dennis OC Inlet 13.75 lbs.	August 18 Vee Sisounthone Lewes Wall 16 lbs.	 <b>Dolphin</b>	August 11 Frank Sinita Jr. Poor Man's Canyon 59.5 lbs.	
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	May 20 Bud Martin Rt. 50 Bridge 17.19 lbs.		 <b>Swordfish</b>	June 30 Steve Stallings Poor Man's Canyon 288 lbs.	
 <b>Tautog</b>	April 22 Kelly Langion-Milano Artificial Reef 18 lbs.	April 22 Billy Thornatore Ocean Wreck 7.5 lbs.	 <b>Blue Marlin</b> <span style="color:red">★</span> <small>New</small>	August 24 Andrew Kinsley Linden Kohl Canyon 607 lbs.	
 <b>Wahoo</b> <span style="color:red">★</span> <small>New</small>	August 26 Charlie Phelan Spencer Canyon 104 lbs.		 <b>White Marlin</b> <span style="color:red">★</span> <small>New</small>	August 12 Jeremy Duffie Baltimore Canyon 77.5 lbs.	

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Alex Artese caught a pretty 8.2 lb. sheepshead in the Massey's Canyon using sandfleas. Measured and weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



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David Lawrence from Frederick, MD and Todd Herman of Hanover, PA caught these 3 keeper flounder and released a lot of throwbacks while fishing at A buoy. The largest was Todd's 23" and almost 5 lb. fattie. All were caught on a combo of Gulp and squid.

This advertisement features a photograph of the Lewes Harbour Marina building. Below the photo is a large sign that reads "LEWES HARBOUR MARINA Fishing &amp; Boating OUTFITTERS" and "Authorized Fishing License Agent". A starburst graphic says "Tax Free Shopping!". Below the sign, it lists "BAIT · TACKLE · FUEL · MARINE SUPPLIES". The bottom section contains logos for various brands: COSTA, G-LOONIS, Interlux, POWER PRO, Gulp! ALIVE!, XTRATUF, PENN, SEIGLER, MagicTail, Daiwa, LHMwear, TOADFISH, SHIMANO, and Baitmasters. It also includes social media icons for Facebook and Instagram, the website "LEWESHARBOURMARINA.COM", and the address "Located at the end on Anglers Rd on the Lewes Canal • 302.645.6227".

This advertisement features a white service van for "Edward's Marine &amp; Sons". The van has logos for Onan, KOHLER GENERATORS, TWIN DISC, VOLVO PENTA, and is an Authorized Dealer. The side of the van lists "PARTS · SALES · SERVICE · REPOWER" and the phone number "410-213-7986". A man in a camouflage jacket is standing next to the van. Below the van, the text reads "PARTS · SALES · REPAIR &amp; REPOWER" and "Edward's Marine &amp; Sons". A fish logo is prominently displayed. A starburst graphic says "Newly Renovated Parts Dept. to Better Serve our Customers!". Below this, it says "24 Hour Emergency Service". At the bottom, there are logos for VOLVO PENTA, CM, NORTHERN LIGHTS, LUGGER, KOHLER GENERATORS, Onan, and WESTERBEKE Engines &amp; Generators. The phone number "410.213.7986 or 443.783.8288" is listed, along with the email "edwardsmarine@comcast.net" and the address "12741 Sunset Ave. • West Ocean City, MD 21842". A logo for "OC POWDER COATINGS" is also present.

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## Chimichurri Lemon Mahi Mahi

**Ingredients:**

- 4 mahi fillets
- 4 lemons thinly sliced into wheels
- 4 tablespoons lemon juice
- Fine sea salt
- Freshly ground pepper
- Chimichurri sauce
- Cooking spray

**Directions:**

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Lightly coat the bottom of a glass baking dish with cooking spray.

Line dish with lemon wheels as a base. This serves three purposes, it provides flavor, prevents the fish from drying and elevates the fish allowing hot air to circulate around the



fillet and cook evenly.

Pour 1 tablespoon lemon juice over each fillet and season to taste with fine sea salt and freshly ground black pepper.

Bake for 15 minutes, or until fish is pearly white and flakes easily with a fork.

Remove and top with Chimichurri sauce. (See below)

### Chimichurri Sauce

**Ingredients:**

- 2 cups flat leaf parsley any overly large stalky parts removed, packed

- 4 large cloves garlic
  - 3/4 cup cilantro packed
  - 1 teaspoon dry crushed red pepper
  - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
  - 1/2 cup olive oil
  - 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
  - 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- Directions:**



In a small food processor chop parsley. Remove to a small-medium bowl.

Repeat with garlic and cilantro. Add crushed red pepper, black pepper and olive oil to the same bowl. Stir.

### Hawaiian Style Marlin with Poke Sauce

**Ingredients:**

- 2 teaspoons fresh ginger, minced
- 1.5 cups soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar



- 1/2 teaspoon sesame oil
  - 2 tablespoons chili oil
  - Shredded cabbage (garnish)
  - Cooked white rice
- Poke Sauce:**
- 1/4 cup fresh ginger, minced
  - 1/2 cup cilantro
  - 1/4 cup scallions, minced
  - 3 cloves garlic, minced
  - 1/2 cup peanut oil
  - 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce

**Directions:**

Combine ginger, soy sauce, brown sugar, sesame oil and chili oil in a small bowl. Place the fish in a resealable plastic bag; pour in the marinade; seal bag and let rest in fridge for up to an hour.


Mix poke sauce ingredients in a blender or by hand until emulsified. Refrigerate until ready to use.

Preheat grill to high. Remove fish from bag, and discard the marinade. Place fish on the grill and sear one side for about 2-3 minutes. Use a lightly oiled spatula to turn and sear

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the other side for another 2-3 minutes. Remove and plate.

The marlin will be seared on the outside and very rare in the middle. Serve garnished with cabbage, white rice and poke sauce.

### Teriyaki Tuna with Volcano Sauce

Ingredients:

Teriyaki Tuna:

1/2 cup teriyaki sauce

4 ahi tuna steaks

3 tablespoons white sesame seeds

3 tablespoons black sesame seeds

3 tablespoons vegetable oil

Volcano Sauce:



3/4 cup mayonnaise

2 tablespoons chili garlic sauce

2 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk

1 teaspoon sugar

Garnish:

1 bunch scallions, sliced diagonally

Directions:

For Volcano Sauce:

Using a small food processor or an immersion/stick blender, combine mayonnaise, chili garlic sauce, sweetened condensed milk and sugar. Depending on your tastes for walking on the spicy side, add chili garlic sauce slowly until you reached your desired heat. Set aside.

Combine white and black sesame seeds in a shallow bowl or pie plate. Dredge both sides of the tuna steaks in sesame

seeds. Set aside.

Heat vegetable oil in a large cast iron skillet or large frying pan over high heat.

The name of the game is to sear, which means high heat, spitting oil and in my house, the smoke detector going off, so prepare your work space accordingly.

When vegetable oil is hot, place tuna steaks in the pan, cover. Cook on each side for 2-3 minutes depending on desired temperature. Two to three minutes will be a medium rare for a 1 1/2 inch tuna steak. I like mine rare, so I go for 1-2 minutes on each side. It all depends on the thickness of your tuna steak.

Remove tuna steaks from frying pan/cast iron skillet. Plate and

top with teriyaki glaze.

There are two choices for the volcano sauce. You can put a dollop on the side, allowing individuals to dip according to their tastes OR you can put the volcano sauce into an airtight plastic bag and cut a small hole on one bottom corner and then pipe the sauce onto teriyaki tuna steaks. Garnish with scallions.

### Cajun Wahoo

Ingredients:

1/2 cup butter, melted

1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

6 fresh garlic cloves

1/3 cup fresh cilantro or 1/3 cup parsley

2 tablespoons cajun seafood seasoning

Juice of 1 lemon

6 wahoo fillets, about 1/2 inch thick

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and extra for garnish

Lemon wedge (to garnish)

Directions:

Spray grill with nonstick spray or brush with vegetable oil to prevent sticking. Preheat on high for about 10 minutes.

Mix first six ingredients in a blender. Purée into a smooth sauce.

When ready to cook, brush both sides of fillets with sauce. Place fillets on grill and cook, turning once or twice. Brush more sauce as needed.

Fish is done when it flakes easily (about 5 minutes). Serve with lemon wedges.

### Kingfish Roasted in Butter with Provençale Sauce

Ingredients:

For the fish:

1-1/2 lbs. kingfish fillet

4 tbsp. of butter at room temperature

1 teaspoon of paprika (or more according to taste)

1 tablespoon of chopped parsley

1 teaspoon of lemon or lime juice

1 teaspoon lemon or lime zest

Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Preheat oven to 400°F and butter or grease a baking sheet.

Combine the butter, paprika, parsley, lemon zest and juice as well as salt and pepper and stir until well blended

Spread the butter mixture over the entire fillet both sides and sprinkle with a little more salt and pepper (optional).

Transfer to baking sheet and roast fish until it's done and opaque in the center. (This took approximately 25-30 minutes with this size fish. Cooking time will vary depending on thickness)

Transfer fish to platter, tent with foil for a few minutes while you make the Provençale sauce.

For the Provençal Sauce:

Ingredients:

2 tablespoons olive oil

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- 1 tablespoon butter
- 3 cloves garlic minced
- ¼ teaspoon of chili flakes
- ½ teaspoon of fresh thyme
- Zest of one lemon or lime
- 4-6 small Roma tomatoes seeded and chopped

- 1 teaspoon of anchovy paste
- 2 tablespoons capers rinsed and drained
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- ¼ cup of pitted and chopped Kalamata olives or a blend of whatever olives you may have on hand



1 pinch of sugar - to take the edge off the acidity of the tomatoes.

2 tablespoons of chopped parsley

Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Heat the butter and oil in a medium sized pan on medium heat and add the garlic, lemon zest, chili flakes and thyme and sauté for a couple minutes until very fragrant.

Add the tomatoes, anchovy paste, capers, olives, vinegar and sugar and partially cover and cook for a few minutes until the tomatoes soften. Stir in the olives and parsley, taste for seasoning and then it's ready to serve over the fish garnished with more parsley.

Notes:

Leftover fish can be stored in a sealed container in the fridge for up to 3 days. I like to store the fish in a separate container to the leftover sauce because sometimes I'll add any leftover sauce to other dishes.

You can use any white fish fillet in this recipe or even salmon, if you can't get your hands on king fish where you are.

Cooking time will always vary depending on the thickness of your fillet, so keep an eye on it after the 18-20 minute mark. You will know when it's done when the fish is no longer translucent but is opaque and it flakes easily at its thickest point when tested with a fork.

Feel free to add different herbs or seasoning to the herbed butter according to your taste and even adjust the amounts to taste as well.

### Baked Stuffed Clams

Ingredients:

- 10 to 12 large size clams, rinsed, sand and grit removed
- 3 tablespoons minced onion
- 1/2 cup butter (1 stick)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley (or 2 teaspoons dried)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon clam juice (or cooking liquid from steaming the clams)
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Directions:

Fill a large pot with 1 1/2 to 2 inches of water. Bring water to a boil. Add the clams to the boiling water. Reduce the heat to a simmer and let the clams steam for approximately 6-10 minutes, until the shells open.

Remove clams from the pot and let cool enough to handle. Discard any clams that have not opened (if they haven't opened it means they were dead to begin with and should not be eaten).



Next, remove the clam meat from the clams (not the clam foot which is attached to the shell) and mince finely.

Pick the best clam shells for serving:

Break apart the clam shells from their hinges. Rinse. Pick 10-12 of the cleanest, nicest looking clam shells and set aside.

Make the stuffing:

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a sauté pan, melt the butter on medium heat and add the minced onion. Once the onions have softened (2-3 minutes), add the garlic.

Cook the garlic for 1 minute, then add the parsley, bread crumbs, minced clams, lemon juice, and clam juice.

Stir until the stuffing mixture is completely moistened. (If too dry, add a bit more butter or clam juice; if too wet, add a bit more bread crumbs.)

Stuff clam shells with stuffing, sprinkle with Parmesan, bake:

Lay clam shells on a baking dish. Scoop a little stuffing mixture onto each clam shell. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan.

Bake at 350°F for approximately 20-25 minutes, until Parmesan is lightly browned on top.

Variations:

Cook a few strips of bacon until fat renders but not brown or crispy, chop and mix in with the stuffing.

Use crumbled up Ritz crackers for the breadcrumbs.

Put a little piece of cheddar cheese underneath the clam

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**Blackened Rockfish with Avocado Fish Taco Sauce**

**Ingredients:**

**Blackened Seasoning:**

- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper

**Rockfish Ingredients:**

- 1 tablespoon coconut oil melted, or avocado oil
- 1 lb. rockfish about 4 fillets

**Avocado Fish Sauce:**

- 1 avocado
- ½ cup non-fat Greek yogurt
- 1 cup water
- 2 cups cilantro with stems
- ½ lime juice of, or 1 teaspoon



- 1 large garlic clove
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1-2 splashes of chipotle sauce, optional

**Directions:**

Make the Blackened Seasoning

In a small bowl mix all the ingredients for the blackened seasoning. Set aside.

**Bake and season the rockfish:**

Preheat the oven to broil. In a 9 x 13 inch baking dish drizzle 1 tablespoon of oil. Rinse the rockfish in cold water and pat dry with a paper towel. Add it to the prepared baking dish. Pour blackened seasoning on top of the fish and using hands rub it into the fish and around the sides and bottom. Bake uncovered 6-10 minutes or until the center is cooked and flakes apart when pulled with a fork (bake 6 minutes for thin slices, thick slices might need about 10 minutes). If it starts to burn on top cover in aluminum foil to cook.

While the fish bakes, make the avocado sauce:

Blend all ingredients of the avocado fish taco sauce in a blender.

Drizzle the avocado fish taco sauce on top of the baked rockfish. Serve with a side of vegetables and rice or into tacos.

**Tom Budd's Tuna Marinade**

**Ingredients:**

- 2 lbs tuna steaks
- Marinade:**
- 1/4 c orange juice
  - 1/4 c soy sauce
  - 2 T olive oil
  - 2 T parsley, chopped
  - 1 T fresh lemon juice
  - 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
  - 1/2 t oregano
  - 1/2 t black pepper

**Directions:**

Mix all ingredients together. Marinate tuna in a large ziplock bag or bowl with fitted lid for 24 hours. Sear tuna on high heat over a grill for 5-6 minutes, flip and sear another 4-5 minutes. Do not overcook.

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While you might not see may limit catches for sea bass this time of year, there are still some nice sized fish out there. Capt. Monty Hawkins from the headboat "Morning Star" reports his anglers found some chunky knotheads like this one from a trip last week.

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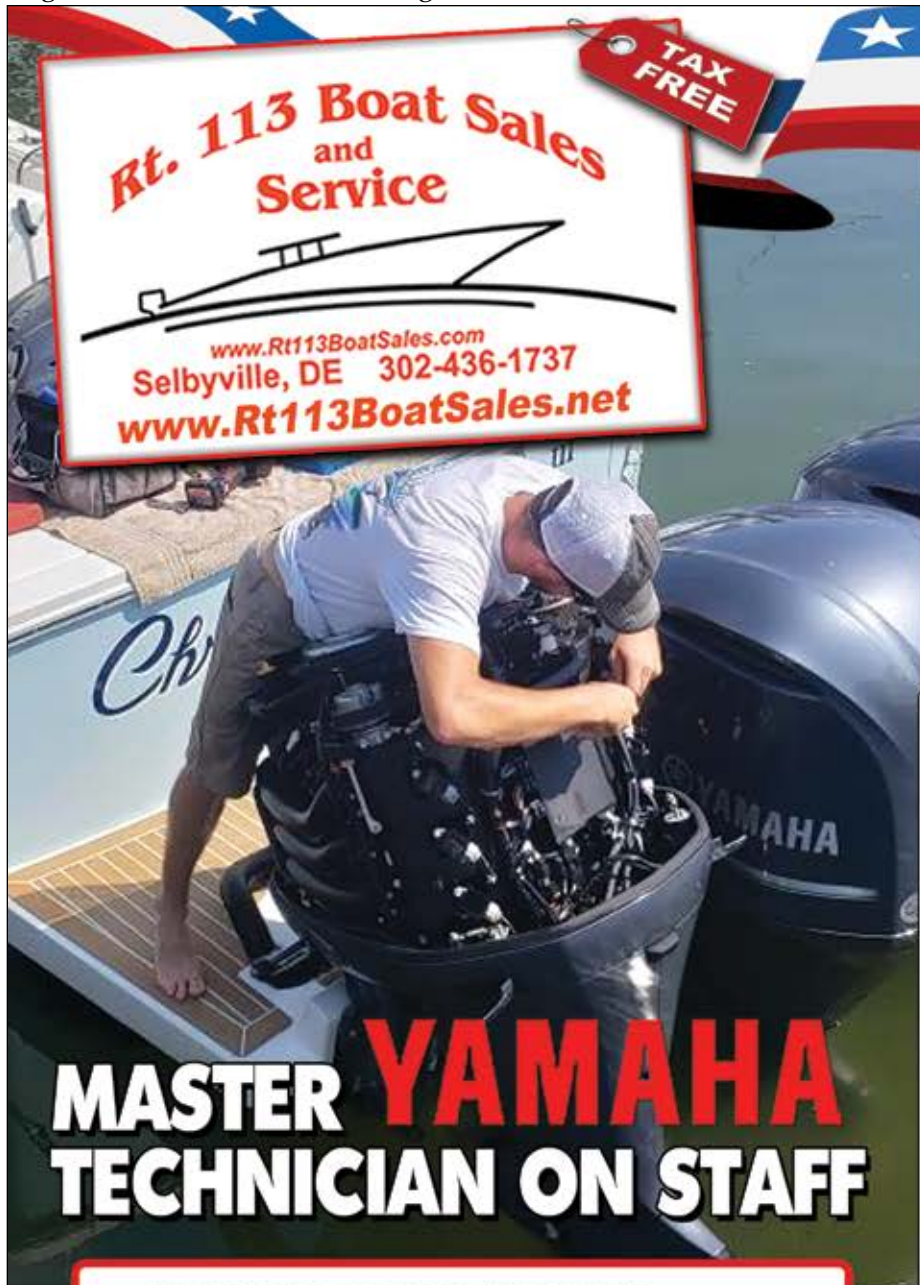


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Last week we hooked a pretty big fish on conventional tackle with 30-pound line. It took the somewhat inexperienced angler about 20-minutes to bring the fish to the boat. Much of that time I stood alongside coaching him how to most efficiently work the tackle to land the fish without killing himself in the process. "Slowly lift the rod and crank it back down," I told him, "And keep your eye on the spool, if the line is going out - don't crank, because you'll only be wasting your own energy if you're turning the handle when the fish is making a run."

I sometimes think that when some people have a fish on the line their ears just stop working, because no matter how many times I told him

not to crank when the fish was taking line he never quit doing it. Finally I just gave up and just let him do it his way which meant that about 10-minutes into the fight on a hot August morning he was exhausted, the fish was still frisky, and the rod was being handed off to another angler.

Later that morning we had another decent size fish hooked up but this time on spinning tackle. Same angler, same situation, the fish would run and he would crank. Only this time I didn't just tell him to stop cranking, I literally put my hand on the reel and stopped him from doing it. I then took the rod from him and demonstrated how he needed to work the rod and reel to land the fish. That time

he seemed to absorb what I was saying and brought it in without further assistance. Afterwards I explained the differences between cranking while the line is going out from a conventional reel and doing the same with a spinning reel. "With the conventional reel you were only hurting yourself, with the spinner you were hurting yourself and "my" tackle - that's why I stopped you." That's also why; if we're going to be dealing with novice anglers and big fish I always prefer to use conventional tackle rather than spinners. Then again, there are other situations when I'd very much prefer to have spinning rods in the hands of my clients; it all depends upon what's going on at the time.

Spinning or conventional, what do you like? A lot of anglers are happy to go either way, but interestingly enough there are many fishermen out there who have a strong preference for one type of reel or the other. That might be OK for someone who's fishing exploits have them confined to very limited types of fishing such as flounder fishing in the bay or wreck fishing offshore. But if you're like so many anglers who participate in many different type of fishing then you'd better add a little diversity to your tackle and employ the use of both spinning and conventional equipment to your arsenal if you wish to properly stay in the game.

Here on the coast, conventional reels are usually the best bet for bottom fishing from boats, particularly over deep water or when there's a need to use heavy weights and higher line test. Having the reel on the top of the rod is an advantage to

[www.coastalfisherman.net](http://www.coastalfisherman.net) anglers fishing over the high railings often found on head boats. Large line capacity, smooth drags, and ruggedness have also kept conventional reels the number-one choice for anglers who do a lot of trolling, particularly those who fish offshore for large game fish. To date I don't think anyone has even tried to build a spinning reel capable of handling the 80-130 (or more) pound line so often used for really big game and offshore trolling, for that type of fishing conventional tackle has always ruled as the best tool for the job.

For beginning anglers, conventional reels tend to be one of the easiest to get started with because they are relatively simple - push the lever and the line goes out, turn the handle and the line comes in. As long as fishermen don't try to cast and can remember to keep their left thumb on the spool as the line is going out so they don't get a backlash (or "birds nest"), conventional reels are good starters.

Of course not being able to cast will limit conventional anglers to fishing from a pier, boat or bridge where the fish are pretty much straight down. If there is any distance at all between fish and fisherman and casting is required then a switch-over to a spinning tackle might be warranted. Don't get me wrong, in the hands of the right person, conventional reels are "casting-machines" and often the number one choice for serious surf anglers, but using them to cast long distances definitely takes a lot of practice before you will be able to spend more time "fishing" than picking backlashes out of their line after each throw. Casting conventional reels is not for beginning anglers!

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Spinning reels are available to handle lines in ranges from 4-50 pound test. But their most practical application is when they're used in the

6-20 pound range to target small to medium size fish. Though monster-size fish are regularly taken on spinning tackle, conventional tackle is usually a much better choice when tangling with critters over 100-pounds. One of the greatest drawbacks to spinning tackle is the tendency of inexperienced anglers to crank the handle of the reel while a large fish is pulling against the drag, which can cause the line to twist-up so badly that the reel can become unusable until the twists are taken out.

Spinning reels and conventional reels - both have their attributes as well as their drawbacks, and since neither one can ever be the best option for all fishing situations, anglers had better get used to the fact that if they are going to do more than one type of fishing, they're going to need more than one type of reel available to get the job done. §



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Outdoor enthusiast and author Tom Tatum took two of his grandkids out for some fishing on the "Open Debate" in the Thorofare. 5 year old Henry caught 2 small bluefish and his sister Amal reeled in this 18" flounder, but did need a assist with the net!



Amy Jo Lopata from Pittsburgh, PA caught one of the more interesting fish in our area, the cutlass fish. The long, shiny and very toothy bait stealers can be fun to catch and we are told are good to eat. She caught this 37" one using a jig fishing on the "Squalus" with Capt. AJ Lopata off of Assateague Island.

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# DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



We saw a nice slow down in fishing pressure after the world famous Flounder Pounder Tournament. The mahi seem to be back on the bass pots. The flounder are back in their normal spots. Big storms last Tuesday churned up the water and slowed fishing for a day or so, but when it turned back on Thursday it was really hot! Big sea bass, flounder and sheephead are being caught.

### Inshore Reefs & Coral Grounds

The inshore reefs and coral grounds have been producing some quality fish. I received an email last week from a reader asking about the nearshore coral grounds. I always assumed they were common knowledge, but I am now learning that many don't understand the coral that grows between the lightship and the Delaware Bay. For reasons that the biologists can't explain, we grow a yellowish/brown hard coral along the shipping channel out in front of our beaches. There are about 30-40 different coral ranging in

different sizes and shapes in different depths. They grow between 60 and 130 feet in depth. None of these spots are secret, however there are a few smaller spots that are not well known and their locations are guarded by locals. The main areas for the larger coral patches are just north of A Buoy on the inshore and offshore side of the channel as well as one further north between A and B Buoy. The inshore coral is located in the area of N38.3422.065-W74.46.34.851. The offshore coral is located around N38.34.22.226-W74.46.40.371. When you fish the coral and your sinker hits the bottom you should feel a "tink", like you bounced off of concrete. If you feel sand or soft bottom you are not on the coral. The bottom on your sounder will be dark red indicating a hard bottom. I hope this helps to clear up some of the understanding of the coral grounds.

"3 Amigos Sportfishing Charters" was out getting on the mahi bite last week. They were happy to see a few sea

bass and flatfish caught by their clients. On the inshore areas flounder is still the prime target for anglers. Kenneth Decker and Brian Stevenson were out fishing for flounder and returned home with a limit. Wendy Reynolds Martino and crew went out last week and caught several nice fluke while drifting the bottom near A Buoy. Group "Delmade" was out this past week and also returned home with limits of fish up to 4 lbs. Nick Hopkins caught two nice fish measuring 20 and 21" along with a sea bass that ate a whole spot fish he used for bait.

### Back Bays of Delaware

James Yohe was fishing the Indian River Inlet and caught a nice 19" fluke. The bay area of Indian River has really started to heat up with some nice keeper fish coming back to the docks. Dustin Wolf from Reading, PA used a dual colored spoon to catch a trophy 29", 8.25 lb. flounder at the Indian River Inlet. Tom Passwaters caught 3 keepers measuring 16 3/4", 18" and

19". Nick Garcia was fishing on Captain Gordon Muller's boat with his grandpop, Ariaseileen Gracia and Jason Cole. The fishing in the Delaware Bay was tough but they did end up with 15 keepers totaling up to 24". They kept their 12 fish limits, returning the rest to be caught again. Ryan West and Frost Byte picked up a few nice fish up to 22". "Flip N Fins" stated the fishing was tough but did manage to hook 4 keepers. The fish were weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

Julie Mister did it. She caught a citation 9.39 lb. sheephead as well as a 8.45 pounder. Julie was fishing with sand fleas on the "Ice Breakers" in the Delaware Bay when she hooked these citation brutes! This year has produced several citation sheepies and continue to do so every week. As the weather cools they will migrate out of the area.

Now is the time if you want to target trophy sheephead in the Delaware Bay. Live sand fleas work best with peeler crab a close second.

Old Inlet Tackle reports that the daytime bite at the Indian River Inlet has been slow, with a few blues, short stripers and trout.

Tog and drum are coming

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 off the rocks but most are undersized. Night time has produced a few keeper rockfish on spot and chunk bait, but the keepers are few and far between. Alex Artese was out by Massey's Ditch and caught a nice 8 pound sheepshead.

In the bay, Tony Dipetro pulled in a nice sea trout. He was fishing a white paddle tail on a white jig head.

**Surf Fishing,  
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George Frimm was out at Fenwick State Park and used a couple of spot he had caught in the surf and managed to catch a good quality keeper flounder. Flounder in the surf are not uncommon, however they are not very easy to catch. If you are not using live bait, you will need to keep the bait moving along the bottom. Great job George putting the smaller baitfish back out to catch the trophy one!

Crabbing in the bay remains very strong with some of the biggest crabs I've seen in years. Samantha and I are averaging 10-12 keepers per pot with at least half being over 6 inches. Bunker is far superior to chicken and should be considered for your pots. A 3-5 foot range has been the most productive as of now. Old Inlet has fresh bunker flats available as well as many other tackle shops in the area.

Clamming is also showing a very productive season with most anglers returning to the shore averaging around 50 clams per hour of raking. Many bigger clams are being found at this time of the year, but smaller cherrystone size can be found if you put in the time. Holts Landing State Park is a great place to wade fish for these delicious treats. The bigger clams make for a great clam chowder.

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Capt. DJ on the charter boat "Double Trouble" headed a little further off shore, 40+ miles to be exact to find 140 feet of water. The strategy paid off for Rich Leverage, Bob Minio, Andrea Leverage, Angel Minio, Richie Leverage and Frank Giordano catching these sea bass on squid. Frank took the pool money with his biggest knobhead at 17½".

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	<u>MD</u>	<u>DE</u> **		<u>MD</u>	<u>DE</u> **
Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-	Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
Black Drum	48"	50 lbs. or 45"	Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
Bluefish	34"	12 lbs. or 29"	White Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size
Blue Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size	<b>SHARK:</b>		
Cobia	44"	45 Lbs. or 48"	Blue Shark*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"	Hammerhead*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"	Thresher*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	Tiger*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"	Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"	<b>TUNA:</b>		
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 26"	Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lb. or 32"
Red Drum*	36"	45"	False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"
Sailfish*	Any Size	-	Bigeye***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	Bluefin***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	Yellowfin***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"			
Speckled Trout	24"	-			
Striped Bass	40"	44"			
Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"			

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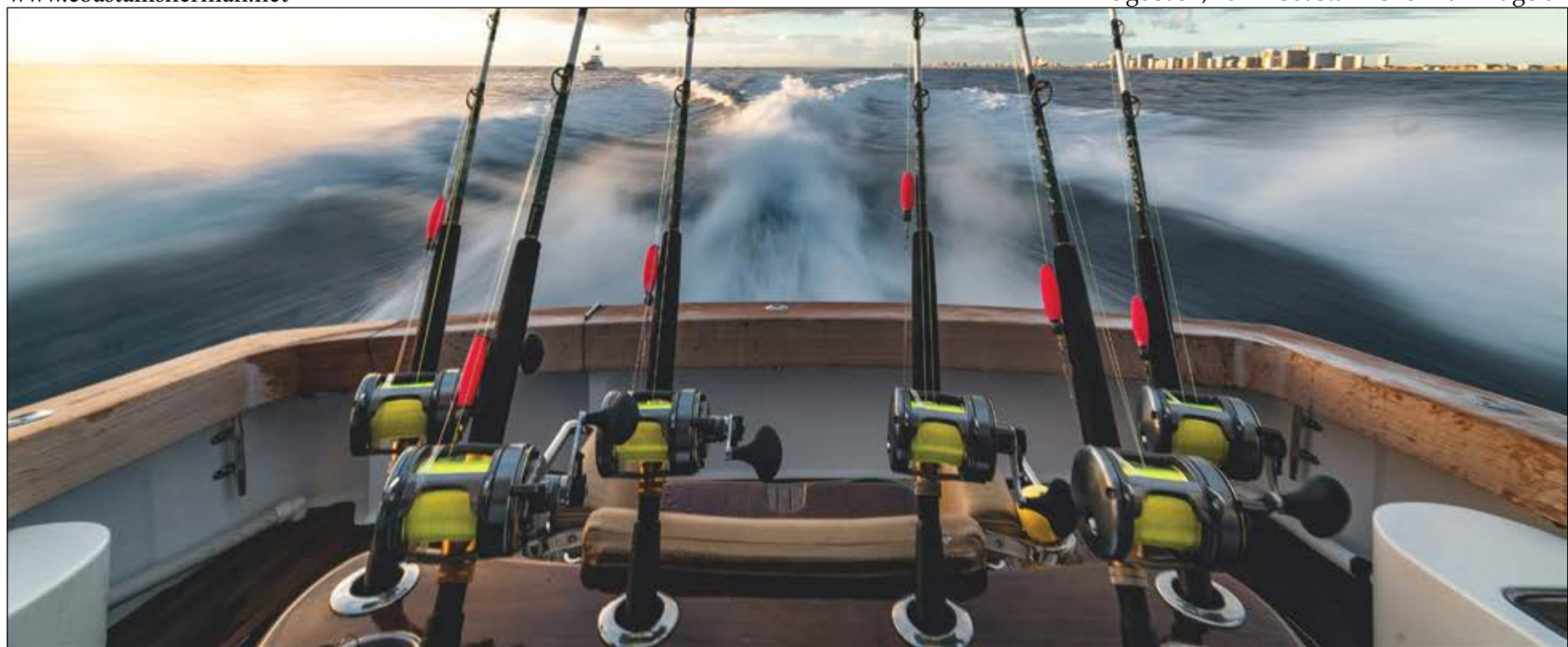


Dustin Wolf from Reading, PA hooked into a pretty 'in the slot' rockfish while fishing just inside the Indian River Inlet. He used a 3" dual colored spoon to trick the 29" and 8.25 lb. striper.



Danny Cox of West Ocean City was at it again! This time he snagged two good sized flounder while fishing near the Rt. 50 Bridge using bunker. The largest was 21½".





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# VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Matt Abell



As summer draws to a close, young people are looking forward to the impending school year and parents prepare to trade the leisure of summer for taxiing their young'uns to fall sports and school activities instead of the boat ramp where the kids really learn in school... a school of fish that is. Time is running low to put the metaphoric cherry on top of an already great ESVA summer!

The Chesapeake has produced some decent bull reds last week. Fish have been spread from the CBBT all the way north into Maryland near Buoy 72. In the northern areas anglers have actively searched for breaking schools of reds that hopefully have a taste for jigs. The southern portion of the bay has seen better results soaking cut bait such as spot, hardhead and bluefish in depths of 15-30 feet of water on fish finder rigs

with 7/0-9/0 hooks. I prefer circle hooks, as all of these fish are trophy sized and will be released. Make sure you have plenty of bait because the sharks and bait stealing blues will do their best to make sure you are fishing with a shiny bare hooks.

This week has also provided some smiles on the faces of ESVA anglers as they pursue the illusive sheepshead. They have been tasty and tenacious providing bullish battles on their way to the dinner plate. Chunks of crab fished around structure like artificial reefs have been the setting for these stubborn spoils adorn with stripes and some pretty funny looking teeth.

The beauty of the deep blue of the Atlantic has been accentuated with a good number of colorful mahi. These ariel acrobats have taken up

residence around bass pots and just about anything that you may find floating in and around the 20 fathom line. Trolling small skirted lures as well as feeding back chunks of squid resulted in decadent dolphin dinners. While targeting inshore mahi, anglers have stumbled across false albacore, wahoo and even a couple of nice sized kings.

If you don't have that deep water desire and want to stay closer to shore, spanish mackerel have made their presence known off Chincoteague as anglers troll Clarkspoons for these speedy, spotted missiles just off the beach.

Flounder fishing has definitely slowed but fishing small pieces of clam for triggers and spades is still very lucrative.

The cobia bite seemed to receive a boost this week with isolated good reports from the CBBT

www.coastalfisherman.net up past the Maryland line. There has also been a few fish boated in the inshore waters of Chincoteague around buoys and shallow wrecks. Most fish have been taken with live eels while sight fishing.

Yesterday my son Sammy, knowing school was going to start on Monday, asked me to take him to Assateague for a quick last minute trip to help put the icing on an awesome summer. I was reluctant to the fact that I had been on the boat with red drum charters nearly every night for the previous 2 weeks and was looking forward to a relaxing evening. Nevertheless, we got the surf rods and hit the beach. We didn't catch anything huge but it's amazing how the tussle of tiny spot can wash away anxiety from school or work like a foot print in the surf. It didn't matter about the end of summer or even the size of the fish, it was just my boy and I doing what we love.

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Michael Abdo has a big smile showing off the 28" and 5½ lb. spanish mackerel earning him a Virginia State Saltwater Citation! He was fishing on the "Earning Stripes" with Capt. Greg Allman out of Cape Charles, VA.



Tipsy Tiki Capt. Jeremy Michalski was at it again. This time with Corp. Ron Greene of Salisbury. This trip to the African Queen on the "Bound and Determined" saw the pair get their 2 man limit of 8 keeper flounder using Gulp and mackerel strips despite one getting bit by a small shark!

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#### BLUE MARLIN

1ST - "KILO CHARLIE" 607LBS. \$447,590 2ND - "D.A. SEA" 494 LBS. \$251,769

### MIDATLANTIC OVERALL

#### WHITE MARLIN

1ST - "KAARMAA" 75 LBS. \$164,688  
2ND - "CATCH 23" 73 LBS. \$82,344  
3RD - "RANDOM CHAOS" 66 LBS. \$41,172

#### BLUE MARLIN

1ST - "LOW PROFILE" 657 LBS. \$123,516  
2ND - "LUCKY 7" 619 LBS. \$82,344  
3RD - "KILO CHARLIE" 607 LBS. \$41,172

#### TUNA

1ST - "LUCKY DUCK" 210 LBS. \$123,516  
2ND - "THE RIGHT PLACE" 193 LBS. \$82,344  
3RD - "THE RIGHT PLACE" 152 LBS. \$41,172

#### DOLPHIN

"VALENTINE" 43 LBS. \$20,586

#### WAHOO

"CRAFTSMANSHIP" 72 LBS. \$20,586

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#### WHITE MARLIN

1ST - "SEA WOLF" 82 LBS. \$187,248  
2ND - "LUCKY DUCK II" 80 LBS. \$93,624  
3RD - "FISH ON" 75 LBS. \$46,812

#### BLUE MARLIN

1ST - "BILLFISHER" 1,135 LBS. \$140,436  
2ND - "WOLVERINE" 958 LBS. \$93,624  
3RD - "GOIN IN DEEP" 681 LBS. \$46,812

#### TUNA

1ST - "PIPE DREAMER" 235 LBS. \$140,436  
2ND - "PIPE DREAMER" 227 LBS. \$93,624  
3RD - "THE RIGHT PLACE" 188 LBS. \$46,812

#### DOLPHIN

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#### HEAVIEST BLUE MARLIN

1ST - "KILO CHARLIE" 607 LBS. • \$48,504  
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3RD - "D.A. SEA" 494 LBS. • \$16,168

#### HEAVIEST WHITE MARLIN

1ST - "CATCH 23" 73 LBS. • \$64,672  
2ND - "MAX BET" 65 LBS. • \$24,252  
2ND - "C BOYS" 65 LBS. • \$24,252

#### HEAVIEST TUNA

1ST - "LUCKY DUCK" 210 LBS. • \$48,504  
2ND - "CATCH 23" 84 LBS. • \$32,336  
3RD - "DOUBLE R"/"NO QUARTER"/"CATCH 23"/"C-STUDENT" 82 LBS. • \$3,233 EACH

#### HEAVIEST DOLPHIN

1ST - "SEA WOLF" 33LBS. • \$8,084

#### HEAVIEST WAHOO

1ST - "SPECIAL SITUATION" 104 LBS. • \$8,084

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#### 1ST PLACE

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#### 3RD PLACE

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### TUNA DOLPHIN WAHOO CALCUTTA

#### HEAVIEST TUNA

1ST - "LUCKY DUCK" 210 LBS. \$91,062  
2ND - "THE RIGHT PLACE" 193 LBS. \$54,637  
3RD - "THE RIGHT PLACE" 152 LBS. \$36,425

#### HEAVIEST DOLPHIN

1ST - "VALENTINE" 43 LBS. \$47,352  
2ND - "LOVIN LIFE" 39 LBS. \$29,140  
3RD - "SEA WOLF" 33 LBS. \$14,570

#### HEAVIEST WAHOO

1ST - "SPECIAL SITUATION" 104 LBS. \$47,352  
2ND - "CRAFTSMANSHIP" 72 LBS. \$29,140  
3RD - "OIL SLICK" 46 LBS. \$14,570

### WHITE MARLIN PRO JACKPOT

"KAARMAA" 75 LBS. \$564,000

### BLUE MARLIN PRO JACKPOT

"LOW PROFILE" 657 LBS. \$349,680

### TUNA PRO JACKPOT

"THE RIGHT PLACE" 193 LBS. \$324,300

### ON THE BOARD REWARD

#### HEAVIEST WHITE MARLIN

"CATCH 23" 73 LBS. \$7,708

#### HEAVIEST BLUE MARLIN

"LOW PROFILE" 657 LBS. \$6,851

#### HEAVIEST TUNA

"LUCKY DUCK" 210 LBS. \$6,851

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Day 3 of the 31st Annual MidAtlantic Tournament turned out to be all about blue marlin! One of the first to the scales was this 607 lb. and 119" blue caught by Andrew Kinsley on the "Kilo Charlie". Capt. Howard Lynch had the crew in deep water on the 1000 fathom line well north in the Lindenkohl Canyon. After it hit on an artificial lure the big blue got tail wrapped taking 3 hours to get to the boat and finished the tournament in 3rd Place for Heaviest Blue Marlin. Andrew with owner Chris Kinsley and fellow anglers Zeb Zebley and Scott Dolmetsch and mates Burri Gonzalez & Pete Pendleton also released 8 white marlin over the event earning them a combined purse of \$580,120, the 4th largest payout this year.



The "Max Bet" weighed the first qualifying white marlin during the 31st Annual MidAtlantic Tournament with a 71" and 65 lb. marlin caught by Anthony Weber in the Baltimore Canyon in 1000 fathoms. It was their first bite for the day and only took 10 minutes to get in the boat and held 2nd Place for Heaviest White Marlin until Friday where it finished 4th overall! Andrew, who also released 5 white marlins over the week, was fishing with owner Matt Weber and Kelly Weber along with Capt. Austin Robins and mates Chase Travers, Luke Hickey & Justin Ropp. This crew also earned 1st Place for most points overall at 1,040 for the total 13 white marlin released and one boated over their 3 days of fishing earning a combined total of \$63,638 in award monies.



The "Special Situation" did in fact bring something special to the scales during the 31st Annual MidAtlantic Tournament! They were trolling for marlin in the Spencer Canyon when angler Charlie Phelan connected with this 104 lb. wahoo jumping easily into 1st Place for the Heaviest Wahoo in several calcuttas earning a cool \$65,729 in prize money. Fishing with Charlie were Hunter Petrackis, John Floyd, Ryan Mahoney, Anthony Pino, Alan Wooten, Jed Silver, Donald Mahoney, Andrew Swanson, Fuller Vachel and Capt. Tucker Calhoun.



The crew of the "Lucky Duck" were lucky indeed. They only had 2 bites over their 3 days of fishing during the 31st Annual MidAtlantic Tournament and only one came tight on Day 3, but it was the one that counted. Angler John Thornton got quite the show from this 210 lb. bigeye tuna caught on a RonZ Artificial Worm in the Washington Canyon jumping high in the air several times. The big eyeball slid comfortably into 1st Place where it remained earning a combined total of \$290,050. Rounding out the crew were owners Art and Tina Boykin, Chad Barrick with mates Yanni Harris and Brian Suschke.



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Friday was 'Moving Day' during the 31st Annual MidAtlantic Tournament with several division seeing top 3 changes. One of those was from the "RoShamBo" with this 70" and 65 lb. roundscale spearfish that Mike Wheaton caught. The crew of Mike Wheaton, Glenn Heighman, Rusty Shriver, Nick Shriver, Dan Parncutt and Bill Zimmerman with Capt. Willie Zimmerman and mates Evan Evans and Daniel Ames went far, over 100 miles out past the Wilmington Canyon in 1400 fathoms, but it paid off with this fish that finished in a tie for 4th Place for Heaviest White Marlin. The "RoShamBo" had also gone 'across the board' entering all of the calcutta's in the tournament resulting in a combined payout of \$276,021 in prize money! Pictured at Sunset Marina's Tournament Scales.

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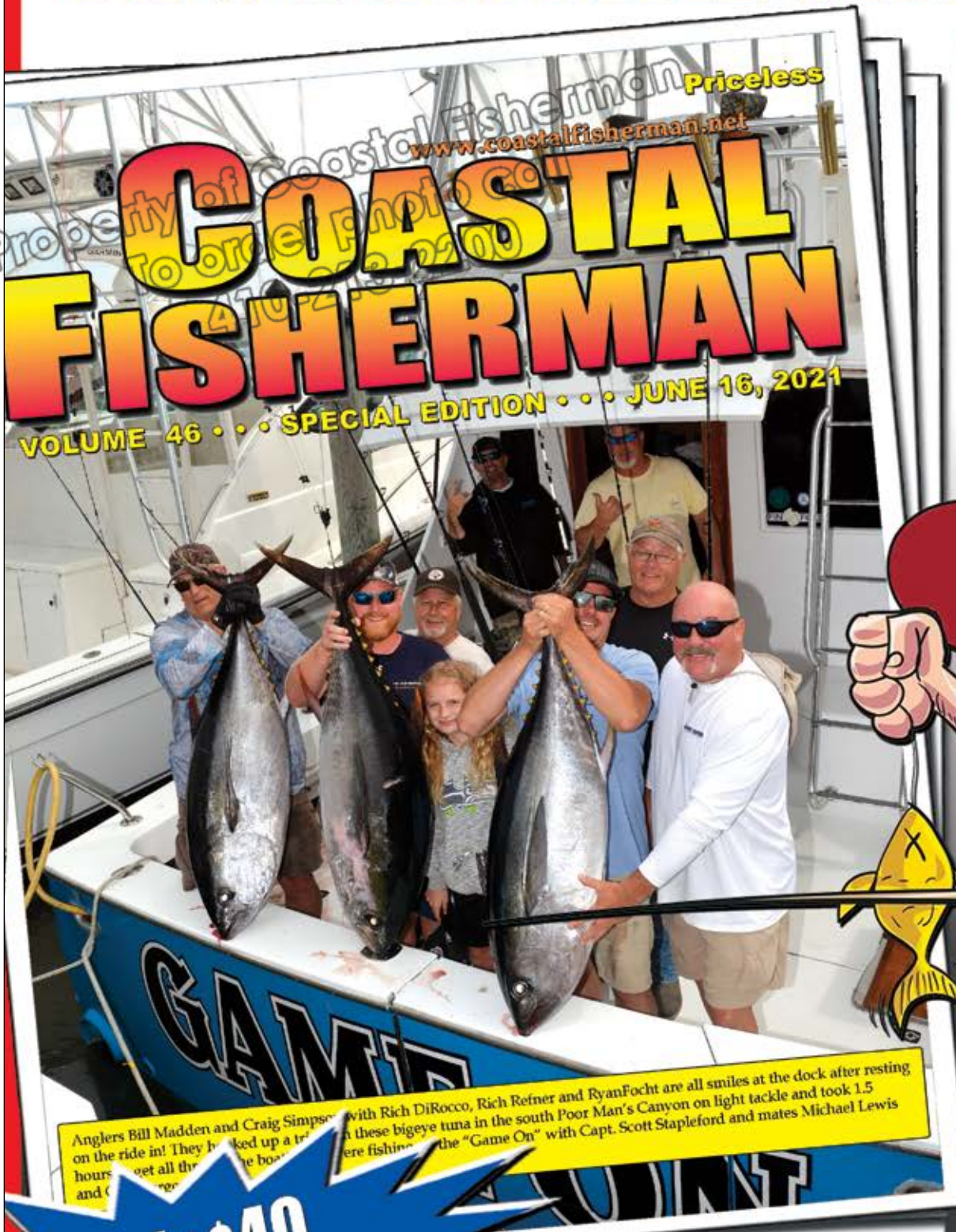


One of the very last of the 13 blue marlin weighed during the 31st Annual MidAtlantic Tournament was this 105 3/4" and 414 lb. marlin caught by Eddie Zajdel on "The Zipper". Unlike most of the blues caught last week, Capt. Zip Zajdel was only 72 miles out in the Baltimore Canyon in 700 fathoms when they connected with this one on a mackerel. It was the only fish caught for the crew of Capt. Zip & Eddie with Chris Miller, Andy Green, Matt Groff and Mike DePalma Jr. and while it did not crack the top 3, it did take top honors in the 50 and Under Calcutta earning \$24,402.

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There were 5 blue marlins weighed on the fourth day of the 31st Annual MidAtlantic Tournament and the first one in Ocean City was a 115 7/8" marlin from the "D.A. Sea" that tipped the scales at 494 lbs. and was 6th Place overall for Heaviest Blue Marlin and 2nd in the Mega Marlin Calcutta. Mike Dent was trolling in the Poor Man's Canyon in 800 fathoms when the big blue hit on a green & yellow artificial lure taking only 45 minutes to get to the boat. The crew of Mike Dent, Ed Dunn and Drew Linzey with Capt. Mark Stephens and mates Blake Wilson & Clemico Rodriguez also released 7 white marlins and 1 blue marlin over the event earning 6th Place for Most Points for a combined payout of \$267,937.



The "No Quarter" jumped into 3rd Place on the 3rd Day of the 31st Annual MidAtlantic Tournament with the 116 1/4" and 539 lb. blue marlin caught by Mike Peet using an Alan Williams Custom Lure. Capt. Kyle Peet headed far to the east, trolling in 1000 fathoms just south of the Linden Kohl Canyon and had to back down hard a couple of times to keep the reel from getting spooled. The big fish ended the event in 4th Place for Heaviest Blue Marlin, however the crew of Mike, Colton Dube, Mellisa Hammond, and lure maker Alan Williams with mates Myle Damitio & Jeremy Smapp made good calcutta selections and earned a combined payout of \$50,985 for the blue marlin and being in a 5 way tie for 3rd Place for Heaviest Tuna with an 82 lb. yellowfin.



The team on the "Valentine" were all smiles after weighing in this 43 lb. mahi that Ellen Gross caught during the 31st Annual MidAtlantic Tournament. Owner Joe Valentine with Ellen Gross, Kyle Gross, Chase Cebureon and Chance Bourdin with Capt. Travis Scott and mates Shane Diggins & Vence Benedict were over 100 miles out east of the Wilmington Canyon trolling for white marlin when this prize winner hit the long left rigger on a naked ballyhoo. It easily moved into 1st Place for Heaviest Dolphin where it finished the event earning \$78,231 in prize money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Angler Chris Wood locked the crew of the "Sea Wolf" into 3rd Place for Heaviest Dolphin with this 33 lb. mahi caught on the last day of the 31st Annual MidAtlantic Tournament while they were marlin fishing in the Baltimore Canyon. Fortunately the crew of Chris with Jimbo Martinette, Dennis Kalchtchaler, Bryce Kalchtchaler and David Feller along with Capt. Donnie White had played the calcuttas well and took home a combined payout of \$24,722 in prize money.















William and Mary Research Professor Dr. Jan McDowell participates in the MidAtlantic Tournament and does research on the white and blue marlins caught as part of her work at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science. This year she got some help from this crew who had many questions!



MidAtlantic Tournament staff member Christina Dombrowski found a creative way to fill her time when most of the fleet stayed at the docks last Tuesday. She popped out to Walmart and bought a rod and reel and some random bait and fished for flounder off the docks in the East Channel!

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