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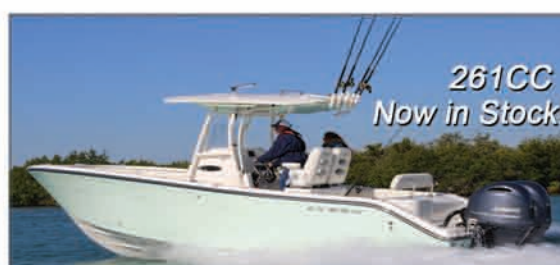
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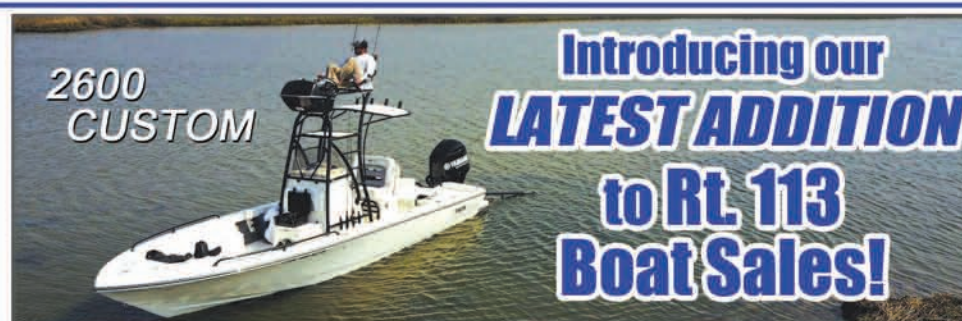
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Dave Harrington, Jim McGrath, Mark Krynitsky and Mike Esham, all from Ocean View, DE and Dan Miller from Bethany Beach, DE teamed up to catch 7 good size yellowfins while fishing on the charter boat, "Capt. Ike II" with Capt. Dave Collins. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars near the Hot Dog. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



Rich Daiker from Reisterstown, MD caught a 37-inch bluefish at the Rt. 50 Bridge and a 30-inch weakfish around the South Jetty, both during the outgoing tide. The bluefish weighed 12 lbs. and was caught on a live spot while the 6 lb. 8 oz. weakie hit a plug.

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



Last weekend was dominated by the annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament at the Ocean City Fishing Center. Every year, it seems like there is a fantastic finish and this year was no exception. The yellowfin bite was slow, as it had been all week leading up to the event, so we didn't see too many 5-fish stringers being weighed, keeping the door open for many boats heading into the final day. With a 106 lb. bluefin tuna on top of the leaderboard, most boats opted to stay inshore and look to knock it off with a big bruiser. With the scales closing at 7:00 PM, it looked like Annie Roe's bluefin might hold onto the lead, but around 6:00 PM Glenda Cahall on the "No Slack" showed up with a 109 pounder caught at the 19

Fathom Lump, a popular location all weekend for anglers looking for big bluefins. Glenda's fish jumped into the lead for a few minutes until the "Absolut Pleasure" arrived next with Jamie Romero's 115 lb. bluefin that was also caught at the 19 Fathom Lump with only 30 minutes left in the day.

The Heaviest Stringer Division also saw some excitement with the "Stalker" being the heavy favorite to take the top prize after having a spectacular day on Saturday, boating 19 yellowfins at the Lobster Claw. Angler Curtis Macomber said that action was so hot and heavy that they were releasing 30 lb. class fish. Unfortunately for the "Stalker" team, Sunday was a tough day and they were only able to catch 1 yellowfin. This

opened the door for the last boat to arrive at the scale, the "Sushi", who headed 85 miles south of the Inlet, down to an area known as Wayne's World and caught a 4-fish stringer of yellowfins weighing 209 lbs., giving them a 2-day total of 470 lbs. and the top spot in the Heaviest Stringer Division. All of the fish were caught in 25 fathoms where they found water temperatures hovering around 79-degrees.

Good size dolphin were scarce in the tournament with the "Primary Search" winning 1st place with a 24 pounder caught inshore of Massey's Canyon on the second day of the tournament. It bumped out the 22 pounder caught on Day 1 aboard the "Fish Whistle", also inshore of Massey's Canyon.

A couple of wahoo were boated in the tournament. The first came in on the second day aboard the "Legasea" when Mike Runk weighed a 55 pounder that he hooked inshore of Massey's Canyon. The fish stayed on top of the leaderboard but was threatened later in the day when Wayne Anderson on the "Talkin Trash" arrived with a 52 pounder caught in the Baltimore Canyon.

Junior Angler, Annie Roe from Salisbury, MD had a great tournament, boating the 106 lb. bluefin on Saturday while fishing on her family's boat, "Wayne's World" inshore

of Massey's Canyon. Annie sat on top of the leaderboard for Heaviest Single Fish right until the end, but got bumped to 3rd place. However, she ended up winning 1st place for Top Junior Angler and 2nd place for Top Lady Angler. A tournament to remember for the young lady!

Finally, at the Awards Banquet, Capt. Franky Pettolina from the charter boat, "Last Call" won the prestigious Capt. Robert Gower Award for his contributions to the local fishing community. Franky has been President of the Ocean City Marlin Club for the past 10 years and has done a wonderful job. I'm sure Franky hears his share of griping, as do all leaders of organizations, but all you have to do is look at the growth of the club during Franky's terms and there is no doubt what a great job he has done. He has also been instrumental in starting several area tournaments throughout the years. Franky was very well deserving of the honor.

As I stated earlier, the yellowfin bite was slow heading into the weekend with scattered bites all along the coast. Most of the yellowfins that came in were caught on the chunk around the Hot Dog and Hambone, but we also saw a few come in from down south. Bigeye tuna have been noticeably absent after the good early season action with smaller fish. I know boats have been looking down at the familiar Bigeye Hole, but with no luck.

The surprise catch of the weekend has to be the 200 lb.

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swordfish caught on the "Git R Done" in 20 fathoms at the Chicken Bone. The 78-inch swordfish ate a skirted ballyhoo on Sunday and took 3 hours to get to the boat. The anglers thought they had a blue marlin on the line and didn't know it was a swordfish until it came up next to the boat.

Inshore, the sea bass and flounder bite on ocean structure has been on the slow side, but anglers are starting to boat some nice size flatties. Dropping squid, cut bait or Gulp! has worked well. Heading up to the Old Grounds has been the best move for anglers looking for big flounder. Capt. Kane Bounds on the "Fish Bound" returned one day with 9 quality flounder and 18 triggerfish. On another trip, Kane had his anglers around "A" Buoy and picked up a 28 1/2-inch that weighed over 8 lbs. Snapper bluefish have shown up again at Fenwick Shoal where anglers have also

found triggerfish and some sea bass on the wreck.

Around the South Jetty, anglers are still finding sheepshead, black drum, red drum and flounder interested in their offerings.

Flounder fishing in the bay continues to be sporadic with anglers still battling an incredibly high throwback-to-keeper ratio. Unless those fish move offshore, which they probably will in the fall, the sheer number of fish being caught bodes well for future seasons. The keepers that we did see caught last week came in from the East Channel, West Channel along Martha's Landing and in the bay behind Assateague Island, mainly in front of Castaway's Campground. On Friday, Budd Heim boated a nice 24 1/2-inch in the East Channel on a circle hook tipped with a Gulp! artificial bait and a mullet. Also on Friday, Darren Neidigh on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" caught a 23 1/4-inch on a

live spot along the rocks off Martha's Landing and Joey Marowski, the mate on the headboat, "Bay Bee" took matters into his own hands and boated a 23 1/2-inch on a shiner in the East Channel. On Sunday, Chuck Wenzel boated a 23-inch in the bay behind Assateague Island and Adrian Magnan caught a 3 lb. 5 oz. flattie while fishing at the South Jetty on the headboat, "Tortuga".


Upcoming Tournament

This weekend is the world famous Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Tournament. Junior anglers can fish on both days, Saturday and Sunday. This tournament is incredible and last year it drew 343 anglers and donated \$3,755 to the Wish-A-Fish Foundation. Weigh-ins are at Sunset Marina from 3:00 to 6:30 on Saturday and 3:00 to 6:00 on Sunday. Swing on by and check it out. You are guaranteed to see a lot of smiling faces!

Until next week, I'll see you at the scales.

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Darren Neidigh of Carlisle, PA caught this 23 1/4-inch, 5 lb. 2 oz. flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather and mate Riley McCabe. The big flattie was fooled with a live spot along the rocks off Martha's Landing (West Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge). Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Last Friday, anglers on "Two Timing Connie" had a good day chunking at the Hot Dog, returning with 7 yellowfins and a mahi in the box. They caught 6 of their yellowfins, and lost 9 others, between 3:00 and 5:00 PM when all the other boats left the area to head back to the dock. Their yellowfins totaled 317 lbs. on the scale at the Ocean City Fishing Center. Fishing with Capt. Chad Homick and mates Mitch Quillen, Sr. and Mitch Quillen, Jr. were Jim Stephens, Brent Gossman, Justin Drost, Ryan Huebel, Kevin King and Nick Manna.

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Kyle Walton, age 13, from Pequea, PA muscled in this 24-inch flounder while fishing with his family on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. Kyle hooked the big flattie on a strip of squid with a gold teaser. The group ended their day with 9 flounder and 18 triggerfish while fishing near the Old Grounds. The "Fish Bound" is docked at Bahia Marina.

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Jacquie McKew from Bel Air, MD was fishing with her niece, Hannah Mattio from Seattle, WA when she captured this 20-inch flounder on a minnow in the Thorofare.

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by Capt. Franky Pettolina



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How quickly I learned some difficult truths and was brought back down to earth. I mean, I am sure that some of the older mates cried themselves to sleep after a tough day on the water right? And there had to be at least one other mate that had to ask a lady in the charter to open a snap

swivel because his fingers were too weak to do it. Yeah there had to be one. But other than these few incidents (and probably a few others that I don't recall thirty some years later) it truly was a great summer.

I may not have shown the town how great I was, but I did get to gaff plenty of tunas and mahi. I hauled in wheelbarrow loads of bluefish. I succeeded in hooking a white marlin for the first time. Twenty minutes after I accomplished that feat I pulled the same white marlin into the cockpit and rode it home to Shanty Town Marina (now known as The Ocean City Fishing Center) as was the norm in those

days. I have the picture of that fish and a decent yellowfin we caught that day proudly hanging in my Man Cave that I told you about a few weeks ago. In hindsight, I probably wasn't quite ready to handle the cockpit duties all by myself, but Dad had faith in his little boy and he also had the right captain for a novice 12-year-old to work with running his boat for him when he was not available that summer.

Capt. Jack Leonard was one of the older captains in the fleet at the time. To me he seemed ancient, but honestly he was probably in his late fifties. Not so old now that I am closer to fifty than I am to twenty! Like so many in our business Jack had lived a pretty wild life. He had been married eight times, although he only admitted to six. You see, he married wife number two and wife number six twice,

so he didn't count them again. Jack also partied a bit in his younger years. Enough that he had been completely sober for several years by the time he took the job as co-captain on the "Last Call". As Jack told it, he decided to quit drinking when he fell overboard during one trip home from the Bahamas. Sure, we all fall overboard from time to time, but this particular time Jack was running the boat, sipping from a bottle of liquor while he was holding the only other passenger on the boat. To his credit, he fell overboard trying to rescue the other passenger when she fell overboard. Who was this passenger you ask? Some tanned island beauty maybe? Wife number three or four? Nope. A kitten. An actual kitten that Jack had taken a liking to and decided to take for a boat ride. Honestly, I don't know if the

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rest of the story is true, but Jack told me that another boat plucked him, the kitten and the bottle out of the water and the boat he was running ran up on a reef. True or not, I could see why that would lead to a life of sobriety! Anyhow, Capt. Jack was my mentor that summer.

Capt. Jack had spent enough years on the water and had caught enough fish that he had the patience to deal with my lack of experience in those areas. He took the time to show me how to properly leader and gaff fish. He didn't yell at me when I screwed up. He helped me rig up the night before trips and he coached me through the day when my inabilities were catching up with me. And he taught me one of the most valuable things I ever learned how to do on a charter boat. Get a free lunch!

Every morning Jack would help me load the charter party and their food and drink coolers onto the boat. Then he would call the anglers up to the fly bridge of the "Last Call" to explain the safety equipment to them, and to tell them what to expect during the day. While he was doing this he told me it was my responsibility to check the coolers and see what the folks had brought that day. Later during the ride out I would let Jack know what was on the menu and he would give me his order. When we arrived at the fishing grounds Jack would call the party out to the cockpit to explain how the rods and reels worked and I would go into the cabin and raid their coolers and get lunch for me and Jack and put it in the galley fridge. I was 12. I didn't know any better. Plus Dad told me to do whatever Jack said! Aye

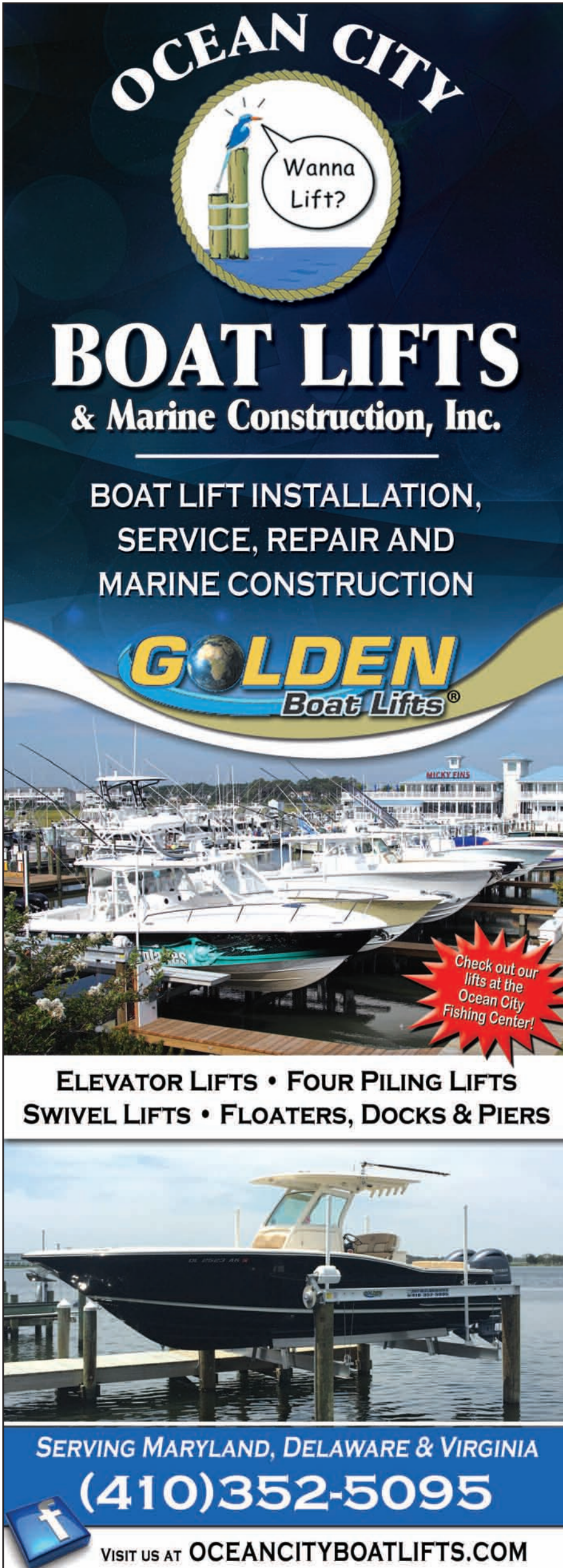
Aye Captain!

This plan worked great for the first half of the summer. But like most great criminal masterminds, our lucky streak eventually ran out. One fine August day as we were trolling around the canyons waiting to snare an unsuspecting fish, an argument erupted in the cabin. It turns out that whoever packed the lunch that particular day had only prepared six sandwiches for six anglers. There was not an extra crumb to be found in the cooler. And now that it was lunch time there were four guys happily eating and two guys accusing their buddies of being no good bums for stealing their sandwiches! I don't know why they never thought to blame me or Jack. I went about my mate duties and Jack kept steering around looking for a bite. But neither one of us dared to go after a bite of our ill gotten lunch that day!

My old friend Jack passed away a few years ago. I was told that while he was battling whatever illness it was that took him from us, Wife #5 lived with him and took care of him. I never did learn how old he actually was. But I learned many things from Jack that first summer and over the years that followed. Not a day goes by that I don't use some trick Jack had showed me all those years ago. Most importantly I always remember to count how many people are in the charter and how many sandwiches are in the cooler.

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

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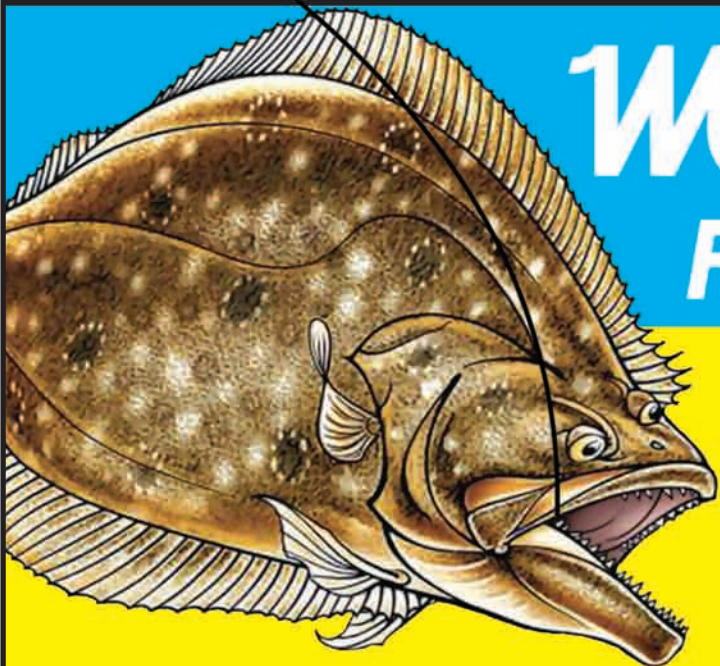


Sam Almoney, Corey Lokhaiser, Dave Grove, Jim Workinger and Willie Kitts teamed up to boat 10 yellowfin tuna while chunking at the Hot Dog with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens on the charter boat, "Marli". Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Lisa Cuddy from Hanover, PA and Jess Wagner from Havre de Grace, MD caught a pair of flounder, measuring 17 and 18-inches, during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford. Both fish were caught on minnows in the bay behind Assateague Island.

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Frank Lynch from Ocean Pines, MD boated a couple of flounder while drifting Gulp! artificial baits in the bay behind Castaway's Campground. The flatties, measuring 17 1/2 and 18 1/2-inches, were hooked in 14-feet of water during the incoming tide.

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Walt Borys from Quantico, MD muscled in this 55 lb. bluefin tuna while chunking in Massey's Canyon with Matt Borys and Jamie Breidenstein on the "Sailfish Jamie". Pictured at Atlantic Tackle.



This 24-inch, 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder fell at the hands of Joe Puller of Baltimore, MD while drifting a Gulp! and minnow combination in the bay behind Frontier Town.

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Mitch and Rayne Parker joined Mark and Dan Wenzlaff for a trip on the charter boat, "Rhonda's Osprey" with Capt. Joe Drosey and mates James Doerzbach and Andrew Dotterweich and ended their day with 11 yellowfin tuna and a mahi in the box. The fish were caught shortly after sunrise while chunking at the Hot Dog, allowing the anglers to return to Sunset Marina before lunch.



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Tom Mattingly, Brian Mattingly and Eric Mellette are all smiles after they captured a pair of yellowfin tuna at the northeast corner of the Hot Dog. Both tuna hit around 8:00 in the morning on green machines behind a bird.



Bob Houser from Carlisle, PA (left) used a bucktail tipped with Gulp! to fool this 18 1/2-inch flounder and Chuck and Charles Dixon from Crapo, MD caught some sea bass and flounder, all while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt. All of the fish were caught on an ocean wreck. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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During a trip aboard the headboat, "Judy V" with Capt. Ed Wheedleton, angler Ben Jozzolo from Lansdale, PA captured a couple of flounder while using shiners for bait. Ben's largest flatie measured 18 1/2-inches. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

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Jim Rubush from Queenstown, MD, Bill Long from Kent Island, MD, Ben Wolod from Arnold, MD, Jason Brown from Queenstown, MD, Tim Reed from Hanover, PA and Lester Bracy from Westminster, MD had a great day early last week chunking at the Hot Dog with Capt. Joe Drosey and mates Andrew Dotterweich and James Doerzbach on the charter boat, "Rhonda's Osprey". The anglers ended their day with 9 yellowfin and a pair of mahi in the box. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On the second day of the 2017 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, anglers on the charter boat, "Odinspear" arrived at the scale with a pair of bluefin tuna, including an 85 pounder caught by Mike Mundorf on a skirted ballyhoo inhore of Massey's Canyon. Mike was joined by anglers Steve Seitz, Ken Nelson, Mike Mundorf, Jr., Capt. Joe Nolan and mate Travis Brown. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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On opening day of the 2017 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Jeff Greene boated a 45 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Lucky Duck II" with Jesse Lauer, Tina Boykin, Greg Kolega, Mark Gibbons, Kurt Wallace, Capt. Art Boykin and mate Buster Richards. The yellowfin was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo near the Hot Dog. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the second day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Mike Peet, Bill Schatzman, Marissa Crosby and Eric Stone (all pictured) were joined by Buddy Trala, Steve Schmusher, Joe Zimmer, Capt. Kyle Peet and mates Eric Mateer and Jimmy Hukill on the charter boat, "No Quarter" and ended their day with 4 yellowfins totaling 189 lbs. All were hooked while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars between the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons.

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This 52 lb. bluefin tuna was caught by Jeff Waxman (center) while fishing on the "After You" with Mike Herrman and Paul Santa Barbara. The bluefin ate a skirted ballyhoo in 12 fathoms inshore of Massey's Canyon. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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On Day 2 of the 2017 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Jack Roesner brought an 80 lb. bluefin tuna to the scale and Shane Moore added a 42 lb. yellowfin to the mix. The bluefin was caught in the Norfolk Canyon and the yellowfin came from the Washington Canyon while fishing on the charter boat, "Moore Bills" with Jason Pleiss, Phil Key, Mike Hege, Ben Verner, Capt. Rob Skillman and mate Brian Behe. Both fish were caught on skirted ballyhoo. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Mike Bromwell from Westminster, MD, Elliott Sanft from Wexford, PA, Rick Barbour from McCandless, PA, Ken Ammonette from Ellwood City, PA, and Doug Robson from Baldwin, PA returned to Sunset Marina with 5 yellowfins in the box after spending the day chunking at the Hambone. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens.



David Easton, Mark Handley, Mark Allen, Khalil Freiji, Tony Freiji and Mike Freiji, all from Baltimore, MD teamed up to catch 3 yellowfin tuna and released a mako shark while fishing on Sunday at the Hot Dog.

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Dan Duranko of Selbyville, DE, Chris McManamon of Downingtown, PA, Mike Tress of Catonsville, MD, Bill Romberger of Baltimore, MD and Eric Badorrek of Selbyville, DE ended their trip on the charter boat, "Boss Hogg" with 8 yellowfins and a mahi after chunking at the Hot Dog. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



James McCracken and Anthony Hinegardner went out to the Hot Dog and caught a pair of dolphin while fishing on the "All In". The larger dolphin weighed an even 10 lbs. on the scale at Sunset Marina.

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Mate on the headboat, "Bay Bee", Joey Marowski of Bishopville, MD used a shiner to fool this 23 1/2-inch, 4 lb. 11 oz. flounder while fishing in the East Channel. Pictured back at the dock at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Brady Dosedlo from Bethlehem, PA hooked this 20-inch flounder on a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the West Channel during a trip on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Jona Falencki Beekman and Tim Williams, two brothers reunited after 27 years, spent part of a day last week fishing with Capt. Dave Caffrey on the charter boat, "On the Run". Jona, from New York, NY boated a 22-inch red drum and Tim Williams from Kansas City, MO caught a 7 lb. sheepshead, both while fishing around the South Jetty. Pictured back at Bahia Marina.



Capt. Jason Mumford on the charter boat, "Lucky Break took matters into his own hands and caught this 19-inch red drum while fishing with sand fleas around the Rt. 50 Bridge. Capt. Jason was joined by J.L. Cropper (pictured) and Hugh Cropper, both of Berlin, MD. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town.

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Tanner Durner from Kodiak, AK is all smiles while enjoying the warm weather during a trip on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford. Tanner caught a 28-inch striped bass on a swim shad at the Rt. 50 Bridge. Pictured in the background is the famous Gary Beach from the old Marlin Moon Grille. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town in Berlin, MD.



It was a slow yellowfin tuna bite last week, but anglers on the charter boat, "Capt. Ike II" with Capt. Dave Collins brought 6 back to the Indian River Marina after chunking with butterfish and sardines at the Hot Dog. Their heaviest yellowfin tipped the scale at 55 lbs. Pictured are Mike Lawson, Tom Healy, Jeff Ratlif and Connor DeVine, all from Fairfax, VA. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



Fishing has been on the slow side for anglers in the bay and those that headed offshore. Water temperatures have really warmed up and weather conditions have been spotty.

Capt. Bert Adams at the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina said that some flounder have been caught in the Indian River Inlet, but like in Ocean City, anglers are having to deal with an incredible high number of throwbacks. Those lucky enough to catch a keeper have had the best luck fishing along the rocks on the south side of the Inlet and in the back bay.

Those tossing lures and cut bait off the Inlet jetty rocks have found a couple of triggerfish and sheepshead more than happy to take their offering of sand fleas. Bluefish

have been scarce, but a few snappers showed up on Sunday morning and anglers were able to hook them on shiny lures.

In the surf, kingfish are dominating catches for surfcasters soaking bloodworms or Fishbite artificial bloodworms. Small sharks are being caught during the day and larger sharks are being hooked at night, primarily on tuna belly or other cut bait. Bert said that a couple of bluefish have also been caught in the suds as well.

Headboats started out the week on the slow side but got better as the week progressed. Those who ventured out on Sunday saw good flounder action on the "Capt. Bob II" with 20 keeper flounder coming in over the rail in addition to over 40

throwbacks. Bert said that the Captain is hitting a lot of spots, and is able to get his anglers a few at each location. Water temperature on the bottom is a cool 49-degrees and warms up to 71-degrees on the surface. Most of the good action is 7 to 10 miles off the beach with Site 10 taking over the number one location. Those fishing at Fenwick Shoal are finding that the snapper bluefish have returned and some kingfish, triggerfish and sea bass can be found on the wreck.

Offshore boats out of Indian River that are looking for tuna are traveling to the 12 Fathom Lump, southeast of the Delaware Lightship and only 25 miles from the Inlet in addition to the 19 Fathom Lump and Massey's Canyon. The bite is slow right now with a mix of chunkers and trollers flooding the area. The

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"Stalker" out of Ocean City, with Capt. Steve Moore at the wheel, had an incredible day last Saturday, ending their day with 19 yellowfins in the box after trolling at the Lobster Claw.

At Fenwick Tackle, Matt Shoup reported that things haven't changed much over the past couple of weeks. Most of his customers are catching kingfish in the surf in addition to some big rays both in the bay and off the coast. A few decent flounder were caught in The Ditch and some of his customers have gotten into bluefish around the Rt. 50 Bridge.

At Rick's Bait & Tackle, Mike Behney said that the flounder bite in the Lewes Canal is still not very good with anglers having to deal with a huge number of throwbacks. The best flounder bite he has seen recently has come from Massey's Ditch where several nice fish have been brought to his shop including Jim Pyle's 8.2 pounder caught on a live

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minnow last Friday. Mike said that he has been receiving good reports from anglers fishing at Site 10 with fish up to 21-inches being hooked on cut bait and Gulp! artificial baits.

Triggerfish have been caught around the pilings of the Cape Henlopen Pier and also around the pilings at the Massey's Ditch Pier.

Even with the slot season in effect for stripers, Mike said that they aren't really seeing many come to the scale. Some schoolies are being caught in the Indian River Inlet, but the slot season is not applicable to that area.

At press time, we didn't have the official results from the Paradise Grill Bay Flounder Tournament, but I know that everyone is getting ready for the big Paradise Grill Flounder Tournament on August 18th to 20th. A lot of anglers are going to be looking to get the big cash payout so start getting your rigs ready.

Until next week, get out on the water and have some fun!



Sarah Andrews and Chris Nolt, both from York, PA caught this doubleheader of yellowfin tuna while trolling spreader bars in 100 fathoms on the west wall of the Baltimore Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the "Just Got Reel" with Capt. Brett Glatfelter and mate Amber Kelly. Their heaviest yellowfin weighed 50 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

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Stacy Elder caught her first keeper flounder while fishing with her husband, Bob Elder, her two sons, Peyton and Garrett Elder, Chris Swidersky, Morgan Swidersky, Marleigh Swidersky and Izzy Perry. The 21-inch flounder bit a live minnow in the South Bay near the Duck Blinds.

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John Douglass caught this 45-inch, 46 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing at the Hot Dog.

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Award winning marine electronics (continued)

The marine electronics industry honors manufacturers with product awards during the annual National Marine Electronics Association (NMEA) conference every fall.

These awards are voted for by the 600+ members of the National Marine Electronics Association and represent a cross section of people in the marine electronics business, including installers, trade members, dealers and manufacturers. There were 16 product categories for 2016, including three new ones: Commercial, Safety &

Security and Multimedia Entertainment. The category of "Manufacturer of the Year-Support" went to Garmin for the second consecutive year.

So, let's learn a little about a few of the award winning products.



In the Fish Finder Category, Garmin won with its GSD™ 26 CHIRP Professional Sonar Module. The GSD 26 is a CHIRP digital sonar module that works with modern Garmin multifunction displays. The CHIRP technology provides great target separation at far

greater depths than traditional sonar.

With a compatible transducer, the GSD 26's Spread Spectrum technology scans on multiple frequencies at one time, returning vast amounts of data to the receiver. As a result, you can expect precise, shallow-water-like target separation at much greater depths - up to 10,000 feet.

The GSD 26 can also function in the traditional fixed-frequency mode, allowing you to manually adjust frequencies from 25 kHz to 210 kHz for enhanced targeting of specific fish species. You can also adjust transmit power from 300 kW to 3 kW (depending on transducer) for even more control over your sonar returns.

Garmin's software allows this GSD26 to work with many transducers, most of which are manufactured by Airmar. As long as the unit is

installed properly, the GSD26 will know the model and performance characteristics of your transducer and self-configure the GSD26 to match with the transducer.

The GSD 26's dual-transceiver design allows for simultaneous and independent transducer operation on two frequencies' at the same time. This could be in the form of two separate single frequency transducers or one larger dual frequency transducers.

Operating the GSD26 is easy, you have complete control of the GSD26 and the data you see, through the controls on your compatible Garmin chartplotter, which easily connects to the GSD 26 over the Garmin Marine Network. The Garmin GSD26 has a list price of \$1,999.

In the Marine VHF Radio category, the winner was the Icom IC-M506 VHF radio.

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The M506 series gives users the option of a full featured VHF fixed mount, radio with an integrated AIS receiver and NMEA 2000® connectivity. The M506 is packed full of features including "Last Call" voice recording function, 'Active Noise Cancelling' technology plus Icom's new intuitive menu-driven user interface and large dot matrix display making it really easy to use.

The AIS receiver can show AIS vessel traffic information on the display or connected chartplotter. The AIS target call function allows you to easily set up an individual DSC call. The Plotter, Target list and Danger list can be toggled on the display.

With the plug-and-play functionality of NMEA 2000, the M506 can easily connect to a NMEA 2000 network and interconnect with other equipment. Also the NMEA 0183 input/output can be used for external GPS/NAV interface.

An interesting feature is the last call voice recording saves the last two minutes of the last incoming call, and

any call can be manually recorded if desired.

The only complicated part of the Icom M506 VHF radio is the model variations. There are 5 different models:

The base model M506-01, includes all of the traditional VHF radio features of the M506-11. That includes NMEA2000 and NMEA0183 connectivity for data in and out M506-31, same as the above M506-11 but with a rear microphone connection, allowing you to mount the radio in one location and using the included extension, mount a microphone up to 20-feet away.

The M506-21 is similar to the M506-11 but includes a built-in AIS receiver.

The top model is the M506-41, and includes all of the other module features, AIS and rear microphone set-up.

These ICOM radios start at \$399 street price and there is a manufacturers rebate available for \$100 on all versions of the M506, good through September 30th 2017.

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

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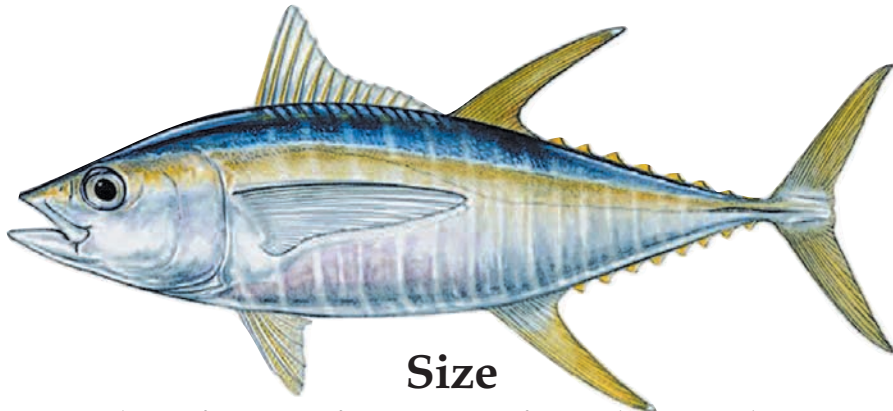
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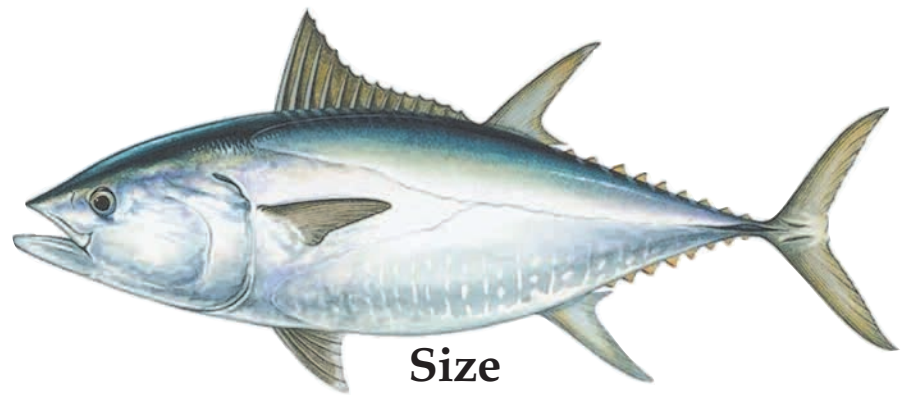
Distinguishing Characteristics

- Second dorsal and anal fins are bright yellow, very elongated and get longer with age
- Pectoral fins are usually reaching beyond origin of second dorsal fin but not beyond base
- Finlets are lemon yellow with very narrow black margins
- Color dark blue above; silvery-gray lower sides and belly. Often have 20+ chains of white streaks and spots. Yellow-gold horizontal band on upper sides that fade after death
- Body more slender than bluefin or bigeye tuna

Similar Species

Bluefin tuna - has shorter pectoral fins ending well before the origin of second dorsal fins.

Bigeye tuna - has large eyes and pectoral fins that reach origin of second dorsal fins.



Size

Commonly 1.5-feet to 6.5-feet, but can be over 10-feet and greater than 1,000 lbs.

Distinguishing Characteristics

- Short pectoral fins, ending well before origin of second dorsal fin
- Finlets yellow with narrow black margin
- Second dorsal fin height greater than first dorsal fin height with reddish-brown color
- Anal fin dusky with some yellow
- Color dark blue to black with green iridescence above, silvery white lower sides and belly with gray spots and bands (sometimes resembling tree bark)
- Body stocky and robust
- Caudal keel black in adults, semi-transparent in juveniles

Similar Species

Yellowfin tuna - have pectoral fins usually reaching to or beyond origin of second dorsal fins but not beyond base.

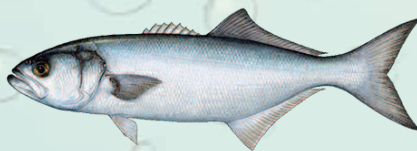
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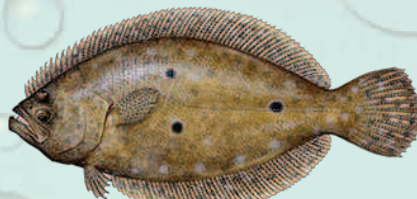
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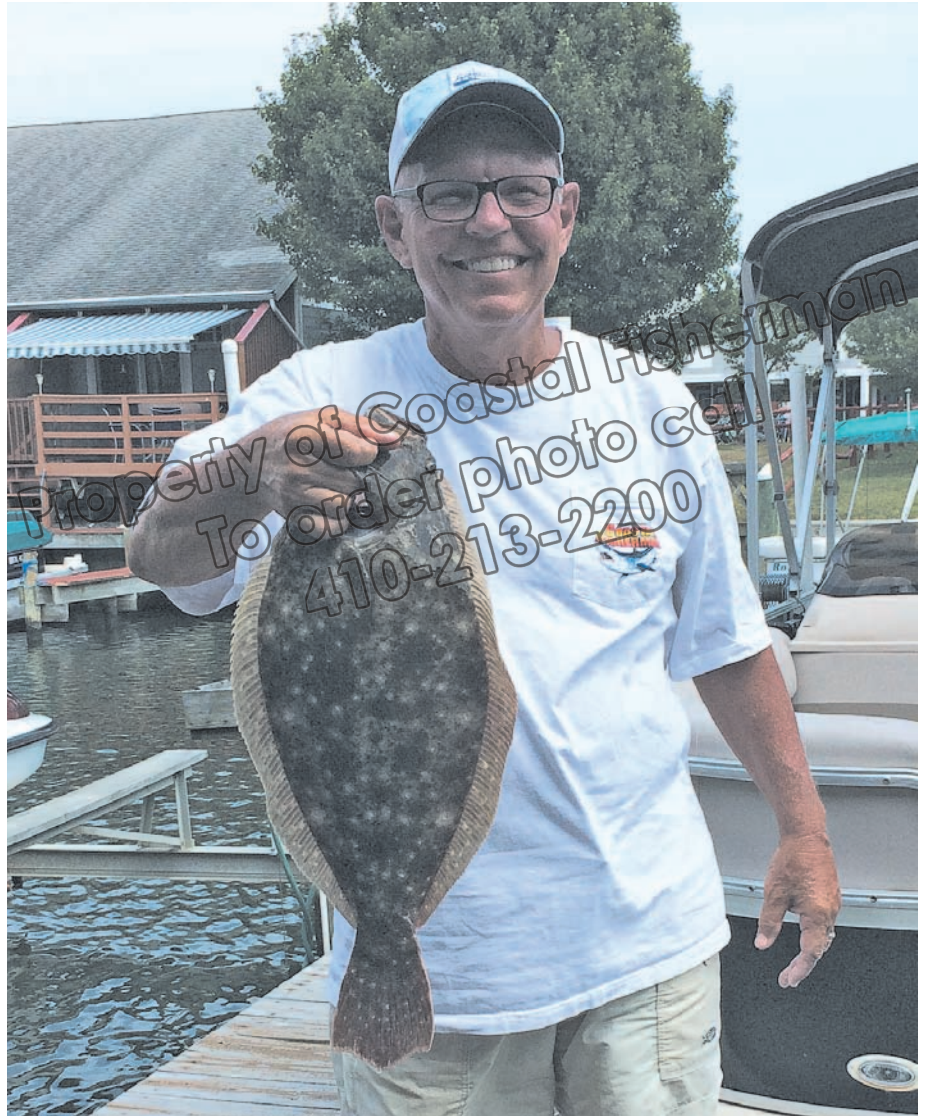


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On opening day of the 2017 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Capt. Ron Faison took the "Offshore Hooker" out for it's maiden voyage and returned with a 29 lb. yellowfin and a 9 lb. dolphin after spending the day trolling spreader bars at the 19 Fathom Lump. Zeb Zebley caught the yellowfin while fishing with C.J. Faison, Ricky Elliott, Chase Biron and mate Colin Koveleski. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Gary German is all smiles after catching this 22-inch flounder while fishing with his wife, and good luck charm, Shirley. Gary used a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet on a tiny circle hook to fool the big flattie at the top of the incoming tide behind Harbour Island.

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Beer-Battered Mahi Soft Tacos with Coleslaw and Avocado Sauce

submitted by Jeanne Kelly

Coleslaw:

4 cups green cabbage,
finely shredded
1/2 cup white onion, thinly
sliced
3 TBSP fresh lime juice
2 TBSP fresh cilantro
1/2 tsp. oregano, dried

Sauce:

1/2 cup mayonnaise
1/2 large avocado, peeled
and pitted
1/2 cup cilantro leaf
3 TBSP fresh lime juice
1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper

Mahi:

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

(plus 2 TBSP)
1/2 cup rice flour (plus 2
TBSP)
1/2 tsp. salt
1 (12 oz.) bottle of cold
beer
12 oz. mahi fillets (cut into
2-inch strips)
Additional all-purpose
flour
Vegetable oil (for frying)
16 corn tortillas
8 large fresh cilantro stems
Lime wedge

For coleslaw, toss all
ingredients in medium bowl to
blend.

Season to taste with salt
and pepper. (Can be made 8
hours ahead. Cover and chill.).

For sauce, blend all
ingredients in mini processor.

Add water by teaspoonfuls
to thin if desired.

Season sauce to taste with
salt. (Can be made 8 hours
ahead. Cover and chill.).

For mahi, combine first 3
ingredients in large bowl and
gradually whisk in beer.

Place fish in large strainer.
Spoon additional flour over
fillets.

Toss fish in strainer to coat.
Shake well, releasing
excess flour.

Mix fish into beer batter.
(Can be prepared 1 hour
ahead. Let stand at room
temperature.).

Pour enough vegetable oil
into heavyweight medium size
saucepan to reach depth of
1/2-inch.

Attach deep-fry
thermometer to side of pan
and heat oil to 375-degrees.

Working in batches, lift fish
from batter and drop into hot
oil.

Fry until crisp and golden,
about 1 minute per side.

Transfer fish to paper
towels to drain.

Cook tortillas in large
skillet over medium-high heat

until warm and pliable, about
20 seconds per side.

Stack 2 tortillas for each
taco.

Using tongs, place some
slaw in center of each tortilla
stack.

Top with sauce, cilantro
sprig, and fish.

Fold edges of tortillas over
filling.

Repeat with remaining
ingredients.

Place 2 tacos on each of 4
plates.

Garnish with lime wedges;
serve.

Lobster Sauce

1/2 cup butter
1 lb. lobster meat, diced
1 medium onion, diced
2 large stalks celery, diced
2 carrots, peeled and
chopped
1 tsp. fresh thyme, minced
1/8 tsp. fresh parsley,
chopped
1 tsp. whole black
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1/8 tsp. seasoned salt

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2 TBSP tomato paste
1/2 cup cream sherry
1 quart heavy cream
1/2 tsp. salt and pepper

Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat.

Stir in the lobster, onion, celery, carrot, thyme, parsley, peppercorns, seasoned salt, bay leaf and lemon juice.

Cook, stirring constantly, over medium heat to soften the vegetables, about 10 minutes.

Stir in the flour and tomato paste; cook for another 5 minutes, stirring constantly.

Pour in sherry and cook for a minute or two to cook off the alcohol.

Pour in the heavy cream, and bring to a simmer.

Reduce heat to low, simmer until the sauce has thickened, and will coat the back of a spoon, about 15 minutes.

Strain through a fine mesh strainer, and discard the solids.

Season to taste with salt

and pepper.
Serve over mashed potatoes.

Caribbean Shrimp Bruschetta

submitted by Bill Regine

1 lb. shrimp, cooked
peeled, coarsely
chopped
1 cup Monterey Jack
cheese, shredded
1 mango, peeled and
chopped (1 cup)
1/4 cup bell pepper, finely
chopped
1/4 cup sliced green onion
2 TBSP lime juice
1/2 tsp. allspice, ground
1/2 tsp. Thyme Leaves
1/4 tsp. red pepper,
crushed
1/4 tsp. salt
1 loaf French bread, cut
into 1/2-inch slices
Olive oil

Preheat oven to 400-degrees.

Mix shrimp, cheese, mango, bell pepper, green

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Lori Goldstrohm from Washington, DC and Sheri Goldstrohm from Pittsburgh, PA spent some time in Ocean City and took a trip on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. The ladies boated a pair of flounder, measuring 17 1/4 and 18 1/4-inches, after hooking them on white Gulp! Swimming Mullets in the bay behind Assateague Island. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Audrey Crandall ventured down from Lancaster, PA and spent a day fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. Audrey landed a 4 lb. black sea bass while fishing with clams on an offshore wreck. The "Angler" can be found at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.

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onion, lime juice, allspice, thyme, red pepper and salt in a large bowl until well blended.

Place bread slices on foil-lined baking sheet.

Brush lightly with olive oil.

Bake 6 to 8 minutes or until lightly toasted, turning once.

Spoon shrimp mixture evenly onto bread slices.

Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted.

Serve.

Garlic Bread Topped With Crab Meat and Spinach

submitted by Susan Santos

6 oz. fresh lump crab meat

1/4 cup shredded

mozzarella cheese

1/4 cup mayonnaise

1/2 cup frozen chopped

spinach, squeezed of

all liquid

2 scallions, sliced

3 garlic cloves, minced

1 teaspoon Old Bay

seasoning, adjust to

taste

1 egg, lightly whisked

1 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

Oil, to drizzle

Preheat oven to broil.

Place all slices of bread in a single layer on a cookie sheet.

Place under broil to lightly brown one side.

Flip to lightly brown other side.

Gently, mix all topping ingredients together.

Top the bread with the topping mixture.

Sprinkle with cheese and drizzle lightly with oil.

Place under broiler for a couple minutes until bubbly and lightly browned.

Serve.

Mrs. D's Seafood Pasta

submitted by Bea Doherty

2 TBSP olive oil

2 TBSP butter

1 lb. scallops

1 lb. shrimp

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tomatoes
Salt and pepper, to taste
1/4 tsp. crushed red
pepper
1/4 cup heavy cream,
warmed
12 whole basil leaves, torn
Chicken broth, if needed
1 lb. pasta

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cook pasta for just over half the cooking time

Heat 1 TBSP olive oil and 1 TBSP butter in a heavy skillet over medium-high heat.

Brown the scallops just until they get good color on the outside, about 45 seconds to a minute per side.

Remove to a plate and set aside.

Add 1 TBSP each of both olive oil and butter to the skillet.

When hot, throw in shrimp and brown. (Don't completely cook scallops or shrimp.)

Remove to a plate and set aside.

Add a small splash of oil to the pan.

Cook the garlic for 30 seconds, then pour in the wine.

Let wine bubble up and reduce for a minute or two.

Pour in the tomatoes (including juice.)

Add salt, pepper and red pepper flake.

Cook the sauce over medium-high heat for 10-15 minutes.

Tear off two large sheets of heavy duty aluminum foil.

Overlap them on an ovenproof platter (make the overlap about 6-inches) with some depth on in a baking sheet.

Pour the pasta onto the platter.

Pour all the sauce over the pasta (juice and all).

Pour on the seafood, making sure to add all the juices that may have dripped on the plate.

Gather up the two ends of the foil and roll them down so

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Alex Park from Garnet Valley, PA was fishing with his grandfather, Scott Mandos on the headboat, "Morning Star" when he caught the boat's first mahi of the season while trolling a blue and white Zucker between spots. Alex's mahi measured 33-inches and weighed 9 lbs. Scott caught some sea bass during the trip on an ocean wreck. As always, Capt. Monty Hawkins was at the wheel and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt were on the deck.

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While fishing on the "Jenny Poo" with Tim Bunting and Capt. Bobby Pastorius, anglers Kyle Bunting, Regan Bunting and Colby Timmons, all from Berlin, MD went 9 for 11 on yellowfin tuna (2 pictured) while fishing in the Washington Canyon. Their biggest yellowfin weighed 47 lbs. on the scale at Sunset Marina.

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that they're tightly sealed.

Do the same with the shorter sides.

Place the platter into the oven and bake for 15 minutes, until the seafood is fully cooked and the flavors have all melded together.

To serve, open the foil and drizzle a little warm cream all over the top.

Sprinkle basil and serve.

Seafood Alfredo Dip

3 TBSP butter
2 TBSP all-purpose flour
1 cup heavy cream
1/2 lb. medium shrimp, shelled and deveined
Shrimp Medium Size
1/2 lb. crabmeat, drained
1/4 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
1/2 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. white pepper

Melt the butter in a pan over medium heat.

Whisk in the flour and cook to make a smooth paste, about

5 minutes.

Gradually stir in the heavy cream.

Continue to whisk the mixture until thick and smooth, about 5 minutes.

Stir in the shrimp and crabmeat.

Add the Parmesan cheese, and stir until melted.

Season to taste with salt and white pepper.

Serve warm as a dip.

Seafood Portofino

2 oz. butter
2 oz. yellow onions, 1/4-inch dice
2 oz. roux
8 oz. milk
1/2 pint heavy cream
1 oz. shrimp stock
1 tsp. Old Bay Seasoning
8 oz. white wine
11 garlic cloves, minced
3 TBSP olive oil
1 lb. mushroom
1 lb. linguine, precooked
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Add 4 TBSP flour. Stir continuously until oil flour mixture browns. Set aside.

Portofino Sauce:

Melt butter on medium heat.

Add diced onion and garlic, stirring frequently, about 5 minutes.

Add white wine.

Turn up heat to high until boiling then back down to medium. Cook 5 minutes on medium.

Stir in roux, shrimp stock, and Old Bay Seasoning. Cook for 3 minutes.

Add milk and heavy cream.

Turn heat on high just until mixture starts to boil.

Turn to medium/low, cover, and stir occasionally for 5 minutes. The sauce is now ready and can be stored for up to one week in the refrigerator.

Heat oil in saute pan over medium flame.

Add mushrooms and cook for 2 minutes.

Add mussels and cook for 30 seconds.

Add shrimp, crab meat and scallops. Cook until heated through, stirring.

Add portofino sauce and cook until bubbling throughout.

Move mushrooms and seafood to one side of pan and add linguine to other side.

Using tongs, coat pasta with sauce. (mussels should be open).

Serve.

If you have a favorite seafood recipe that you would like to share with fellow readers of the Coastal Fisherman, you can email them to MaureenJock@comcast.net or mail them to the Coastal Fisherman, 12748 Sunset Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842

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Jake Sherdel from McSherrystown, PA caught a pair of yellowfin tuna, weighing 35 and 55 lbs., along with 2 dolphin while fishing on the "Valhalla" at the Hot Dog. Jake was joined by Rex Wells and his uncle, Patrick Saltzgeber. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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On Sunday, Dylan and Steve Benner, David and Justin Kushyk and Luke Hockers got back to the dock early after spending the morning fishing on the charter boat, "My Cin" with Capt. Dave Black, mate Mike Aikens and mate-in-training David Atrbst. The anglers ended up with 7 yellowfins caught while chunking at the Hot Dog in 78-degree water. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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In the 30th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament, the team on the "Talkin Trash" took on some rough seas but returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with a 52 lb. wahoo and a pair of yellowfins weighing 52 and 57 lbs. Wayne Anderson captured the wahoo on a trolled ballyhoo while fishing with Justin Cronshaw, Tony Battista, Adam Leisner, Ron Bitner, Capt. Chris Little and mates Keith Puller and Mike McIntyre.

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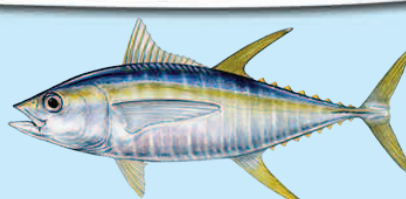
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Individuals interested in applying for the new discount program must apply directly to one of the department's regional licensing and registration services centers. Active duty military personnel must provide official documentation on their Purple Heart award; veterans are asked to bring their official discharge papers (Form DD214).

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Emily Iman caught this 22-inch flounder while fishing with her family in the Fish Bowl, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Emily hooked the big flattie on a Gulp! and minnow combination.



Shannon Pickens captured this 42 lb. wahoo while trolling inshore of the Hot Dog. Shannon also captured a mahi and saw a white marlin during his trip.

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Steve Boston, Wes Hobbs, Garrett Catts, Evan Hunt, Kyle Monigul and Mike Fitzgerald (pictured) returned to the Indian River Marina with a 159 lb. mako shark caught in the Wilmington Canyon during a trip aboard the "Sea Laser".



During a family trip on Sunday, this group of anglers got the surprise of the season when they hooked into this 78-inch, 200 lb. swordfish while trolling a skirted ballyhoo in 20 fathoms near the Chicken Bone. They teamed up and fought the fish for 3 hours, thinking it was a big blue marlin until it reached the boat. Fishing on the "Git R Done" were Megan Higgins, Debbie Schulte, Katie Burton, Ricky Burton, Jen Burton, Mason Burton, Kenny Burton, Emma Burton, Andy Burton, Spencer Allen and Capt. Dave Schulte. They also boated a couple of yellowfin tuna during the trip that was taken to celebrate Katie Burton's birthday. Congratulations to everyone on board!









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by Capt. Mark Sampson



So why exactly is it that for the second year in a row we can't keep cobia that we catch more than 3-miles out in the EEZ? Oh yeah - it's because a couple years ago anglers down south caught so many of them that the annual quota was grossly exceeded, which prompted Fisheries to shut the season down in federal waters for everyone, including us here on the Eastern Shore. Heck, we certainly didn't make a dent in the population, never have, and probably never will. We get our shots at cobia up here but the landings off the coast of Delmarva are pale compared to what's caught in Dixie. But we're all paying the price for the over exuberant landings by other fishermen in other latitudes. It's not fair! You're darn right it's not!

Such treatment is nothing new to local anglers who have many times had to help shoulder the recovery of species we didn't bruise ourselves. Flounder, sea bass, tautog, bluefin, weakfish and dusky sharks all come to mind - but there's been others. And there will be more that need to be regulated from "us" fishermen that we can't even imagine right now. Who

knows? Maybe sea robins, eels and skates will be next on the list. Just let someone decide that they're fun to catch, good to eat or might possibly work as an aphrodisiac on the other side of the world and there will be more than just a few hooks pointed at them.

History shows that as soon as fishermen discover a relatively easy way to land an unregulated species, in no time at all, the party will be over as populations fall and regulations tighten up. I'm never keen on hearing about new regulations, but the fact of the matter is, until some kind of regulations are installed to control the harvest, some fishermen just don't know when to say when. Look at what happened to tilefish in just a few short years!

There are so many fishermen vying for fish these days that the only chance that an unregulated fishery has to stay that way is if all involved maintain a certain level of ethics that keeps them from getting carried away when the "bite is on" and they have an opportunity to overflow their coolers with more fish than a responsible person would or should take. And therein lies

the rub, the "E-word" that I for one will step out on a limb and suggest (in a way that these days would probably be considered to be politically incorrect) that ethics is what separates "good" fishermen from "bad" fishermen.

Good or bad is like black or white. It's pretty cut and dry. There's no gray area here, either a fisherman is doing the right thing or they're not. If an angler finds themselves wondering if they're doing the right thing or not, then they probably aren't. A few weeks ago, an angler on my boat caught a decent size shark on light tackle. After a lengthy fight, the shark was close to the boat and ready to be held alongside for some photos before it was released. The fish was tired and the angler was concerned about it being stressed out any further while undergoing a photo session at the boat. He wanted a photo of himself with the catch, but insisted on releasing it right away so that it would have the best chance for survival. That's ethics at work. Not the legal thing to do, but the right thing to do. In this case, the fellow put his ego on hold and didn't worry about getting a photo for Facebook, but thought instead about the fish "first" and "doing the right thing" - period.

Egos are the ruin of ethics and an ugly skeleton in the

closet of most fishermen. An angler's ego probably results in more dead fish than an empty freezer ever does. It's pretty hard to find a fisherman who doesn't have an ego that compels them to strive to be recognized for their fishing prowess and accomplishments, and that includes you and me! If you don't think you have an ego then the next time you have a really great day of fishing, try not showing or telling anyone what you caught. No photos, no stories, no social media tweets, shares, or Instagrams - nothing! I'll bet you can't do it. But don't worry, it's something you probably don't have control over because as a species of hunter/gatherers it's in our DNA. After a successful catch or kill, I'm sure that our big-browed hairy ancestors couldn't wait to rush back to their cave at night and grunt out the details of their successes either. The only difference is that with cameras in our pockets and WiFi signals buzzing through our brains, we no longer have to scratch out pictures of our kills on stone ceilings with a burnt stick. With a couple clicks we've alerted the universe that we're the best fishermen on the planet. Look at me! Look at me! And if we don't fish that day we can "share" with everyone a picture of what we had for breakfast that morning or what

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our dog puked up on the carpet last night. Naww we ain't got no egos!

One's own conscience creates the clash between egos and ethics. An angler brings a big fish up to the boat and his ethics whispers that for one reason or the other he should release the critter, but in his other ear his ego paints a vision of himself standing at the dock while everyone oohs and aahs and congratulates him on his mighty catch, not to mention all those oh-so important Facebook "likes." Whether it's ethics or ego that wins the struggle depends upon the "character" of the angler. Think about it, what would you do? Or should I say what "do" you do under those conditions?

Ethics, egos, conscience, character, wow I'm getting into some heavy stuff here, and I expect that by now many of you are wishing I'd just stick my basic topics I usually write about like how to bait a hook or tie a knot. But wait - there's more! One last quality then I'm

done. How about "tolerance?"

My ethics are probably different from yours as yours are different from the guy who's fishing next to you. Different doesn't necessarily mean that one is right and the other is wrong, it just means "different." So if individual ethics prompt other anglers to fish in ways that are different from the way we elect to fish, then we all need is a big old dose of tolerance to stay happy and friendly and smiley as we share the water with other fishermen. Yeah, I know that can sometimes be a really tough task, particularly when the guy fishing next to you appears to be breaking every rule in your own ethical guidebook. But it's tough to wiggle into someone else's mind and beef up their conscience until it overrides their ego. If a fella is intent on killing a bunch of fish he's probably going to do so, and just yelling at him from across the water or from your keyboard is more likely to embolden rather than deflate

his ego. I've fought those fights enough times to know that it's always a losing battle. You can't drill your own ethics into someone else's head, you can only plant the seed with them by sticking to your own ethics regardless of what path others around you are taking, and give them the opportunity to recognize and adopt a better way on their own. Lead by example!

I expect that in the weeks to come I will encounter a number of cobia out in Federal waters where if I'm lucky enough to catch any I'll be required to, and will - release them. I don't agree with that regulation, and as much as I enjoy the challenge of hooking a cobia, I really-really like to eat them as well, but the law is the law and "my" ethics won't allow me to break that law. I know that other fishermen with different ethics will catch or spear cobia in Federal waters and then claim that they took the fish in state waters where they are legal, and then, as if to highlight the

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conquest of ego over ethics, have the audacity to post images of their outlaw fish in the print media and on Facebook pages. I certainly don't approve of such actions but "tolerance" at least allows me to put up with, if not ignore, anglers who exhibit that level of ethics in their fishing practices.

Cobia, tuna, sheepshead, triggerfish, tautog, there's been a number of ethical battles brewing among local fishermen lately. We still have most of the summer and hopefully a lot of good fishing ahead of us. Hopefully, between now and the cold weather we can all get along as a "united" fishing community and recognize the importance of listening to our conscience, keeping our egos in check and good ethics steering our course.

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



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Liam Boyle from Columbus, OH caught a 21 3/4-inch, 4 lb. 5 oz. flounder and Aidhan Boyle added a 21-inch that weighed 3 lbs. 9 oz., both while fishing with Colin Boyle, Capt. John Prather and mate Austin Bowden on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service". The fish were caught on tinker mackerel during the incoming tide at the north end of the East Channel. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Junior angler, Cody Bredlow from Street, MD caught a 21-inch flounder during a trip aboard the headboat, "Judy V" with Capt. Ed Wheedleton. Cody hooked the big flounder on a squid and shiner combination at the Old Grounds and weighed his catch at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

Maryland Regulations

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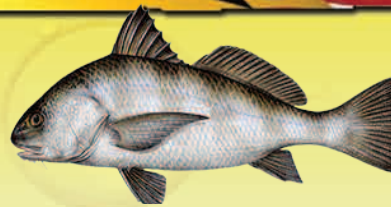
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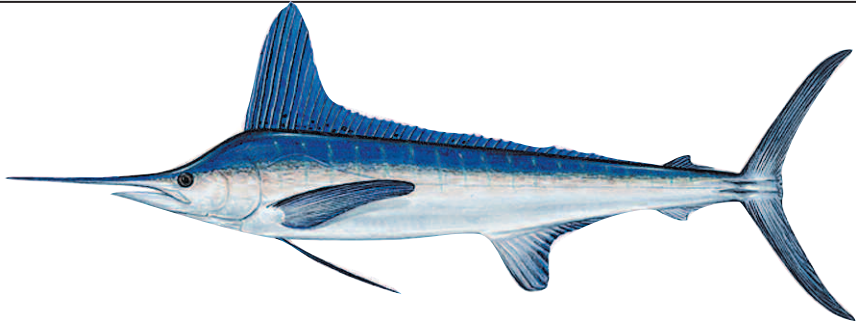
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White Marlin vs BlueMarlin



Size

Commonly 5.5 feet up to 7.5 feet. Weight ranges from 55 lbs. up to over 90 lbs.

Distinguishing Characteristics

- First anal, first dorsal and pectoral fins blunt or rounded at tips (first anal fin shape most consistent characteristic); most of first dorsal fin low.
- Pelvic fins short, extending no longer than length of pectoral fin.
- Lateral line single (not chainlike), arched over pectoral fins, then almost straight to caudal fin.
- First dorsal fin blue-black with small dark spots; other fins brown to black.

Habitat

Offshore, usually upper 65-100 feet, depending on water temperature; associated with water temperature greater than 68-degrees

Similar Species

Blue marlin - has first dorsal, pectoral and first anal fins with pointed tips; chainlike lateral line along body; lacks fin spots on first dorsal.

Longbill spearfish - has anus well in front of anal fins.



Size

Commonly 8-9 feet but can get up to 14.5 feet. Blue marlins over 350 lbs. are most likely female.

Distinguishing Characteristics

- First anal, first dorsal and pectoral fins generally pointed at tips; most of first dorsal fin low
- Pelvic fins short, extending no longer than length of pectoral fins.
- First dorsal fin blue-black, lacking fin spots; other fins brown to black.
- Lateral line chainlike over entire body surface (rather than single line) in juveniles, unclear in adult.

Habitat

Offshore; usually in surface water between 71 and 88-degrees.

Similar Species

White marlin - has first dorsal, pectoral and first anal fins with rounded tips; spotted first dorsal membranes.

Longbill spearfish - has anus well in front of anal fins.

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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
Sea Bass 	May 28, 2017 Lee Vincent "Fish Bound" 5 lbs. 4 oz.	June 16, 2017 Stephen Pistoia Del-Jersey-Land Reef 4 lbs. 2 oz.	Mako Shark <i>100 lb. minimum</i> 	June 15, 2017 Shane Kline Restless Lady 564 lbs.	June 4, 2017 John Pendell Elephant Trunk 461 lbs.
Tautog 	February 21, 2017 Sam Furest "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 4 oz.	April 14, 2017 Mike Haas Site 10 9 lbs. 13 oz.	Thresher Shark 	June 4, 2017 Mike Fritsch Fingers 583 lbs.	July 6, 2017 Chris Pugh "B" Buoy 417 lbs.
Striped Bass 	May 10, 2017 Lee Savage Assateague Island 39 lbs. 8 oz.	June 5, 2017 Scott Cornew Bethany Surf 43 lbs.	Bluefin Tuna 	June 16, 2017 Neil Smith Poor Man's Canyon 210 lbs.	July 1, 2017 Frank Perna Baltimore Canyon 126 lbs.
Weakfish 	June 10, 2017 Rich Daiker South Jetty 5 lbs. 6 oz.	May 20, 2017 John Kelleher Delaware Bay 7 lbs. 2 oz.	Yellowfin Tuna NEW 	July 14, 2017 Kyle Dickerson Wilmington Canyon 64 lbs.	June 29, 2017 Al Lee Baltimore Canyon 58 lbs. 4 oz.
Cobia 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder NEW 	July 14, 2017 Matt Marceron Old Grounds 8 lbs. 6 oz.	June 23, 2017 David Burgess Old Grounds 9 lbs.	Bigeye Tuna 	June 16, 2017 Greg Weber "That's Right" 180 lbs.	June 18, 2017 Matthew Gessler Poor Man's Canyon 130 lbs.
Bluefish 	May 4, 2017 Emma Matarese "OC Guide Service" 15 lbs. 12 oz.	April 21, 2017 Alex Neiss Cape Henlopen Surf 18 lbs. 8 oz.	Dolphin 	May 17, 2017 Chris Middendorf Norfolk Canyon 46 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Sheepshead 	July 1, 2017 Justin Nitchkey South Jetty 12 lbs. 12 oz.	June 25, 2017 Ken German Indian River Inlet 8 lbs. 2 oz.	Wahoo 	July 4, 2017 Alias Jenkins Tea Cup 66 lbs.	July 3, 2017 Meghan Horning Fingers 39 lbs. 9 oz.
Black Drum 	May 11, 2017 Zach Nagler Assateague Surf 40 lbs.	June 9, 2017 Melissa Dawson Delaware Bay 60.6 lbs.	White Marlin 	Most Releases in One Day (trolling only) June 17, 2017 "Reel Buster" 1 Release June 16, 2017 "Fish Whistle" 1 Release	


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On Sunday, Adrian Magnan of Washington, DC took over 2nd place in the season-long derby held on the headboat, "Tortuga" when he boated a 3 lb. 5 oz. flounder at the South Jetty while fishing with Capt. Drew Zerbe and mate Serge Garder. Adrian hooked the flounder and a triggerfish on squid and shiner combinations. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Matt Marceron caught a 28 1/2-inch, 8 lb. 6 oz. flounder at the Old Grounds while fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. The fish was caught on a long strip of squid and a gold teaser.



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King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 36"
Red Drum *	36"	45"
Sailfish *	Any Size	-
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"
Speckled Trout	24"	-
Striped Bass	40"	30 lbs. or 40"

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	<u>MD</u>	<u>DE</u>
Shark:		
Blue Shark *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
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Mako *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Thresher *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Tiger *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Tuna:		
Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lbs. or 32"
False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"
Bigeye ***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Bluefin ***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"
Yellowfin ***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Wahoo	60"	20 lbs. or 50"
Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
White Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size

** Only released fish are eligible in MD and DE programs



While fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts, angler Dave Sliwinski of Baltimore, MD captured this 3 lb. 4 oz. sea bass while using clams for bait at an offshore wreck.



While fishing on the "Go Rat Go" southeast of the Hot Dog, Bob Granados, Jr., Bobby Granados, III, M.J. Shufelt, Will Shockey and Josh Hubbard caught this 114.1 lb. bluefin tuna and a mahi (not pictured) on trolled skirted ballyhoo. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



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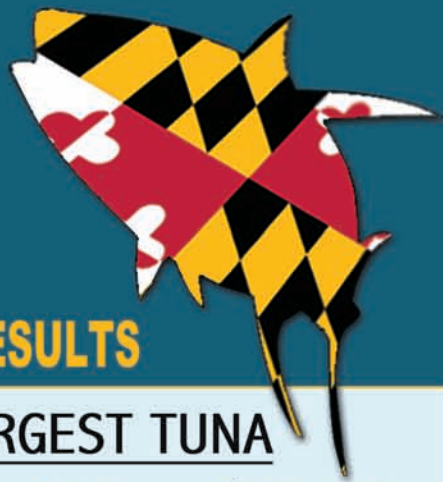


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2nd - "Reel Intent's"	103 lbs	Charlie Coates	\$500
3rd - "Let It Ride"	60 lbs	Walter Jordan	\$250

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1st - "No Slack"	109 lbs	Glenda Cahall	\$1,500
2nd - "Wayne's World"	106 lbs	Annie Roe	\$1,000
3rd - "Myra HT"	99 lbs	JL Cropper	\$500

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1st - "Legasea"	55 lbs	\$9,900
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BOATS 35' & UNDER

1st - Single Largest Tuna	87 lbs	"Offshore Hooker"	\$2,475
2nd - Heaviest Stringer Wt.	96 lbs	"Even Keeleigh"	\$2,475

BOATS 36' - 51'

1st - Single Largest Tuna	106 lbs	"Wayne's World"	\$8,100
2nd - Heaviest Stringer Wt.	253 lbs	"Spring Mix II"	\$8,100

BOATS 52' & UP

1st - Single Largest Tuna	115 lbs	"Absolut Pleasure"	\$17,550
2nd - Heaviest Stringer Wt.	470 lbs	"Sushi"	\$17,550

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Boats Fished

**DAY 1 - 27
DAY 2 - 68
DAY 3 - 81**



In the 30th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Tuna Tournament, anglers on the "Sushi" took top honors in the Heaviest Stringer Weight Division with 470 lbs. weighed during their 2 days of fishing. On Saturday, they caught 7 yellowfins with their heaviest 5 fish weighing 261 lbs. They followed that up on Sunday with another 4 yellowfins weighing 209 lbs. All of their action took place in 25 fathoms at Wayne's World, 85 miles south of the Inlet. Fishing with Capt. Charley Pereira and mate Lee Wells were Melanie Burnette, Harry Glah, Bob Brimmer, Sam Thorpe, Harry Burrows, Joe Czajkowski and Frank Gorski. For their 1st place finish, the "Sushi" team won \$200,013 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the second day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Mike Runk, Sr. muscled in a 55 lb. wahoo and held on to win the Top Wahoo Division. Mike caught the speedster inshore of Massey's Canyon in 75-degree water. Joining Mike on the "Legasea" were Ron Care (not pictured), Darren Helwig, Jim Herlihy, Capt. Josh Ruskey and mates Dominic DiSanto and Mike Runk, Jr. For his 1st place finish in the "winner take all" category, the team took home a check for \$9,900. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On Day 2 of the 30th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Aaron Colegrove caught a 24 lb. dolphin and held on to win 1st place in the Top Dolphin Division, worth \$20,320 in award money. Aaron was fishing on the "Primary Search" with Wes Pollitt, Dan Bell, Tommy Clark and Capt. Austin Ensor. The winning dolphin ate a skirted ballyhoo in Massey's Canyon. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



The first boat to arrive at the scale on the second day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament was "Wayne's World" with Annie Roe's 106 lb. bluefin tuna that took the lead in the Single Largest Tuna Division. Annie ended up getting bumped into 3rd place on the final day of the tournament but took 2nd place in the Top Lady Angler Division and 1st place in the Top Junior Angler Division. Annie caught the 57-inch bluefin while fishing with Dean Roe, Sr., Dean Roe, III, Ethan Spencer, John Speake, Capt. Darin Roe and mate Dean Roe, II inshore of Massey's Canyon and fought the fish for 45 minutes before getting it in the boat. In addition to prizes, Annie and her team won a total of \$29,588 in award money. Also pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center scale is Josh Speake.



On the final day of the 2017 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Glenda Cahall of Smyrna, DE arrived at the scale with a 109 lb. bluefin tuna that briefly held the top spot in the Single Largest Tuna Division until it fell into 2nd place when the "Absolut Pleasure" weighed a 115 pounder. In addition to the 2nd place finish, Glenda also won 1st place in the Top Lady Angler Division. The 60-inch bluefin was caught on a skirted ballyhoo at the 19 Fathom Lump while fishing on the "No Slack" with Blake McGrath, Bill Rogers, Steve Cahall, Bruce Ennis, Capt. Corey Kennington and mate Bill Mengason. Brenda and the "No Slack" team took home a total of \$37,313 in award money in addition to other prizes. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Second place in the Heaviest Stringer Weight Division of the 30th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament was won by the team on the "Goin in Deep" with 364 lbs. weighed during their 2 days of fishing. On their first day, they arrived with a 213 lb. stringer and followed that up with a 151 lb. stringer on the final day of the tournament that consisted of a 99 lb. bluefin and a 52 lb. yellowfin. Both were caught in 25 fathoms, 85 miles south of the Ocean City Inlet. Fishing with Capt. Walter Harmstead and mate Justin Tonks were Larry Hesse, Sr., Larry Hesse, Jr., Mike Cassidy, Rob Zuschnitt, Tom Rostron and Brian Denton. For their second place finish, the "Goin in Deep" team took home a check for \$48,738. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



With rough weather forecasted, only 27 boats fished on opening day of the 30th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament. One of those boats was the "Fish Whistle" with a 22 lb. dolphin caught by Dave Gorelick while fishing inshore of Massey's Canyon that ended the tournament in 2nd place in the Dolphin Division. Joining Dave were Robert Gorelick, who caught a 52 lb. bluefin, Dave Waldhauser, Capt. Charlie Horning and mate Walt Schrade. For their 2nd place finish in the Top Dolphin Division, the "Fish Whistle" team won \$2,300 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Charlie Coates is all smiles after weighing a 103 lb. bluefin tuna that gave him 2nd place in the Top Junior Angler Division of the 2017 Ocean City Tuna Tournament. Charlie hooked the big bluefin on a skirted ballyhoo only 10 minutes after lines went into the water while fishing on the "Reel Intent's" with Jimmy Hahn, Capt. Jonathon Mason and mate A.D. Burke. Charlie fought the fish for 1 hour before getting it into the boat. For his 2nd place finish, Charlie won \$500 plus some additional prizes. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On Saturday, the second day of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, no boat had a better day than the "Stalker" after they fished at the Lobster Claw and ended up with 19 yellowfins in the box. It was an early morning bite with the fish attacking trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars. Their heaviest 5 yellowfins totaled 263 lbs. They followed that up with a single fish on Sunday that weighed 43 lbs. giving them a 2-day stringer weight of 306 lbs. and a 3rd place finish in the Heaviest Stringer Weight Division, worth \$32,275 in award money. Fishing with Capt. Steve Moore and mate Cory Lednum were Austin and Ron Bennett, Jim Bromwell, Andrew and Richie Rinehimer and Curtis Macomber. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Always a threat in the Top Lady Angler Division of the Ocean City Tuna Tournament, J.L. Cropper finished in the Top 3 again, this year winning 3rd place for her 99 lb. bluefin tuna caught on the first day of the tournament. J.L. hooked the 57 1/2-inch bluefin inshore of Massey's Canyon while fishing on the "Myra HT" with Hugh Thomas Cropper, Billy Todd and Capt. Hugh Cropper. For her 3rd place finish, J.L. took home a check for \$500 plus some additional prizes. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



At the Awards Banquet of the 30th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Capt. Franky Pettolina of the charter boat, "Last Call" won the prestigious Capt. Robert Gowar Award for his demonstration of excellence in the local sport fishing community. Capt. Franky has been President of the Ocean City Marlin Club for the past 10 years and was instrumental in starting several tournaments throughout the years. Capt. Franky is pictured with Tournament Director Rolfe Gudelsky of the OC Fishing Center.



On the final day of the 2017 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Ricky Elliott arrived at the scale with an 87 lb. bluefin tuna to win top honors in the Single Largest Tuna Division for Boats 35' and Under and a check for \$2,475. Ricky caught the bluefin at the 19 Fathom Lump while fishing on the "Offshore Hooker" with Zeb Zebley, C.J. Faison, Chase Biron, Capt. Ron Faison and mate Colin Koveleski. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On the second day of the 30th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament, anglers on the charter boat, "Spring Mix II" had a good day, catching 7 yellowfins in the Baltimore Canyon. Their 5 largest fish totaled 253 lbs. and their heaviest fish, caught by junior angler Ayrton Pryor, weighed 52 lbs. One fish was caught early in the day and the remaining 6 yellowfins were hooked between 11:00 AM and 2:30 PM. Also fishing on the "Spring Mix II" were Ryan Jones, James Walsh, Paul Lebling, Mike Merollini, Capt. Steve Selander and mate Chris Watkowski. The team ended up winning the Heaviest Stringer Weight Division for Boats 36' to 51' and took home \$8,100 in award money. Pictured at the OC Fishing Center.

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Key Distinguishing Markings:

- The white marlin's upper jaw is twice as long as its lower jaw.
- The upper jaw forms a bill, which is long and slender in comparison to many other billfishes.
- The body is dark blue above and silvery white below, with brown spots on the sides of the white portion.
- In some specimens, many rows of blurred white lines may run the length of the body.
- The first dorsal fin, which runs almost the length of the body, is dark blue with many black spots, although these may fade towards the back of the fin.
- The second dorsal and pelvic fins are dark blue.
- First anal, first dorsal, and pectoral fins are blunt or rounded at tips.
- The pectoral fins and caudal fin are blackish brown; the long pectoral fins may be tipped in white.
- The body has a dense covering of bony scales.
- The lateral line is distinct, and with the exception of a single curve over the origin of the dorsal fin, runs straight along the body.

Size:

- The white marlin is smaller than many other billfish.
- The maximum length for the white marlin is 110 in and maximum weight is approximately 180 lbs.
- More commonly, white marlin range from 51–83 inches in length.

Habitat:

- Its distribution varies seasonally, reaching higher latitudes in both the northern and southern hemispheres only during the respective warm seasons.
- White marlin are considered oceanodromous, that is a migratory fish that migrates within the seas only.

Spawning:

- Once a year, white marlin migrate into subtropical waters to spawn, with peak spawning occurring in early summer in deep oceanic waters.
- The spawning areas are found in deep and blue oceanic waters, generally at high temperatures ranging from 68° to 84°F.
- In the western North Atlantic, spawning grounds have been identified northeast of Little Bahama Bank, northwest of Grand Bahama Island, and southwest of Bermuda.

Fishing Tips:

- The white marlin is a popular game fish, which can be caught trolling at or close to the surface.
- The largest fishery for this species occurs in the summer, between Cape Cod, Massachusetts and Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.
- Baits including ballyhoo, mullet, mackerel, herring and squid as well as lures, such as green machines, can be successful in getting a white marlin to bite.
- When fishing for white marlin, it is advisable to wear protection on your hands when handling your catch since they are capable of inflicting serious wounds due to the roughness of the bill.
- A furious battler when hooked, white marlin engage in tail-walking and fantastic leaps into the air.
- The Highly Migratory Species Division (HMS) of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) manages Atlantic highly migratory species including Atlantic tunas, sharks, swordfish, billfish (blue marlin, white marlin, sailfish and longbill spearfish) and Atlantic swordfish to ensure long-term, sustainable fisheries for these species. Owners of vessels used to fish recreationally (i.e., no sale of fish) for Atlantic HMS (billfish, swordfish, sharks and tunas) are required to obtain an HMS Angling category permit from NMFS.

Fun Facts:

- While swimming, they commonly display a technique known as "tailing," in which only the dorsal lobe of the caudal fin is visible above the surface of the water.
- White marlin are generally not considered a schooling fish and most often appear solitarily or in pairs.
- Small schools of 5 to 12 fish are occasionally seen feeding on schools of bait, or tailing; however, loose aggregations of numerous fish scattered over fairly large areas are most typical.
- The Maryland state record for white marlin is 135 lbs, taken in Poor Man's Canyon in August 1980.
- The I.G.F.A. World Record white marlin weighed 181 lbs. 14 oz. and was caught off Vitoria, Brazil in December 1979.
- The White Marlin Open record was set by Steve Bass in 1980 when he captured a 99 pounder.
- White marlin live to be 25–30 years of age.
- Tagged white marlin have been recaptured after being at liberty for almost 12 years.

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On the final day of the 2017 Ocean City Tuna Tournament, Barratt Cullen on the "Even Keeleigh" captured a 50 lb. yellowfin tuna to give the team a 2-day stringer weight of 96 lbs., good enough to take top honors for Heaviest Stringer Weight for Boats 35' and Under. Barratt was fishing with Danny Thwaites, Kenny Decker, Mike Zorzi, Mike Babcock and Capt. Scott Stapleford. The yellowfin was caught on a trolled spreader bar in the Wilmington Canyon and earned the "Even Keeleigh" team \$2,475 in award money. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



The bay behind the Ocean City Airport was the wrong place to be for this 18 1/2-inch flounder caught by Chris Kinsley while he was drifting a live minnow.

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Tom and Michelle Serbin celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary with an overnight trip on the "FOMO" with Capt. Len Karpen. Tom ended up catching this 145 lb. mako shark on a live tinker mackerel in the Baltimore Canyon. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Rob Lewis, John Whitney, Frank Geck and Justin Jaghab teamed up to catch their limit of 12 yellowfin tuna while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Poor Man's Canyon aboard the "Bailout". Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

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Chris Peebles used a homemade lure to fool this 18 3/4-inch flounder while drifting in the West Channel.

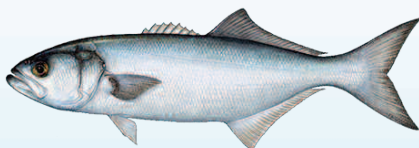
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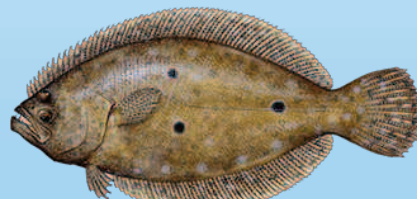
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Fri. July 21	Low 12:29 am Low 12:20 pm	High 06:19 am High 07:14 pm
Sat. July 22	Low 01:25 am Low 01:17 pm	High 07:18 am High 08:12 pm
Sun. July 23 New Moon	Low 02:18 am Low 02:11 pm	High 08:18 am High 09:07 pm
Mon. July 24	Low 03:08 am Low 03:04 pm	High 09:15 am High 09:58 pm
Tues. July 25	Low 03:58 am Low 03:57 pm	High 10:10 am High 10:45 pm
Wed. July 26	Low 04:48 am Low 04:51 pm	High 11:01 am High 11:30 pm
Thurs. July 27	Low 05:38 am Low 05:48 pm	High 11:52 am High -----
Fri. July 28	Low 06:28 am Low 06:48 pm	High 12:13 am High 12:33 pm
Sat. July 29	Low 07:17 am Low 07:45 pm	High 12:57 am High 01:38 pm
Sun. July 30 First Qtr. Moon	Low 08:04 am Low 08:44 pm	High 01:43 am High 02:37 pm
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\$1,900,000

PUSHY - 2001 102' Destiny Motor Yacht - Call Jimmy Fields



\$950,000

TROPHY BOX - 1986 57' Island Boat Works - Call Jimmy Fields



\$235,000

SOUTHERN EXPOSURE - 2004 35' Carolina Custom - Call Jeff James



\$105,900

QUICK DRAW - 2005 32' Luhrs 32 Open - Call Steve Trattner



\$54,900

MISS SUSAN - 1999 33' Mako - Call Steve Trattner



\$4,600,000

CHASIN TAIL - 2008 67' Bayliss - Call Jimmy Fields



\$1,350,000

SEA HAG - 2008 61' Blackwell Custom Carolina - Call Jeff James



Major Price Reduction!

\$800,000

MISS HEATHER - 2000 74' Hatteras Cockpit Motor Yacht - Call Dave Shockley



\$159,900

REEL NAUGHTY - 1997 40' Ocean - Call Steve Trattner



\$91,900

MATADOR - 1974 41' Viking - Call Jimmy Fields



\$59,900

RAMSI - 2004 268 Albemarle Express - Call Steve Trattner



\$3,950,000

REEL PUSHY - 2008 70' Spencer Yacht - Call Jimmy Fields



JUST LISTED

\$1,200,000

REEL DIRECT - 2012 65' Guthrie Custom Carolina - Call Jimmy Fields



PRICE REDUCED

\$599,000

1988 58' Monterey - Call Jimmy Fields



Owner Financing Available

\$162,900

GANNETT - 1977 46' Sportfish - Call Jeff James



PRICE REDUCED

\$69,900

PERSISTENCE - 1994 35' Luhrs - Call Steve Trattner



NEW LISTING - Diesel!

\$49,900

CAROL ANNE - 1998 28' Albemarle Exp. - Call Steve Trattner



\$2,450,000

COOKIE MONSTER - 2007 74' Viking - Call Rick Carney



\$1,200,000

ARGUS - 2009 58' Middleton - Call Jimmy Fields



\$219,899

KILLER WHALER - 2008 34' Boston Whaler - Call Steve Trattner



\$155,000

CONSTANT THREAT - 2001 400 Express Luhrs - Call Jeff James



PRICE REDUCED

was \$120,000

\$89,900

OUTCAST - 2002 34' Luhrs - Call Steve Trattner



Diesel!

\$44,900

JIMBO - 2000 26' Albemarle - Call Steve Trattner

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