

The much anticipated arrival of yellowfin tuna took place over the weekend and the crew on the "Marli" were there to sieze the opportunity, bringing back 13 yellowfins and a dolphin after trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in 100 fathoms inside the Washington Canyon. The fish, weighing up to 46 lbs., were hooked in 67 to 68-degree water. The highlight of the day was 8 fish getting hooked up at the same time with 7 making it into the fish box. Fishing with Capt. Brian Porter and Mates Rick Tshudy and Mike Runk were Steve Pezzetti from Washington, DC, Rob O'Brien of Albuquerque, NM, Jason Harrell fromVienna, VA, Jeff Lee of Dallas, TX, Garrett Hart from Leesburg, VA and Gunnar Zorn of Berlin, MD. Pictured on the dock at Sunset Marina.

## **Double Lines**

## by Dale Timmons

Recreational anglers, headboat charter and operators, and local business owners all screamed in protest, but last week the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) voted to close almost 5,000 square miles of fishing grounds to all forms of bottom fishing. Ostensibly, the action was taken to protect red snapper being caught by recreational anglers as "bycatch" while they target other species. The closed area stretches from northern Florida to the Carolinas, in depths from 98 to 240 feet, from 3.5 miles out to nearly 230 miles in some areas.

SAFMC members say they are merely following the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, but representatives of the Recreational Fishing Alliance (RFA) and others who opposed the action say the vote was based on bad science and a regulation that is being replaced this fall.

Sound familiar? "Bad science" includes such things as the already disproved MRFSS survey and things like trawl samples to determine population taken from areas where the particular fish being sampled don't even normally live. The fact that recreational and even commercial anglers are finding good numbers of red snapper of all age groups is dismissed as "anecdotal" and ignored.

The scariest thing about this action is that it sets a dangerous precedent, and the waters off Delmarva could be next if the same thinking is applied to black sea bass or some other species. It will all end up in court, of course, but it seems that regional council members and other government or quasigovernment bodies that regulate fishing would rather be sued by fishermen's groups than by radical environmental groups. Perhaps that says something about our lack of unity and lack of funding as much as anything else. Stay tuned...

Speaking radical of environmental folks, it seems to me more and more they are guilty of "revisionist history," and practicing the theory that if you say something often enough, people will believe it even if it's not true. A couple of recent local examples illustrate this point. On a local TV station, a new outdoor reporter did a story on the red knots feeding on horseshoe crab eggs along Delaware Bay shores. A biologist in the piece said the

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red knot was "on the verge of extinction". While I admit that these beautiful birds have declined over the years, there are still thousands of them, which doesn't seem to me like they are about to become extinct in the near future. In the same story, the statement was made that the birds "subsisted entirely" on horseshoe crab eggs. While it is true that they stuff themselves with the eggs in order to finish the last leg of their migration north, they also eat bean clams and other small creatures along the surf line as they travel all the way from South America. Another story in one of the local papers dealt with the birds nesting on the sandbar north of the Rt. 50 bridge and the "sand islands" in the south bay below the Assateague bridge. The story intimated that "Skimmer Island" (I've lived here my whole life, and that place never had a name until someone in the press tagged it a few years back) was a spoil island where dredge materials were

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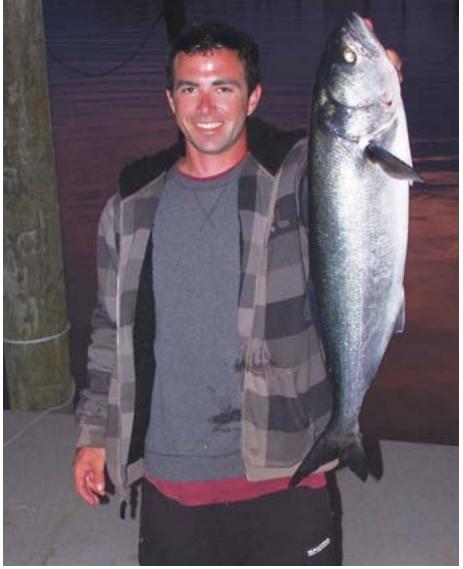
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Kyle Falgowski was shark fishing at the Hot Dog when he hooked into this 12 lb. 6 oz. bluefish. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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# YELLOWFINS ARE HERE!!!



On Friday, June 11th, the crew on the "Darlin" were the first in Ocean City to arrive with yellowfins, catching six after a day spent trolling around the 461 Lump and in 100 fathoms on the 865 line. Pictured are Bill Pino from Tyaskin, MD, Al Rittmeyer from West Ocean City, MD, Tom Zapf from Abingdon, MD, Capt. Doug Rollins and Mate Bill Mengason. The yellowfins were caught on Squidnation Rasta Bars and Mantanza's in 72-degree water. Their heaviest fish tipped the scale at 45 lbs.



Corey Carvel, Bob and Matt Keeney and Frank Goodhart, all from Lititz, PA and David Connor from Ocean City, MD returned to the dock at Sunset Marina with 7 yellowfin tuna in the box after trolling ballyhoo in 500 fathoms above the 461 Lump and around the Rockpile aboard the "Brenda Lou". At one point, the anglers had 5 yellowfins hooked and managed to boat 3 of them.



On Friday, the "Always Late" returned with 5 yellowfin tuna in the box after fishing in 100 fathoms at the Washington Canyon. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo and artificial lures. Fishing with Capt. Larry Richardson and Mate John Bradley were Greg Walker, Eric Polansky and Joe Polansky, all from Northeast, MD and Jerry Weikle from York, PA. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.



The first yellowfins caught in Delaware came at the hands of anglers on the "Fish Whistle" out of the Indian River Marina. On Friday, Kevin Taylor, Stephen Schwing, Josh Gessler and Capt. Charlie Horning returned with 7 yellowfins in the box after trolling spreader bars and ballyhoo in 100 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons. The heaviest yellowfin tipped the scales at 41 lbs. at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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dumped, but as far as I know it is just a natural sandbar which comes and goes from time to time, depending on drift and currents. If there was ever any spoil dumped there, it was probably at least 40-50 years ago. Recently, it has been eroding away. I remember when I was young the whole area had about six to eight feet of water, and it was a favorite flounder fishing location. I understand some of the "environmentalists" want to use the area as a dredge spoil site now in order to give the birds more room to nest. This is a bad idea on many levels, including potential effects on navigation in the lower bay, which is tough enough already, plus the possible effects on juvenile fish and clams and other species that use these shallows. A similar new bar has now appeared on the south

side of the bridge, and it is rapidly growing. The same story seemed to suggest that nesting birds other than "hook and bullet critters" were somehow more important than the latter. Maybe it was just the tone that irritated me, as if the rest of us weren't capable of enjoying nature, especially if you were a fisherman or hunter. While I don't consider myself a "birder" per se, my "life list" of birds I have seen and appreciated, mostly while fishing or hunting, is pretty extensive. I have seen everything from an American avocet to a yellow-billed cuckoo to a European widgeon in my travels, although I have to admit the widgeon ended up on a plate next to a pile of slippery dumplings...but I did enjoy it...

Talk about seeing things-



this one didn't fly, but it was still impressive. Suzanne and I were sitting on the sand at Assateague Island one day last week trying to catch kingfish when I happened to look down the beach just as a large whale brought its tail completely out of the water and smacked it hard on the surface. It did this three times and then blew a large cloud of spray out of its blow hole. I don't know what kind of whale it was, but it was big, and it was just behind the back of the outer bar, maybe about three hundred yards from shore...



Want to pass on my congratulations to Capt. Dan Clayland and angler Eric Van Orden on the "Bimini" for catching and releasing the season's first white marlin on June 8. Kudos also to angler Scott Brooks and Capt. Brandon Speilman on the charter boat "Stress Reel-ief" for releasing the first blue marlin of the year, again on June 8. Amazingly, the first white and blue were also caught on the same day last year, and the odds against it must be astronomical...just goes to show once again that if the water is there, the bait and the fish will follow...outside the 461 Bump-isn't that area called "Capt. Gary's Hole"...?

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Also want to wish "good luck" and fair seas to the anglers and crews fishing in this weekend's 30th Annual Ocean City Shark Tournament. remember when T the tournament began, and it's hard to believe that it has been 30 years. Looking back to that first tournament in 1980, Capt. Mark Sampson, who is still one of the tournament directors, set a new state record for tiger shark with a 627 pounder caught on his "Fish Finder," which, if I remember correctly, was an 19-foot Mako center console in those days. No fighting chair and no flying gaff, either. After a six-hour battle, Mark, his brother Matthew and fellow angler Steve Jones had to tow the fish to shore, which took almost eight hours. I another remember, since they called me at four in the morning to come take a picture. As they say, "there's been a lot of water over the dam" since then, and there are a lot of folks who aren't with us anymore, so enjoy the festivities, the fishing and the camaraderie while you can...this weekend also marks Father's Day, and I hope all you dads and granddads out there have a good one...



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Gibson Porter, IV from New Freedom, PA did a great job hooking this 21.5-inch, 3 lb. 8 oz. flounder on a squid and minnow combination while fishing in the bay behind Assateague Island aboard the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Bob Gowar and Mate George Lenz.



Bennett Truitt from Bishopville, MD was fishing with his Boy Scout Troop 225 on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mates Dean Lo and Matt Temple when he boated these sea bass at the Great Eastern Reef.

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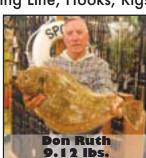
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by Larry Jock

**Ocean City Fishing Report** 

Well, buckle in because it was one heckuva week of fishing in Ocean City.

### White Marlin

On Tuesday, June 8th (right last week's Coastal after Fisherman went to press), the crew on the "Bimini" returned with the first white marlin release of the year, 2 days earlier than the first white released last year. The fish was hooked in 1,100 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons on a trolled, skirted ballyhoo by local angler Eric Van Orden. The "Bimini" crew not only receives the glory of catching the first white marlin, but they are also \$10,000 richer, receiving \$5,000 from both the Town of Ocean City and the Ocean City Marlin Club for their catch. Congratulations to the "Bimini" crew!

#### **Blue Marlin**

On the same day as the white marlin release, the crew on the "Stress Reel-ief" returned to Fisherman's Marina with the first blue marlin release of the season. Angler Scott Brooks hooked the blue marlin on a naked ballyhoo in 1,100 fathoms outside the 461 Lump. The "Stress Reel-ief" crew will receive \$2,500 for their catch, courtesy of the Ocean City



On June 8th, Eric Van Orden from West Ocean City, MD (center) released the first white marlin of the year while fishing on the "Bimini" with Sean King from Berlin, MD, Annie Tingle from Millsboro, DE, Gina Drago from West Fenwick, DE and Capt. Dan Clayland. The white was hooked at 10:40 am on a trolled ballyhoo skirted with a blue and white Sea Witch in 1,100 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons. Capt. Dan reported the water temperature at 71.5-degrees. Check out a video of the crew talking about the release at www.coastalfisherman.net. Marlin Club. marlin was released by Jeff

Four blue marlin were hooked that day, with two busting off. The other blue marlin was released by Jeff Lessin on the "Legasea". The big blue, estimated at 250 lbs., was hooked on a skirted ballyhoo, southwest of the Washington Canyon in 600 fathoms.

## Dolphin

We didn't see many dolphin this past week, but we did see the first, caught by anglers on the "Lucky Duck II". The mahi-mahi were caught on June 8th in 1,000

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fathoms between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons.

## Yellowfin Tuna

The catches that had everyone buzzing this week were the yellowfin tuna that arrived at the dock on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It was a beautiful sight, with most of the yellowfins ranging from 35 to 46 lbs.

On Friday, the crew on the "Darlin" returned with 6 yellowfins in the box. Two were caught near the 461 Lump and the other four were hooked on Squidnation lures near the 865 line in 100 fathoms.

Right behind the "Darlin" was the "Always Late" with 5 yellowfins. Capt. Larry Richardson said that he started deep outside the Washington Canyon, but had no luck, so he moved inside to 100 fathoms and hooked-up.

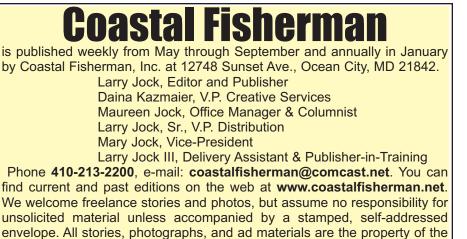
"That's Right" was fishing in the same area and returned with 8 yellowfins.

On Saturday, the "Marli" stole the show with 13 yellowfins caught in 100 fathoms between the 820 and 870 lines, just north of the Washington Canyon in 68degree water. Capt. Brian Porter reported having 8 fish hit at one time, and thanks to Mates Rick Tshudy and Mike Runk, 7 made it into the boat.

Also on Saturday, the "Full Service" had 3 yellowfins, "Tide Up" landed 6 yellowfins and the "Brenda Lou" also returned with 6 yellowfins, caught in 500 fathoms just above the 461 Lump.

On Sunday, "That's Right" ended up with 3 yellowfins in the box. Capt. John reported that the yellowfins were acting strange and he attributed it to the number of large makos spotted in the area. John said that they had a yellowfin tuna hooked to a spreader bar, and just when it was beside the boat, a mako shark, estimated at 400 lbs., came





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up and ate both the yellowfin and the spreader bar. The crew thought the mako was going to come flying in the boat. Pretty scary!

## **Bluefins & Bigeyes**

Surprisingly, we still aren't seeing bluefins caught in any numbers. A few small ones were caught around the Fingers and up in Massey's Canyon.

On Sunday evening, the dock at Sunset Marina came alive when the "Marli" arrived with a 211 lb. bigeye tuna, a yellowfin and a dolphin. The bigeye measured 64-inches and hit a spreader bar near the 850 line in 130 fathoms. Capt. Brian reported water temperatures around 68.5-degrees.

This week, the National Marine Fisheries Service adjusted the bluefin regulations. Recreational anglers can only keep one bluefin tuna per trip/per day, measuring between 27" to less than 59". Headboats and charter boats can keep one bluefin measuring 27" to less than 47" and one bluefin 47" to 59". These changes should make this year's Tuna Tournament pretty interesting.

Sharks

We saw a lot of mako sharks caught over the weekend, especially on Saturday. Most were caught around the Sausages/Hot Dog/Hambone area but a few were also caught near the Parking Lot and the Marine Electric.

The largest mako we saw this week was a 200 pounder caught on the "Osprey" in 67.5-degree water, east of the Hot Dog. Whole mackerel or bluefish fillets seemed to be the ticket to hooking up a chopper.

A few thresher sharks hit the scales this week courtesy of the "Reel Naughty". On separate days, the crews brought a 159 pounder to the scale that was caught near the Delaware Light and a 268 pounder they hooked near the Marine Electric.

#### Striped Bass

Stripers were the star of the show for bay anglers this week. We have seen an excellent bite around the South Jetty over the last couple of weeks. The vast majority of fish are small, in the 18 to 26-inch range, but the action is fast and furious.

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Service" had 30 throwbacks on Thursday and 36 on Friday. On Saturday, they returned with a couple of keepers and reported a bunch of "shorts".

Live bait, preferably spot, is the bait of choice, but anglers tossing bucktails tipped with white curly tails and Gotcha plugs were also having good success.

The incoming tide worked well for most anglers who cruised up to the tip of the South Jetty and casted right into the rocks.

#### Flounder

It looks like a whole new batch of flounder found their way into our bay last week, but unfortunately, the vast majority of them are too small to keep.

The trips that really highlight our current flounder activity occurred on Friday when the "Bay Bee" returned from their morning trip with 3 keepers and 73 throwbacks. Their afternoon trip produced 2 keepers and 46 throwbacks. That's what you call action!

On Sunday, Hunter Dortenzo really stole the show when he returned with a 9 lb. 11 oz. June 16, 2010 Coastal Fisherman Page 9 flounder that he caught on a bull minnow while fishing near the Rt. 50 Bridge.

Most of the action is happening in the East Channel near the Rt. 50 Bridge, at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor and in the south bay near the airport.

Overall, most of the throwbacks are in the 17.5 to 18inch range and most of the keepers we are seeing measure between 20 and 22-inches.

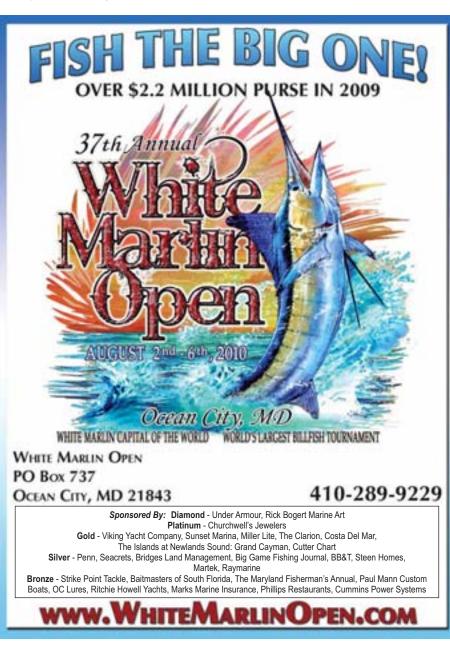
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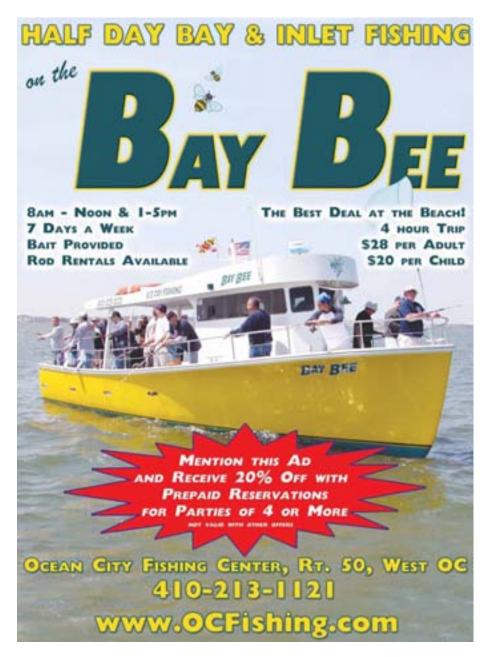
Surf action was dominated by sharks, a few stripers and some kingfish (whiting) caught from the surf in North Ocean City.

### Tournaments

This weekend is the 30th Annual Ocean City Shark Tournament. With the number of sharks being caught, and the large makos spotted near the Washington Canyon, it could make for a very exciting tournament for both anglers and spectators. Big fish, big crowds and big payouts. What more could you ask for?

I'll see you at the scales!





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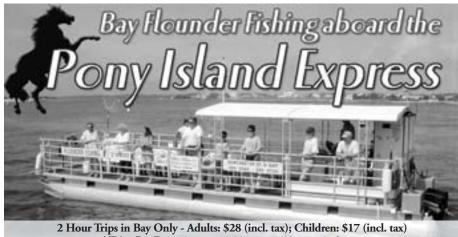
Shorty Booth caught this 20-inch speckled trout on a live minnow while fishing just before sundown at the Fenwick Ditch.



Tom Hargreaves from Bethany Beach, DE boated this 27-inch flounder while fishing with a Gulp! eel in the Indian River Inlet. The flattie weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Maggie Magee caught this 33.5-inch black drum while fishing with clams from the surf off Assateague Island. The fish weighed 22.5 lbs. on the scale at Buck's Place.



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Art, Luke, Ben and Tina Boykin from Middletown, MD caught the first dolphin of the year out of Ocean City while fishing on the "Lucky Duck II" with Steve Magassy. The mahi-mahi were caught while trolling Black Bart lures and chuggers in 1,000 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons. The heaviest dolphin was caught by Tina and weighed 22 lbs. on the scale at Sunset Marina.

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On Sunday, Hunter Dortenzo from Ocean City, MD was drifting a live minnow near the Rt. 50 Bridge and hooked into this 28-inch, 9 lb. 11 oz. flounder. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On June 8th, the first blue marlin of the year was released by angler Scott Brooks of Gaithersburg, MD. Scott was fishing on the "Stress Reel-ief" with Todd Dickerson of Damascus, MD, Capt. Brandon Speilman and Mate Jeff Landis. The blue marlin, estimated at 200 lbs., was hooked on a naked ballyhoo in 1,100 fathoms outside the 461 Lump. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.



## Driftin' Easy by Sue Foster

To "Bobber" or not to "Bobber", that is the question! When you fish in the bay, should you use a bobber? Kids always seem to want to use bobbers. Should you give them one? When you go surf fishing, should you have a Styrofoam cork on next to your hook or go "el natural"?



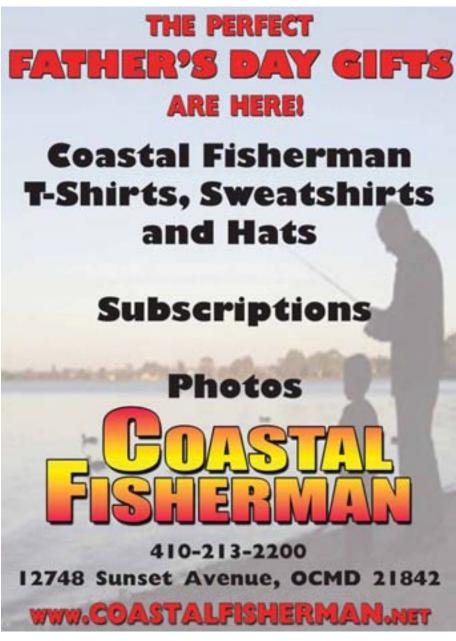
There are all kinds of bobbers. There are plastic bobbers, cork bobbers, weighted and non-weighted floats, little bobbers, rattling and glow-in-the-dark bobbers, and really big bobbers. Decisions, decisions....



Most of the time, when fishing in our Coastal Bays, you do not need a bobber. Flounder are bottom feeders and you want your bait on or close to the bottom. Other fish we catch in the bay, including spot, croaker, trout, and stripers, are usually close to the bottom. Even bluefish tend to stick close to the bottom floor during the daylight hours. When drifting in your boat, or casting off a pier, you don't need a bobber or any floats on your rigs.

"I see people using big bobbers and floats on the Route 50 Bridge!"





This is one instance where using a bobber works really well. Anglers use a large 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> inch plastic bobber, a large Styrofoam float, or a tubular float that is anywhere from 8 to 12 inches long. Anglers set up with a spreader type flounder



rig where a two-ounce sinker is put on the sinker clip in the center of the spreader, and two leadered hooks are placed on each side of the sinker. These two hooks hang down below the sinker and drag the bottom floor. The angler attaches the bobber or float three-to-five feet above the spreader rig and actually lets the float "drift" the rig out over the water. The angler will "play" with the bobber, setting it so the hooks just barely touch the bottom. If you are fishing and lose no baits to fish or crabs, you are probably not close enough to the bottom. If you start dragging up stuff like gobs of bottom grasses and horseshoe crabs, and your rig is not "drifting" you are too close to the bottom!

Be careful when doing this. Boats coming by can cut off your rigs. If you see a boat coming towards your floats, reel in quickly until it passes by. Most "bobber" anglers don't fish the main deep channels (too many boats), but fish close to the sandbars in the center of the bridge. On flood high tide, flounder will come up on the underwater sandbars to feed. The slightly deeper water, right next to the underwater bar, is the perfect place to "drift".

"When I go to the tackle store, I see all these rigs with brightly colored Styrofoam floats. What are these for?"

An elementary rule of thumb for beginners is that rigs with floats are for "surf casting" off the beach, and rigs without floats are for fishing in the bay. Angler's surf casting off the beach do well to have surf floats positioned right next to their hooks. The reason for this is three-fold.

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1. The brightly colored (red, green, yellow) floats make the bait more visible to the fish.

2. When you are fishing in the surf with a plain hook and sinker, the wave action can actually bury your bait if you don't keep it moving.

3. The surf floats keep your hooks off the bottom so the crabs don't eat the bait off your hook so quickly.

One will find that the high/low type rigs will still be found by crabs, especially the bottom hook. If you fish with a single, long-leadered type surf rig such as a "finger mullet rig" the crabs can't reach up to that 24-to 30-inches to chew off your bait. If you are one of those people that want to throw the bait out there, put the rod in the rod holder and not check your bait very often, use the single rigs with a pretty good sized Styrofoam float!



When you become a more experienced surf angler, you will find that there are times/species of fish where you DO NOT want a surf float. These species would be stripers, flounder, and drum. Stripers tend to be shy of the colors and prefer a simple high/low rig or a plain hook on a fish finder rig. When fishing without floats, you have to check your bait often and/or use a big bait. That's why a whole bunker head is so popular for stripers. It's not necessarily the best part of the bunker, but it stays on the hook for a long time.

Since flounder are bottom feeders, you are best to use a plain hook on either a fish finder type rig or a high/low rig. It's best to use a strip of fresh bait or squid and cast and slowly retrieve in along the bottom. Drum, which we don't get many in Ocean City, also tend to like a bobberless hook. In fact, they are usually right in the wash!

Bluefish, sharks, kingfish, spot, trout, and croakers all tend to like the floats in the surf. Especially if you use bloodworm, a little surf float makes that smaller bait more visible. Match your size of the www.coastalfisherman.net float to your hook. Use a small surf float to a small hook and larger floats with bigger baits and bigger hooks.

"My kids want to use bobbers when fishing for spot off the pier."

It's OK for little kids to use bobbers to catch bait spot or other little fish in the lagoons or piers where the water is not moving too fast. Just position the bobbers so the bait is close to the bottom and put a little weight down close to the hook so it hangs near the bottom floor. You can use plastic bobbers or those Styrofoam floats that are weighted because you can cast them. If you don't get bites, position your bobber so the hook hangs deeper. You want your bait real close to the bottom so the fish see it.



I've seen some people use these same types of weighted Styrofoam floats at the inlets to fish close to the rocks without getting hung up. This is something to experiment with, but it makes sense that it would work.

Good fishing!

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





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Local anglers Eric Mihaly, Kevin Roe and Dave Nornes returned to the dock at the Ocean City Fishing Center with this bluefin tuna, estimated at 40 lbs., after spending the day fishing on the "Kimberly Ann". The guys started their late afernoon trip at the Hambone and trolled north to Massey's Canyon where they hooked up at 6:15 PM.





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On Sunday, the first bigeye tuna of the season, a 211 pounder, was caught by Ron Los, Jr. from Bel Air, MD while fishing on the "Marli" with his dad, Ron Los, Sr., Jay Moynihan, Tim Bosley, Mark Wingerd, Capt. Brian Porter and Mates Rick Tshudy and Mike Runk. The 64-inch "eyeball" was hooked on a spreader bar in 130 fathoms just north of the Washington Canyon in 68.5-degree water. The crew also caught a yellowfin tuna and a dolphin during the trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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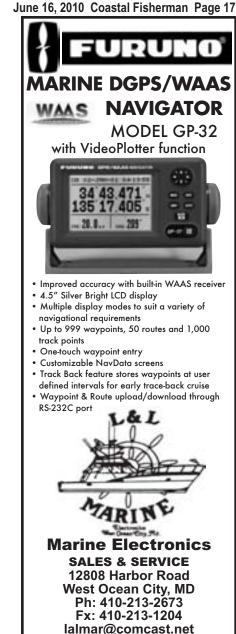
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Steve Fleming hooked into this 70.6 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "No Worries" with Capt. Chris Corbi. The bluefin ate a trolled ballyhoo skirted with a blue and white Ilander in Massey's Canyon and was weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.





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## Shark Almondine

1/2 cup slivered almonds 3 TBSP butter 2 TBSP parsley, chopped 6 TBSP melted butter 1 TBSP grated lemon rind 2 TBSP freshly squeezed lemon juice 4 shark fillets 4 TBSP sherry Freshly ground pepper 1/2 lb bacon; fried and crumbled 4 green onions; chopped

Lemon wedges

Lightly brown the almonds in the butter, add parsley, butter, lemon rind, and juice. Set aside.

Rub both sides of the fillets with the sherry and place on an oiled broiler pan.

Sprinkle with pepper.

Spoon some of the butter mixture over each fillet.

Broil for 5 to 10 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fillets.

Turn over, spoon on more butter sauce and continue broiling until done.

Remove to a serving platter and sprinkle with the almonds, bacon, and green onions.

Garnish with lemon wedges. Serves 4.

## **Baked Flounder with Tomato and Basil**

1/3 cup olive oil, divided 3 slices bread, preferably whole wheat

2 TBSP garlic, finely chopped 1 tsp Italian Seasoning Salt and pepper to taste 4 flounder fillets  $1/2 \operatorname{cup} \operatorname{Roma} \operatorname{tomatoes}$ , seeded and chopped 2 tsp fresh lemon juice 1 TBSP fresh chopped basil

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Coat bottom of 13 x 9 pan

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olive oil over medium-high heat, stirring until they begin to

Stir in garlic and seasonings. Cook 2 minutes; remove

Pat fish dry; place skin down

Season fillets lightly with salt and pepper.

Combine tomatoes and bread crumbs.

Cover top of fillets with mixture. Sprinkle with lemon juice.

Bake 20 to 25 minutes. Top with basil. Serves 4.

## **Flounder Francese with Toasted Almonds**

1/4 cup sliced almonds 4 flounder fillets Salt and pepper 3 large eggs Splash of heavy cream



- 4 TBSP extra-virgin olive
- oil, divided
- 4 TBSP butter, divided 1/2 cup dry white wine
- Parsley, finely chopped
- 1 lemon, zested and juiced
- 3 TBSP capers
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- l bag baby spinach
- 1/8 tsp ground nutmeg

almonds Toast over moderate heat and set aside.

Preheat a large skillet.

Season fillets with salt and pepper.

Beat eggs with cream.

Add 2 TBSP of the oil to the heated skillet.

Add 2 TBSP of butter, cut into pieces.

Dip the fish into the egg mixture and cook 3 minutes each side.

Add wine to pan and reduce by half, about 1 minute.

Add 2 TBSP butter and a handful of parsley.

Stir in lemon juice, zest and capers.

Turn off heat.

Pour sauce over fish and top with sliced almonds.

Return skillet to heat and add remaining olive oil.

Add chopped garlic and cook 1 minute; stir in spinach and season with salt, pepper and nutmeg.

Serve spinach alongside flounder.

Serves 4.

## **Irish Clams**

5 TBSP butter

- 1/2 onion, small dice
- 4 cloves of garlic, minced
- 2 cups beer (light
- preferred)
- 3 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 4 pounds littleneck or cherrystone clams, cleaned
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

Melt 2 TBSP of the butter in a large stock pot.

Add the onion; cook about 5 minutes.

Stir in garlic; cook about 15 seconds.

Add the beer, thyme and bay leaf.

Bring to a simmer and cook 3 minutes.

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Increase the heat to high and add the clams.

Cover and cook, stirring occasionally until the clams open, 4 to 8 minutes.

Use a slotted spoon to transfer the clams to a large serving bowl, discarding any that did not open.

Whisk the remaining 3 TBSP. butter and parsley into the broth.

Pour the broth over the clams.

Serves 4.

## Summer Fish and Vegetables

4 TBSP butter, softened

- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 TBSP fresh lemon juice
- 1 TBSP lemon zest, grated

2 medium green or yellow summer squash, sliced 1/4 in thick

3 tomatoes, sliced thin

1/2 cup fresh basil,

minced

Salt and pepper

4 skinless bass or flounder fillets

1/4 cup dry white wine

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Mix first 4 ingredients together.

Cut eight 12 inch sheets of foil and lay four flat on counter.

Shingle equal portions of the squash and tomato in the center of each piece.

Sprinkle half of the basil and season with salt and pepper.

Pat fish dry with paper towels and season with salt and pepper. Place the fillets over the vegetables; then dot with the butter mixture and sprinkle with rest of basil. Drizzle the wine over the fish. Lay a second sheet of foil over the top of each and crimp the edges together to seal.

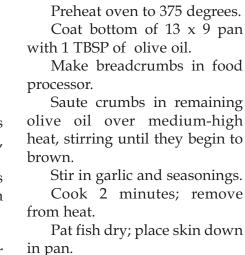
Lay the packages on a rimmed baking sheet.

Bake about 20 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Serve with lemon wedges.

Serves 4.

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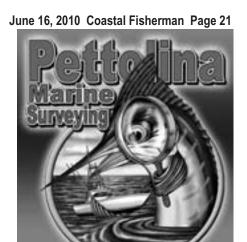
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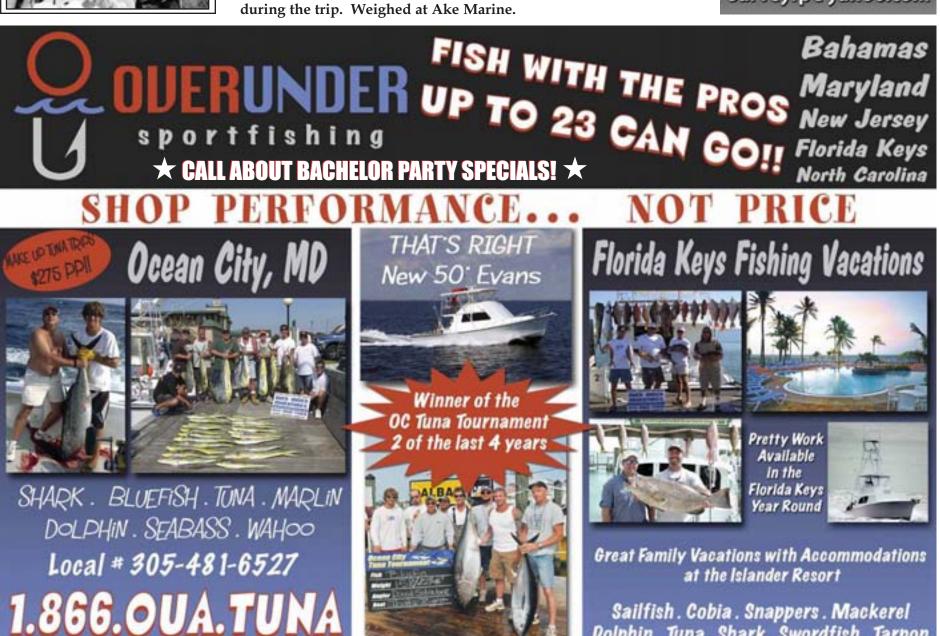
Jon Engleman from Davidsonville, MD reeled in this 200 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Osprey" with Kevin Carlisle, T.J. Dean and Justin Havard, all from Davidsonville, MD. The mako was caught east of the Hot Dog in 67.5-degree water after being hooked on a whole mackerel. The crew released 4 other makos during the trip. Weighed at Ake Marine.



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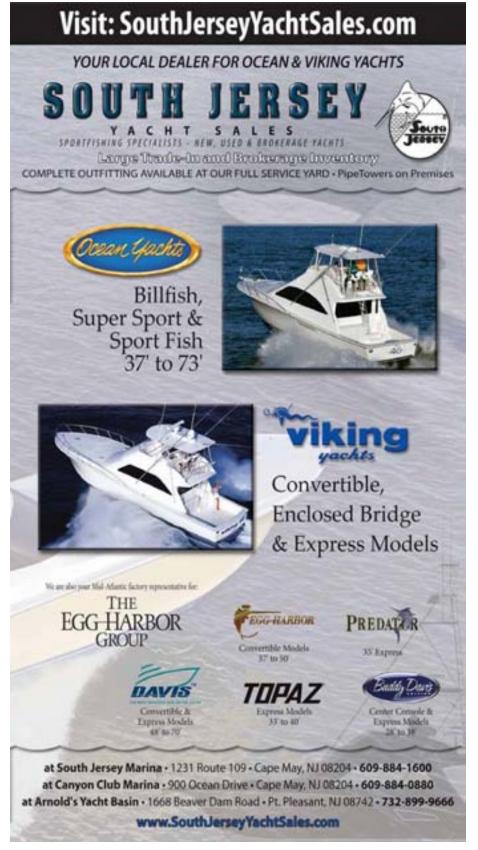
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Frank Clark of Ocean View, DE was fishing at night in the Indian River Inlet when he hooked this 44-inch striper on a Wind Cheater plug during the incoming tide. The fish weighed 28 lbs. 4 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.





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Ken Yuen from Rockville, MD caught this 4 lb. sea bass while fishing on an ocean wreck aboard the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mates Dean Lo and Matt Temple.



Rick Wuest released what they believed to be a great white shark while fishing on the "Notorious" with Capt. Bryan Wentworth and Mate Mike Riley. The fish, estimated at 100 lbs., was hooked at the Tea Cup. (The photo makes it difficult to determine the species.)



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These black bellied rosefish were caught by Ken Zucknick of Annapolis, MD while fishing deep outside the Poor Man's Canyon on the "Green Deeper" with Capt. J.D. Eddy and Eric Werner.



Ninety-year-old Florence Toomey from Manchester, PA caught this 19.75-inch flounder on a live minnow while fishing on "Pappy's Boat II" in the Thorofare. Pictured at Ake Marine.





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Carl D'Allura caught this 309 lb. thresher shark while fishing on the "Jak'd Up" with Donnie Butler. The thresher ate a whole bluefish, south of the Fingers and took 3 hours to get to the boat. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



LuAnn and Billy Harding of Smyrna, DE caught two nice flounder while drifting jig heads tipped with chartreuse Gulp! artificial baits in the Indian River Bay. LuAnn's flattie measured 20inches and weighed 3 lbs. 8 oz. while Billy's catch measured 28inches and tipped the scales at an even 6 lbs. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



Tim Jenkins and his son Joey took a trip on the "Ocean Princess" with Capt. Victor Bunting and returned with a limit of sea bass, 2 cod fish and a ling. The fish were caught while using clams for bait at an ocean wreck.



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Rob Jager of West Ocean City, MD was fishing with Danny Cox when he caught these 2 flounder, measuring 20.5 and 22-inches, while drifting live minnows in the Thorofare.





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Sam Bozochovic from Williamsport, PA and Burt Campbell from Dagsboro, DE were tossing Storm lures in the Indian River Inlet and hooked these 2 stripers, weighing 21 lbs. 6 oz. and 28 lbs. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



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Danny Cox of West Ocean City, MD had another good day of flounder fishing, catching these three keepers while fishing in the East Channel near the Rt. 50 Bridge. The fish measured 19.5, 21.5 and 24.25-inches and were caught on bull minnows. The largest tipped the scales at 5 lbs. 13 oz. at Ake Marine.



On Saturday, Jason Jerrell from Pasadena, MD captured this 151 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Hammer Time" with fellow Pasadenians Tom Perry, Nick Bortle, Ryan Kaler, Eric Mason and Mark Bortle. The mako ate a bluefish fillet at the Hot Dog and was weighed at Sunset Marina.

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Eric Schline from Baltimore, MD got out from behind the wheel of the "Blackjack" and landed this 151 lb. mako shark while fishing with his wife, Danielle, Patrick Cairns of Baltimore, MD, Capt. Franky Pettolina and Mate Jenn Pettolina. The mako was caught on a whole mackerel in 70-degree water inshore of the Sausages. Weighed at Bahia Marina.





Symantha Kerns from Hagerstown, MD was fishing in the bay behind the Ocean City Convention Center when she hooked into this 24-inch, 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder while using live minnows and squid for bait. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.





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I personally own 5 pairs of Costa del Mar sunglasses. With most of their glasses coming in 5 different colored frames, matched with 7 different lens colors, it's easy to find yourself owning multiple pairs.

Let me state that I'm not putting down other, high-end sunglass manufacturers. I'm just saying that I have been a long time buyer of Costa del Mars and have always been satisfied with their quality and customer service.



I recently got a pair of their Bomba sunglasses, a new style released this year, and I really like them. The Bomba is named after the harsh region on Belize's Ambergris Caye, which, I assume, the company is tying into the Bomba being nearly indestructible due to it's large nylon frames that feature Costa's co-molded injection technology. The frames also feature a no-slip Hydrolite lining to create a firm fit all day.

Two things I noted immediately about the Bomba's. First, they are very light. Second, they have built-in temple lenses that really improved my peripheral vision. Although Costa del Mar has some stylish glasses, it's their lenses that set them apart, especially their 580 lenses which have really gained popularity in recent years.

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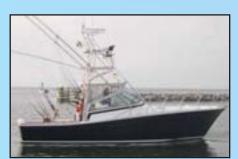
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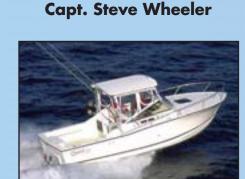
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Denny Blessing of Oyster Bay Tackle (left) and his son, David Blessing, ended their day with 2 keeper flounder in the box, measuring 21 and 22-inches, after fishing near the Commercial Harbor on the "O.C. Joy". Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.



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Liz Brittingham from Ocean City, MD muscled in this 112 lb. mako shark while fishing with Hayden Lloyd, Danny Hartsock and Jeff Hartsock, all from Smyrna, DE, Capt. Jeff Powell and Mate Rusty Reddish. The mako ate a whole bluefish at the Hambone and was weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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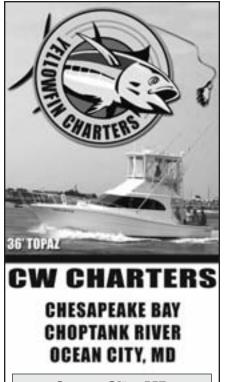
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This is the second big flounder Scott Peterson has caught this year, snagging a 5 lb. 1 oz. flattie while fishing a minnow/squid combination at a Delaware Bay reef site aboard the "Top Fin" with Capt. Pete Haines. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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## **Delaware Fishing Report**

by Rick Willman

Hi folks! Don't forget to sign up for the Rick's Bait & Tackle/Sea Side Gas & Grill Flounder Tournament. The sign up deadline is Friday, June 18th, and the tournament runs from June 19th through June 24th. The final weigh-in is June 24th at 4:00 pm. Awards will follow at Sea Side Gas & Grill with food and live music.

There seems to a lot more throwback flounder being caught than keepers for the time being. The fish are scattered now and it may be a good idea to try areas where there is less boat traffic, but still good bottom to hold the flatties.

Bluefish are still roaming the Indian River Inlet and the back bays.

Shark fishing has been pretty good, as Richard Cordy caught a 280 lb. thresher while fishing the Old Grounds aboard the





The crew on the "Spoiled III" had an awesome trip to 1,000 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon. They came across acres of floating lumber in warm, cobalt blue water, and got 13 gaffer dolphin, including Julie Nelson's 16.9 lb. mahi. They also trolled up a pair of 30 lb. yellowfins. The highlight of the day was the release of an estimated 500 lb. blue marlin for Chris Dispoto. The big billfish ate a horse ballyhoo/pink and white Ilander combo. Fishing with Chris and Julie were Angelo and Anna Delapo, Rick Barker and Jay Leibforth. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

"Renegade".

The Rick's Bait & Tackle/Sea Side Gas & Grill Flounder Tournament is beginning soon! The sign up deadline is Friday, June 18th, and the tournament runs from June 19th through June 24th. The final weigh-in is June 24th at 4:00 pm. Awards will follow at Sea Side Gas & Grill with food and live music.

Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes reported the current standings in their Flounder Tournament. In First place is William Rawlings with a 9.45 lb. fish, Don Ruth is second with a 9.12 lb. flattie and John Goethe is third at 8.05 lbs.

In other fishing news, Shane Townsend of Clarksville, DE caught 5 keeper flounder up to 4.40 lbs. and 23-inches at the Roosevelt Inlet on a green bucktail and shiner.

A customer stopped in on Saturday and told us that he was drifting along the Outer Wall fishing for stripers with live spot. On his first drop, he got a fish on, which turned out to be a 9 lb. 12 oz. tog that he released! Joe Cangianelli was fishing on the "Raven" with Capt. Randy and picked up a 199.8 lb. thresher at the Jack Spot on a bluefish fillet.

Capt. Brian Waslevek on the "Pirate King II" was fishing at "B" buoy using a squid and mackerel sandwich and hooked up with a 190 lb. thresher.

Ron at Rattle & Reel Sporting Center on Long Neck Road tells us that flounder are being taken in the back bays using GULP! on jig heads, minnows, squid, shiners and smelt. Hickory shad and bluefish are in the Indian River Inlet and can be caught using jigs. At Massey's landing, they are scoring stripers and shad at night using anything that is black.

From Hook'em & Cook'em Bait & Tackle we received the following information:

This week had a slow start but finished with a bang. Reports in the surf are that there are a few kingfish showing up. If you are going to try your hand at this, use a kingfish rig with the FishBites Bloodworms or live bloodworms. If you are looking for skates and sharks you are in luck, because it seems to be what everyone is currently catching.

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Fishing out in the ocean for black sea bass and flounder started out very slow this past week, but finally turned around on Friday and Saturday. The headboat "Judy V." has been getting out during the week, but had been reporting just a few bites with no keepers at times. On Saturday, that all changed with customers bringing home about 2-3 fish per person.

Fishing in the Indian River Inlet has slowed for rockfishing but has improved for flounder fishing. There are some stripers still being caught in the Inlet, but you will only see the keepers being reeled in at night. Frank Clark of Ocean View caught a 28.2 lb. rockfish while using a Wind Cheater plug at the end of the incoming tide.

Keeper flounder are being caught by anglers using either minnow and squid combinations or Gulp! artificial baits on a jig head. Tom Hargreaves of Bethany Beach caught a 7.8 lb. flounder using a Gulp! eel. John Lindsay of Ocean View caught a 3.3 lb. flounder on a Gulp! bait also while fishing in the Inlet.

Bluefish are running on the tides, so throw out a bucktail with or without a worm and have some fun.

Offshore, the week started slow for fishing as well. We saw some nice action with makos and thresher sharks in the Indian River Boaters Association Shark Tournament. The excitement started on Friday when a 560 lb. thresher was caught by Jay Richwine off of the "Saltwater Cowboy". The heaviest mako weighed in at 172 lbs. and was caught by David Cropper on the "Gummy Bear". The heaviest bluefish weighed 11.2 lbs. and was brought in by Joe Nobel on the "Miss Donna".

Some bluefin tuna were caught by anglers trolling in Massey's Canyon.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said the offshore season kicked into gear, and he had the first reports of tuna, dolphin and billfish from shop customers. Jimmy Reed and Mike Cannon trolled in 100 to 300 fathoms, south of the Poor Man's Canyon on Friday, and scored six yellowfins in the 40 lb. class. The bites came while pulling spreader bars and other plastics behind birds in 66-degree water. Rainbow and pink were the most effective colors.

Charlie Horning, Walt Schrade and the guys on the "Fish Whistle" found yellowfins along the 862 line between 75 and 95 fathoms on Friday afternoon. They boated 7 tuna ranging from 25 to 42 pounds. Towing spreader bars and small squid daisy chains on flat lines was the winning technique.

The gang aboard the "Spoiled III" had a fantastic trip to 1,000 fathoms in the Washington Canyon on Saturday. Capt. Angelo Delapo came across acres of wooden boards floating in cobalt blue, warm water. The crew was rewarded with 13 gaffer dolphin in the 15 lb. class, including a 16.9 lb. mahi for Julie Nelson. They also iced a pair of 30 lb. yellowfins while trolling skirted ballyhoos. The highlight of the day was an estimated 500 lb. blue marlin that charged in and grabbed a horse ballyhoo with pink and white Illander combo on the shotgun line. Chris Dispoto was in the chair, and after a lengthy battle, the crew released their first blue one of the year.

Ed Sigda and the boys aboard the "Snow Goose" put out a spread of lures when they arrived at the 19 Fathom Lump on Friday morning, and shortly thereafter hooked a 32-inch bluefin on a cedar plug. Ed mentioned that the structure was covered with clouds of sand eels in water that ranged from 67 to 69-degrees. Sometimes the baitfish were so thick, they could be seen right at the surface.

Ocean bottom fishing was fair with strong currents surrounding the new moon, but sea bass remained elusive. Boats that made multiple anchor stops on small pieces of structure ended up with some decent bass, but crews drifting broader areas had few keepers. Fluke have been showing up on the Old Grounds. Anglers working strip baits on Spro bucktail jigs got some legal size flatties.

In the Delaware Bay, flounder were found around artificial reefs 6 and 7 near the

Brown Shoal. There were no big numbers of keepers, but Captain Pete on the "Top Fin" returned with a few quality fish while bottom bouncing this past week. George Slick scored a 7.34 lb. citation doormat, Scott Peterson pulled in a 5.04 pounder, and Art Shapiro landed a 4.63 lb. flatfish. Scattered reports of flatties also came from boats drifting the eastern edge of the Anchorage and structure changes near the 19 Buoy.

The best flounder game in town continues to take place in shallow water. Gulp! artificials in chartreuse, white and pink have been the ticket. The soft baits by themselves on a leadhead, speck rig or bucktail jig have been highly effective, but some anglers combined them with minnows or shiners for extra punch. Plenty of fish came from the Lewes Canal, Broadkill River and the Roosevelt Inlet. Alan Herr checked in Thursday with a 6.28 pounder that nailed a chartreuse Gulp! Jerk Shad. Aaron Strausbaugh was drifting the Broadkill when he boated his 7.09 lb. citation winner. Flatfish were also spread out in skinny water close to Broadkill and Lewes Beaches, and on the Henlopen Flats, but numerous big rays grabbed offerings intended for flatties.

Striped bass have taken up residence along the Outer Wall, and boaters casting lures in the evening and after dark got into some good sized fish. Bombers and Rat-L-Traps were popular hard baits. Rockfish were also active in the Lewes Canal. Guys drifting eels around the drawbridge had success with keepers. Anchoring and baiting with clams on the bottom also resulted in nice catches.

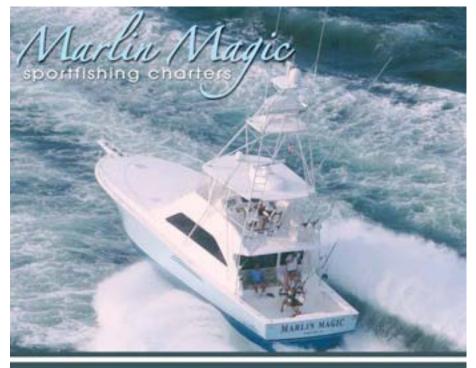
The July and August slot season will offer anglers the chance to keep two stripers between 20 and 26 inches per day from Delaware Bay and its tributaries.

Until next week, have fun and be safe!

Rick and his wife Deb are owners of Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



George Slick from Glen Mills, PA caught this 7 lb. 5 oz. flounder while fishing on the "Top Fin" with Capt. Pete Haines. The big flattie ate a strip bait at a Delaware Bay Reef Site and was weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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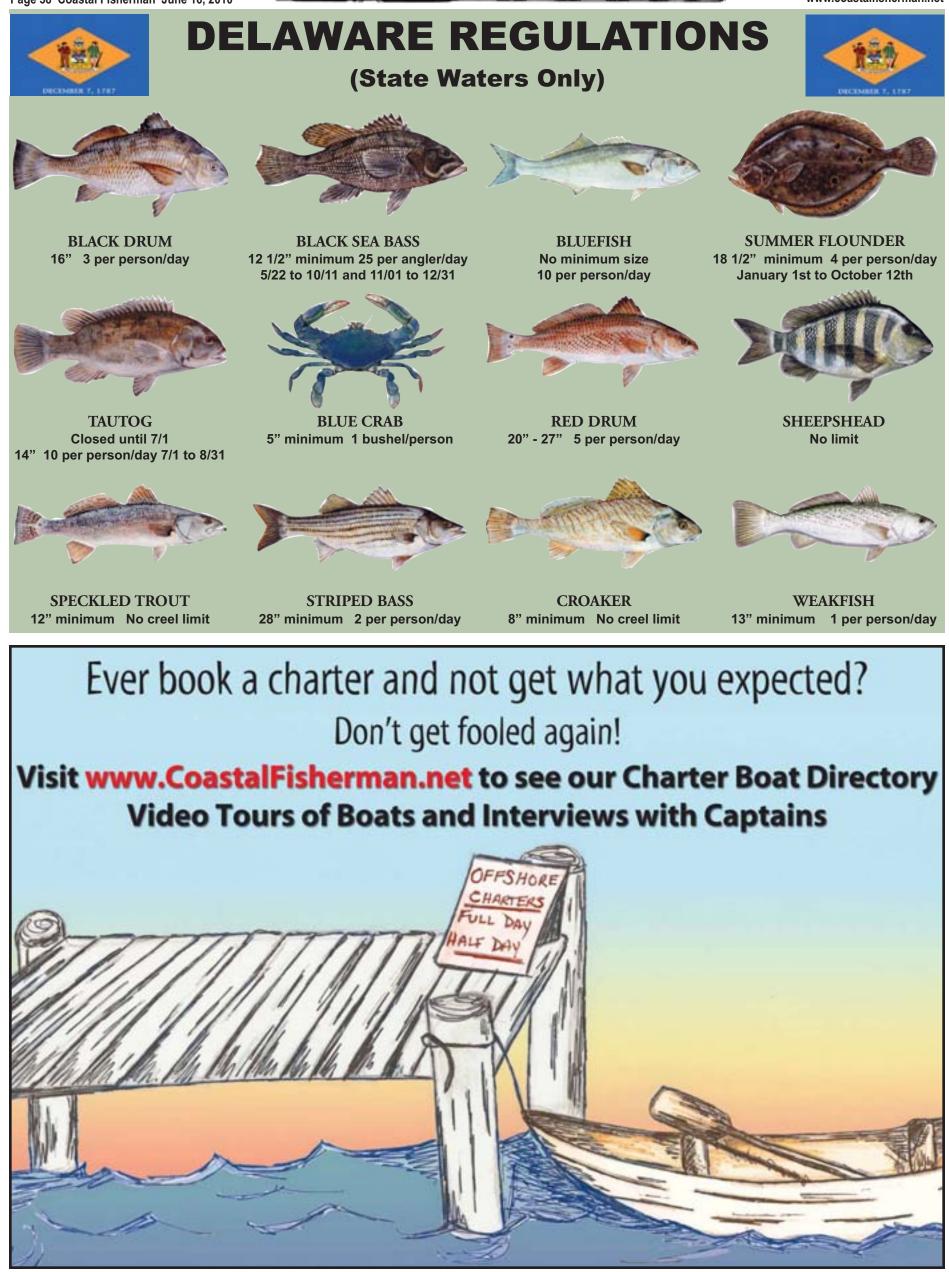
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Jeff Wood from Wicomico Beach, MD landed this 126 lb. mako shark after hooking it on a bluefish fillet in 67.5-degree water near the Marine Electric. Jeff was fishing with Ed Richardson of Laurel, MD aboard the "Stretchin Lips" and weighed his catch at Ake Marine.



David Wells from Delmar, DE caught this 27.5-inch flounder while fishing with bull minnows in the Roosevelt Inlet. The big flattie weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. on the scale at Henlopen Bait & Tackle.



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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
Sea Bass	May 31, 2010 Nate Leader Artificial Reef 6 lbs.	June 1, 2010 Jolly Paily Site #11 3 lbs. 12 oz.	Mako Shark	June 6, 2010 Tom Perry Hot Dog 293.6 lbs.	June 7, 2010 Bob Wiles Hot Dog 229 lbs.
Tautog	February 2, 2010 Frank Graziano "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 10 oz.	April 27, 2010 Brian Osborne "Karen Sue" 10 lbs. 2 oz.	Thresher Shark	June 4, 2010 Kevin Taylor Hot Dog 627.6 lbs.	June 11, 2010 Jay Richwine "Saltwater Cowboy" 560 lbs.
Striped Bass	April 23, 2010 Tom Walker Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 4 oz.	May 7, 2010 Bill Winkler Indian River Inlet 42 lbs. 15 oz.	Cobia	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Weakfish	No Weights Reported	June 6, 2010 Domenic Caputo Roosevelt Inlet 7 lbs. 2 oz.	Bluefin Tuna	June 4, 2010 Rich Schott Sausages 64.5 lbs.	June 12, 2010 Steve Fleming Massey's Canyon 70.6 lbs.
Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna	June 12, 2010 Jason Harrell "Marli" 46 lbs.	June 11, 2010 Stephen Schwing "Fish Whistle" 41 lbs.
Flounder	June 13, 2010 Hunter Dortenzo East Channel 9 lbs. 11 oz.	April 15, 2010 Brian Wirts VFW Slough 11 lbs. 5 oz.	Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefish	June 5, 2010 Jeremiah Leader Inside Rockpile 14 lbs. 5 oz.	June 12, 2010 Kyle Falgowski Hot Dog 12 lbs. 6 oz.	Bigeye Tuna	June 13, 2010 Ron Los, Jr. "Marli" 211 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Sheepshead	May 23, 2010 Dave Pasun Inshore Wreck 7 lbs. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	Dolphin	June 8, 2010 Tina Boykin Poor Man's Canyon 22 lbs.	June 13, 2010 Julie Nelson Washington Canyon 16.9 lbs.
Black Drum	May 28, 2010 Maggie Magee Assateague Surf 22 lbs. 8 oz.	May 2, 2010 Lucas May Coral Beds 85 lbs. 8 oz.	Wahoo	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

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Kurt Hofschild landed this 42-inch, 20 lb. 8 oz. striped bass while fishing with bunker off the beach on Assateague Island. Weighed at Buck's Place on Rt. 611.

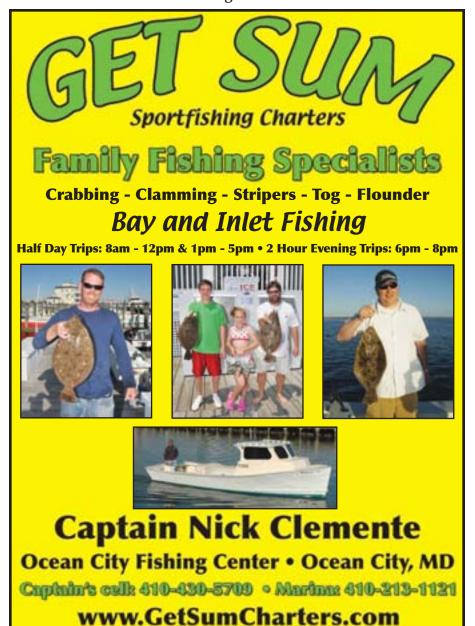


Ray Porter from Jarrettsville, MD muscled in this 183 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Marli" with Raymond Porter of Rossville, MD, Don Hubbard of Senaca Park, MD, Brian Hubbard, Chris Hubbard and Christopher Hubbard from Street, MD, Chris Santoni of Jarrettsville, MD, Capt. Mark Hoos, Jr. and Mate Eric Strauss. The mako ate a whole bluefish at the Hambone and was weighed at Sunset Marina.



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Brian Judge from Ridley, PA, Frank Myers from Chester, PA, Bill Swanson, Jr. of Boothwyn, PA, Bill Swanson, Sr., Don Jackson and Bill Murphy from Chester, PA, and Alana Lamplugh from Glen Mills, PA teamed up to land this 268 lb. thresher shark while fishing on the "Reel Naughty" with Capt. George Lamplugh and Mate David "Slim" Walker. The thresher ate a whole mackerel outside the Marine Electric and was weighed at Sunset Marina.



# Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson

Tournaments can be a lot of fun for anglers and certainly a boost for local economies. But in these times when so many populations of gamefish are, at best, in "debatable" levels of health, the question seems to come up more and more as to the ethics of tournaments these days. After all, at first glance it can be hard to justify the perpetuation of events that pretty much put a "bounty" on the heads of fish that are deemed (at least by some) to be in need of increased conservation rather than depletion.

Which brings us to the Ocean City Shark Tournament; an event that has pitted angler against angler in a competition





and has been applauded by some for its efforts in education and shark conservation while being scorned by others for supposedly glorifying the slaughter of sharks.



19, 2010 As one of the original founders and a continued director of the aforementioned event, I can say that after three decades of selling t-shirts, weighing sharks, and tallying up release points I've got a pretty good handle of what the event is all about. Perfect? Of course not. But has it morphed into an annual slaughter that's sending sharks down the road to extinction? I'd say, "not even close." But since I obviously have a vested interest in the tournament and could understandably be deemed "prejudiced-in-favor", perhaps it would be best to simply show the facts and let the critics decide for themselves.

First of all, who are these "people" who go out to fish for sharks? Very often, the other side likes to portray them as a



bunch of "macho-nut-jobs" who are drawn to the event for the sheer pleasure of participating in both carnage and plunder on the high seas. But the truth is, the folks that fish in the Shark Tournament are the same simple men, women, and children from all walks of life, who on any given day might be found fishing for flounder, tuna, or white marlin. Anglers will register to fish this event from their 21-foot outboards, 60-foot multi-million dollar sport fishing machines, and just about every size and shape of boat in between. These same folks will fish the OC Tuna Tournament, White Marlin Open, Poor Girls Open, surf-fishing tournaments, flounder tournaments, and the fall rockfish tournaments. Shark anglers aren't anything or anyone special, they're just local fishermen. So when someone puts a label on shark tournament participants they're pretty much tagging our entire fishing community. Hey bud - you got a PROBLEM with our local fishing community?

Another argument I hear is that the Shark Tournament "glorifies" the killing of sharks by making "public spectacle" of the hanging, weighing, and dismembering of sharks "in front of cheering crowds." That's an interesting way of describing the scene that plays out at any tournament where fish are brought back to the dock. Whether it's flounder, rockfish or tuna, most tournament weigh-ins are pretty much the same in that the boats pull up, fish are unloaded, weighed, the crowd cheers for the anglers, and then the fish are either taken away by the fishermen or go right to the cleaning table. For someone to suggest that the Shark Tournament is bad because the weigh-ins are viewed by sometimes large and excited crowds might want to consider that the so-called "spectacle" is one that plays out in almost every tournament where fish are brought back to the dock. A crowd cheers for an angler who weighs-in a mako for the same reason they would cheer at a different tournament for someone who brings in a winning tuna, or for that matter, an athlete for making a goal, a putt, or a run. They cheer

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because they're congratulating them for their accomplishment in the competition. It has nothing to do with glorifying the death of a fish.

Of course the most common arguments against shark tournaments, and perhaps the only ones that are not based on pure emotions, are those made for conservation of sharks. Because many countries have little or no shark fishing regulations, a lot of shark populations are in big trouble, a fact that's been so often portrayed in the news and in television documentaries. The atrocities that continue to decimate certain shark species need to stop now. Unfortunately, in some cases so much damage has already been done to certain species that some estimates put recovery time in the hundreds of years. But what is often not adequately understood by those who don't really know sharks is that around the world there are over 350 different species and not all of them are in trouble. In fact, some of them are doing just fine. To say that that all sharks need to be prohibited from harvest because a number of them have been over-fished would be like deciding that king mackerel should be protected because sea trout are in decline.

To really help shark populations, the entire world needs to get together and ensure that all countries enact and enforce realistic shark management plans that lean to the side of conservation "first" before economics. While I admit that they could stand some "tightening-up," here in the U.S. our own commercial and recreational fishermen are regulated by some of the most stringent shark fishery regulations in the world and our fishery managers are constantly in the process of assessing the health of populations and adjusting catch limits for the many shark species found off our coast. The "finning" and massive overfishing of sharks is not legal in our waters - a fact not often revealed by the media.

Back to the Shark Tournament: Over the past eight years there has been an average of 22 sharks weighed-in at each event. That's not "each day" www.coastalfisherman.net

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Finn McBride, Kyle Fields, Brady Esham, Grace Gasior, Maxim Tcheremissime and David Keyes received their certificates for participating in the Ocean City Parks & Recreation Youth Fishing Clinic taught by Capt. Franky Pettolina of "Last Call Charters" and Al "Hondo" Handy. The anglers learned to fish by casting off of the Oceanic Pier. Also pictured is Maxim's brother, Andrey, who will take part in next year's clinic. Pictured at the awards presentation at the Ocean City Marlin Club.



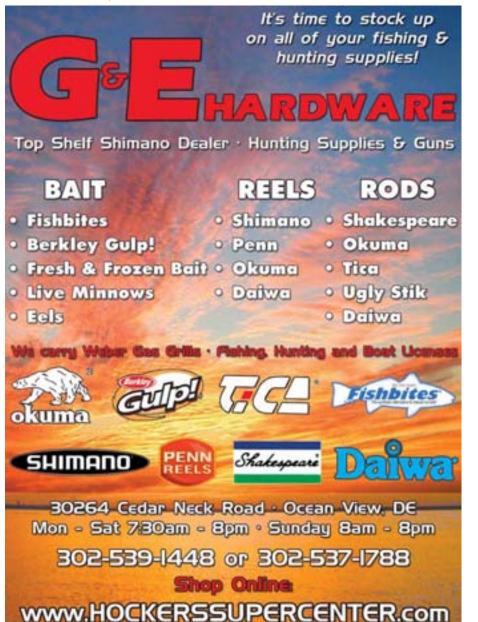
Zak Bowes from Nescopeck, PA showed the adults how it is done, landing this 21.5-inch flounder while fishing on the "Bay Bee" with Bob Winters from Cincinnati, OH, Capt. Bob Gowar and Mate George Lenz. Both Zak and Bob's flounder were caught on squid and shiner combinations at the mouth of the Sinepuxent Bay. The "Bay Bee" also recorded 46 throwback flounder during the trip. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center. Chum Lines continued:

that's "during each 3-day event." That many sharks is probably less than what is usually brought in by nontournament fishermen on any given Saturday in the early summer. One reason for this low number of sharks weighed-in is because, for an extra measure of conservation, the OC Shark Tournament has stricter catch and size limits than those imposed by the state and federal government. The tournament also has an aggressive "Release Division" that promotes the release of most sharks taken. Folks should also know that none of the three species of sharks (mako, thresher, blue) that can be brought in to the tournament are considered to be threatened or endangered. If they were, the government wouldn't allow them to be boated in the first place.

To put things into perspective, in 2010 the National Marine Fisheries Service has set a quota that will allow well over a million and a half pounds dressed weight (no heads or guts) of pelagic sharks (makos, threshers, blues) to be harvested June 16, 2010 Coastal Fisherman Page 43 by commercial fishermen. The 22 sharks taken annually in the Shark Tournament are not even a drop in the bucket compared to the total take of these sharks off our coast. Shut down the tournament to protect sharks? How would that help?

Of course I'm prejudiced in favor of the Ocean City Shark Tournament, it's a business for me. But my primary livelihood is taking people out on the water to enjoy safe, exciting and educational experiences with sharks. If only for my own bank account, I need healthy populations of sharks off our coast. That's why I ignore all the emotional hype and false claims by the media and animal-rights organizations and just stick with the facts. Anyone who wants to experience the truth for themselves and make up their own mind about the OC Shark Tournament is welcome to join me for the weigh-ins on the docks of the Ocean City Fishing Center on June 17, 18, 19, from 3:30 to 7:00 PM.

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There is at least one manufacturer that has tried to come up with a balance between the two and that is Interphase. They make some fish finders that used fixed mount transducers but with a different design. The housing contains several elements facing in different directions. These elements are fired in rapid succession giving the impression of a transducer that is "sweeping". They make several models from ones that

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The company has won awards for innovation in fish finding and is probably worth your review.

Pat and her husband, Larry are owners of L&L Marine Electronics in West Ocean City, MD.

GRUNDÉNS







Here's a great catch of flounder by Stan Ilyes from York, PA. On Friday, Stan was fishing just east of the Thorofare when he hooked these two flatties, measuring 24.5 and 25-inches, on squid and minnow combinations. The fish were caught while fishing on the "Helen J" in 66-degree water and weighed in at 5 lbs. 6 oz. and 5 lbs. 8 oz. Pictured at Ake Marine.





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## **VA / NC Fishing Report**

Virginia Marine Resources Commission "The Saltwater Review"

#### Overview

The cobia bite has begun! While there are scattered reports around the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, folks at the Buckroe Pier, in Hampton, hooked several last week.

Everyone seems to be asking about croaker. While a few locations report that croaker are just beginning to show up, the folks in the York River report that they have officially arrived. Plentiful croaker are available from the river and the



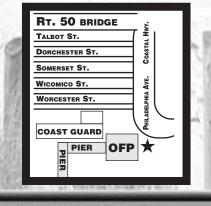
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Offshore, everyone is excited about the first bluefin tuna reports and is expecting the tuna bite to turn on very soon.

Flounder are still biting, especially around Chincoteague and Wachapreague.

#### Chincoteague

Donna at Captain Bob's reports that Queen's Sound continues to be reliable for flounder. The throwback ratio is 15 throwbacks to 1, but the keepers have been large (25 to 24 inches). Staff at Captain Bob's suggest that anglers follow the birds for huge snapper bluefish (averaging 24 to 26 inches) at Markers 17, 19 and 20 or in front of Curtis Merrit Harbor.

Numerous undersized black sea bass and whopping skates and rays (40 to 45 pounds) are also in the area. The Four Mouths area has been producing as well, despite a lot of grass, and in the surf, 12-to 14-inch kingfish have been biting along with a few striped bass.

Offshore, anglers are catching their limits of black sea bass at Black Fish Banks, and a few flounder have come in from the wreck in that area as well.

At the Lumpy Bottom, mako sharks have been caught with regularity. A bluefin tuna was also spotted there this week, along with piles of chopper blues. Donna notes that a big bluefin tuna bite usually arrives just behind the chopper bluefish!

#### **Cape Charles**

Slow fishing was reported last weekend from Chris' Bait and Tackle. A few flounder catches were reported from Oyster and around northern Cape Charles. Cobia have been caught by anglers site-casting around Latimer Shoals.

Captain Ray Cardone of Cherrystone reported catches of croaker, kingfish, and weakfish. He also reported flounder near Plantation Light.

#### Wachapreague

Flounder fishing has been great near Captain Zed's. According to staff, everyone is catching fish and coming back with a few keepers. Keeper ratio is 1 out of 10. The top spots are the Green and Drawing Channel, and near the old Coast Guard Station. The first bluefin tuna of the year was brought in over the weekend.

#### Lower Bay/Bridge Tunnel

At Cobb's Marina, several citations were reported including a 7 lb. 11 oz., 26-inch flounder and a 51-inch cobia hooked near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

At Wallace's Bait and Tackle, staff have seen a good number of cobia being brought in, with several citations recorded last weekend (60 to 70 pounds). The cobia have been biting near the rock piles in the Grand View area. Staff are also hearing reports of red drum in the area, as well as a few flounder.

Croaker fishing in the York River has been phenomenal. Anglers are catching mixed sizes throughout the area, according to the York River Center. Several Fishing speckled trout citations were reported including a 5 lb. 6 oz. fish caught in the Ware River on June 7th and a 5 lb. 4 oz. fish from the North River on June 9th. The speckled trout bite in the Mobjack area has really picked up as well.

Dr. Julie Ball, IGFA International Representative for Virginia Beach, contributed the following:

With most of the summer species now in place, anglers are still turning most efforts towards the abundant cobia, which are now available all over the lower Bay. Cobia are making their presence known as they take chummer's offerings, and cruise along the surface. Boats using the chumming technique are having good results from the Buckroe area off

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Hampton, to the Inner Middle Grounds, and the Nine-Foot Shoals closer to the mouth of the Bay. Sight casters are having the best success, with many boats scoring with double-digit hookups while cruising the Lower Bay and Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel areas. Anglers fishing on the Ocean View Fishing Pier are also landing a few small cobia lately.

The red drum bite is still very good, as big reds continue to hit along the surf, at Buoy 10 near Fisherman's Island and the Nine-Foot Shoals area. Many anglers are finding topwater action as schools of red drum continue to cruise near the 3rd and 4th Islands off the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Black drum have shifted to the islands of the Bridge Tunnel, where various lures can prove effective. Be sure to take the time to revive these fish when releasing them, as they tend to tire, leaving them unable to recover without assistance. Pier anglers are also getting in on some of the black drum action. Two black drum (the largest was 52 inches) were released from the Seagull Fishing Pier at the first island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Spadefish are showing up on lower Bay structures, inshore wrecks and at the Chesapeake Light Tower. Anglers have hooked a few fish, with most fish weighing around 6 lbs. The larger spades will come from the Inner Bay hot spots soon, such as the Cell and Wolf Trap Light.

Sheepshead action is slow, but a few fish are cooperating along the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, with one fish over 13 pounds boated last week.

There is finally good news on the flounder front. The bite is still improving with more anglers reporting limits of nice fish. The folks at Ocean's East 2 report that flatfish weighing up to 9 pounds are taking drifted minnows and cut bait near the islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Anglers jigging and working live bait along the pilings and over the tubes of the Bridge Tunnel are also scoring with nice fish, with the 1st and 2nd Islands being the most productive lately. Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets are still giving

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up above average numbers of keepers.

Many anglers are excited about the recent arrival of Spanish mackerel into local waters. These fish provide quick action and are easy to catch. Boats are encountering good numbers of Spanish mackerel while trolling off Cape Henry and along the Virginia Beach oceanfront. Tailor bluefish are also in these same vicinities.

Reports of speckled trout and a few puppy drum are still coming from within Rudee Inlet, Lynnhaven Inlet, and Mobjack Bay.

Small bluefish and croaker are available all over the lower The Hampton Roads Bay. Bridge Tunnel, the Hampton Bar, the Monitor-Merrimac, the James River Bridge, Little Creek, and the southern small boat channel at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel are providing the best action on a range of sizes of hardheads. Sea mullet are also biting along the oceanfront, where pier anglers had a good run of small to medium sized fish this week. Small spot are also hitting within lower Bay

inlets.

Deep dropping boats are finding decent catches lately. The head boats out of The Virginia Beach Fishing Center are finding good numbers of blackbellied rosefish and some nice blueline tile fish. On a recent trip, one lucky angler boated the new state leader for the year, weighing in at 19 pounds, 5 ounces. Scattered golden tilefish, grouper and wreckfish are also in these same areas. Boats targeting black sea bass are finding some nice fish on a few offshore wrecks and as a bycatch while deep dropping.

#### Outer Banks, NC

Offshore fishing out of Oregon Inlet has been very good for people looking for yellowfin tuna and dolphin. King mackerel, wahoo, blackfin tuna and bigeye tuna have helped to make up for the lack of bluefin tuna.

Billfish catches have been improving but are still slow with blue marlin making the biggest improvement.

Bottom fishing has been good for tilefish, black sea bass,

triggerfish, vermillion snapper and snowy grouper. Artificial reefs have seen moderate catches of sheepshead, triggerfish, and tautog. Nearshore and pier fishing produced excellent bluefish runs with some Spanish mackerel mixed in. The cobia bite is slowing down some.

Surf fishing south of Oregon Inlet has been going strong as pompano are biting very well with two hotspots around Ramp 43 and Ramp 49. Sea mullet were also caught around Ramp 43 and in Avon. Spanish mackerel were reported around Ramp 49. The cobia and red drum bites have been dropping off lately.

Offshore fishing out of Hatteras Inlet has seen a good run of yellowfin tuna and dolphin over the last week. Billfishing has been slow with only a few blue and white marlin being released.

Inshore, the bluefish and Spanish mackerel have been the headliners with a couple of cobia and red drum in the mix.



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Janella Dinatale from Port Deposit, MD caught this 23-inch, 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder while fishing at the Rt. 50 Bridge, using a squid and minnow combination. Weighed at Buck's Place.



Bill Winkler from Frankford, DE was fishing at night, just outside the Indian River Inlet, when he boated these two stripers after hooking them on hickory shad. The largest linesider measured 41-inches and weighed 20 lbs. 10 oz. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



Anthony and Dominic Canulli took some time off from Skip's Bait & Tackle to do some flounder fishing with Capt. Skip Maguire of "Skip's Charter & Guide Service". The anglers ended up with 5 keepers, caught on cut salmon and Gulp! swimmng mullets in the East Channel and in the Sinepuxent Bay.







Erin Schuster from Newark, DE caught this 24-inch, 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder on cut herring while fishing on the south side of the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Mark Windsor from Upper Marlboro, MD boated this 5 lb. 4 oz. sea bass while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Rich Silvani. The knothead was hooked on a chunk of clam on an ocean wreck. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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Ham McPartland from Lutherville, MD was using a Storm lure at the South Jetty when he hooked into this 34-inch striper. The fish weighed 11 lbs. 8 oz. on the scale at Oyster Bay Tackle.



Bob Wiles from New Freedom, PA captured this 229 lb. mako shark during a trip aboard the "Full Service" with Dan Rohleder from Centerville, MD, Joe Jordan from Seaford, DE, Rich Rohrs of Ocean City, MD and Capt. Jim Barbey. The mako was caught on a bluefish fillet, southeast of the Hot Dog. The crew also released 4 blue sharks during the trip. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



Jay Koester from Northeast, MD (left) and Larry Bressler from Mohrsville, PA had a great day fishing on the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Bob Gowar and Mate George Lenz. Jay's flounder measured 21 and 21.75-inches, while Larry's flattie came in at 22.75-inches. All three were caught on squid and shiners in the bay behind Assateague Island. The "Bay Bee" recorded 73 throwbacks during this trip. Check out a video of this catch at www.coastalfisherman.net.



Bill Phillips from Middletown, DE muscled in this 150 lb. mako shark on Saturday while fishing on the "Edna Mae" with George Dawson of Annapolis, MD. Bill hooked the mako on a whole mackerel at the Parking Lot. The duo also released a dusky shark and a small mako during the trip. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

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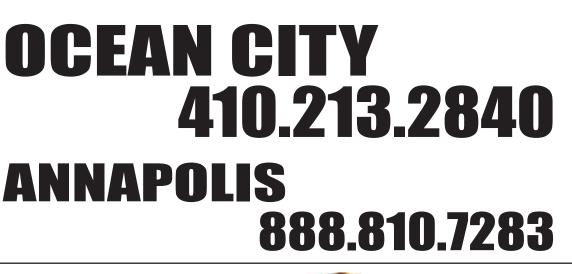
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Brian Behe of West Ocean City, MD was fishing with live minnows on the "Buffalo Hunter" when he caught these 3 flounder in the East Channel. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.



Ed Norvell and Mary Clarke, both from Bristow, VA caught three keeper striped bass during an afternoon trip aboard the "Skip's Charter & Guide Service" with Capt. Skip Maguire and Mate Anthony Cannuli. The fish, measuring between 29 and 35-inches, were caught while drifting live bait at the South Jetty.



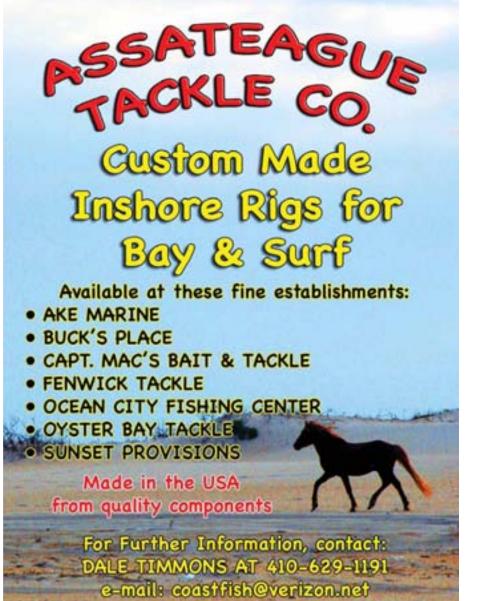
Tony Garbarino from Dagsboro, DE caught this 35-inch striper while fishing in the Indian River Inlet. The fish weighed 14 lbs. 8 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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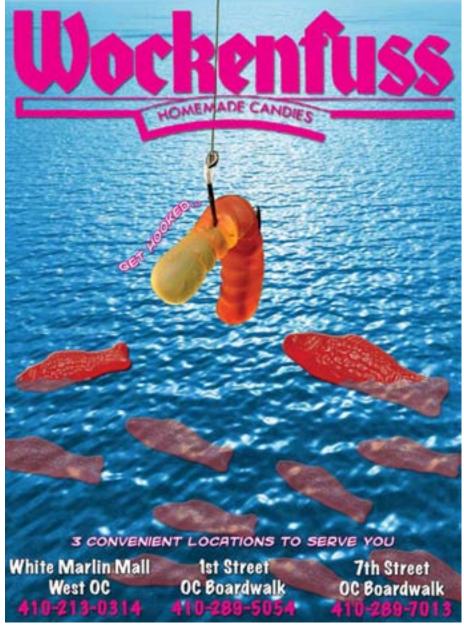
Wayne Reeves from Newark, DE caught this 109 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Restless Lady" with Paul Miller from Glen Burnie, MD, John Mohr and Joe Powell from Middle River, MD, Mike Kurtz and Scott Shockley from Fenwick, DE, Capt. Todd Kurtz and Mate Sean Welsh. The fish was caught at the Marine Electric on a whole mackerel and weighed at the Talbot Street Pier.

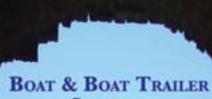




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Harry Lee Johnson, Jr. from Quinby, VA muscled in this 50-inch red drum while fishing off a Virginia barrier island. Harry released the fish after hooking it on a peeler crab.





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Sun. June 20	Low 09:06 am Low 09:54 pm	High 03:08 am High 04:06 pm
Mon. June 21	Low 10:00 am Low 10:58 pm	High 04:10 am High 05:07 pm
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