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It was not a good day to be a tuna last Saturday in the southern Spencer Canyon! They were snapping, and for the boats that made the approximately 90 mile run, most came back with limit catches like the charter boat "Boss Hogg" with Capt. Brian Porter. Anglers Kevin Sullivan from Leesburg, VA, Margee Parker from Baltimore, MD, Gil Kall of Reston, VA, Jeff Hicks from Washington, DC, and Mike Smith of Alexandria, VA were kept busy fighting these 20 yellowfin tuna. Lucky for them mates Alex Beane and Jack Hannun kept the baits fresh, the lines straight and the chaos under control when they had multiple hook ups and a cover up!



Shannon Pickens from St. Michaels, MD sure picked a calm nice day to head south of the Poor Man's Canyon for some deep dropping! He was fishing in 800 feet of water when he tricked this 35 lb. golden tilefish with some squid.

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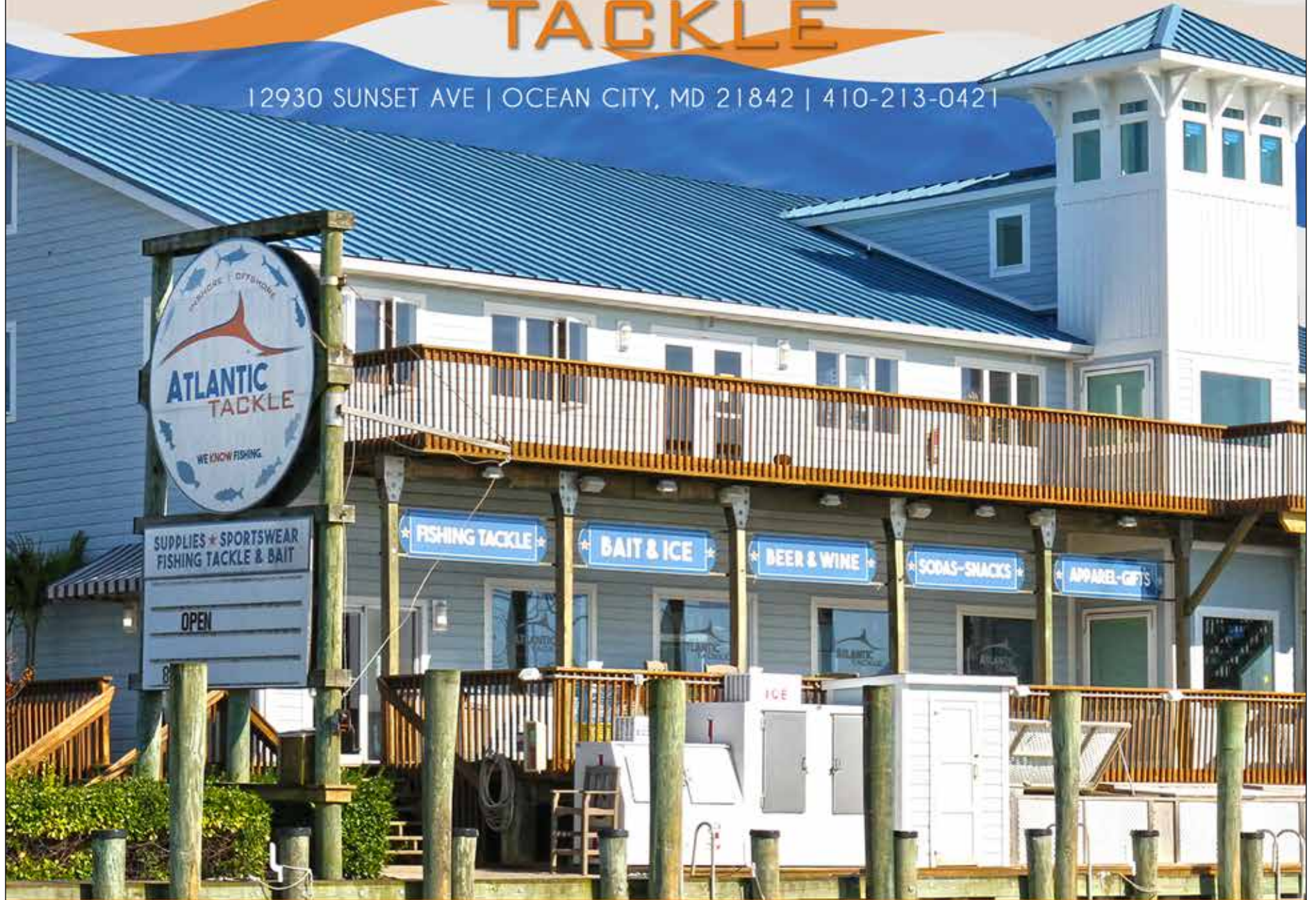
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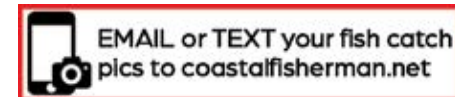
This Week Last Year

- The weekend was a washout with a strong nor'easter moving through the area from Friday through Sunday.
- The crew of the "Blood Money" challenged stormy weather to catch both the first bigeye tuna and first yellowfin tuna of the season. They started inshore and kept heading to deeper water outside the Poor Man's Canyon finding the tuna in 800 fathoms.
- Anglers on the "HotLick" caught the first bluefin tunas of the season 90 south of Ocean City.
- The "HotLine" caught a 187 lb. 85" male mako shark in the Fingers.

It sure feels like someone flipped a switch to turn on the offshore action. While we have enjoyed warm onshore temps, the water had been staying in the low 60's well past the canyons. Too chilly for tuna. Satellite data did show some warmer water moving in to the north so a few intrepid captains filled the tanks (to the brim!) and ran 75 to 90+ miles out in search of some prey. Capt. Chris Ragni on the "Bill Slayer" out of the Indian River Marina was one of the first, heading 92 miles to the southern edge of the Spencer Canyon. They got 5 yellowfins in the box pretty quickly and by early afternoon they were at their limit of 18 and cruising back. These were the first yellowfin tunas reported from Delaware



based boats. News of this spread quickly and a small armada of boats returned to the area, around 90 miles from the Ocean City buoy on the 100 fathom line in the Spencer, on Saturday. Let's just say it was not a good day to be a tuna in the Spencer Canyon on Saturday. One of the first boats back was the "Foolish Pleasure" at Bahia Marina. Capt. Dale Lisi had his anglers on the boat at 2:30 in the morning so they could fish at first light after a 4.5 hour ride! They reported a couple of multiple hookups but mainly picking the yellowfin one at a time. Interestingly the fish hit on all kinds of bait. Ballyhoo, chains, spreader bars and the good old cedar plug on a flat line. He was at his limit of 19 by 11 AM. Capt. Brian Porter was there too. His catch is on the cover, which is appropriate as his angler got 'covered up' at one point getting their limit of 18. Similar stories were reported from the charter boat "Ro Sham Bo" and the "Restless Lady" as well as recent cover star private boat "HotLine" who were kind enough to share a few tuna loins with the Coastal Fisherman! In other encouraging tuna news, yellowfins were also found a little further south of the Spencer. Capt. Anthony Matarese on the charter boat "Reel Chaos" boated 17 good sized yellowfins in the Wilmington Canyon. He was 75 miles out and fishing in 67 DEGREE water. The "Reel Fin Addict" ran 100 miles south of Ocean City on June 1st and found 7 yellowfins. Lastly for tuna updates, we did have a report



We have seen the first dolphin of the season on the last day of May from the Poor Man's Canyon, but nothing since until last Sunday when the crew of the "Restless Lady II" returned to the Talbot Street Pier with a nice gaffer mahi from the Spencer Canyon as well. Closer to shore, the action centered on golden tilefish, some rosies and a few sharks. Golden tilefish were in the Washington Canyon. Capt. Mark Hoos on the charter boat "Marli" got a nice bunch of goldens there as did the crew on the "Catching or Cussin". They fished in 92 fathoms of the Washington finding some 30 pound fish and a 29 lb snowy grouper! The Poor Man's was also saw Shannon Pickens pulling up a 35 pounder from 800 feet on the charter boat "Green Reaper" reporting a 37 lb. fish and some rosies. The charter boat "Primary Search" got a mix of fish at Arby's Reef that included blueline and golden tilefish, rosies and sharks.

Speaking of sharks, the "Knot on Call" reported the first black tip shark for 2022. They had to work for it, running a nice drift and chum slick at the Twin Wrecks, but eventually they got on the hook. Our current Heaviest thresher for the season weighed in at 373 lbs. and measured 87" was caught at the Fingers using bunker.

Still no marlin action, but the forecast looks good for both on shore and off. When they arrive you will be the first to know if you

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We have a new Heaviest thresher for the season in Maryland. Dan Cavey from Centreville, MD was fishing with Capt. Mike Riley and Brandon Riley from Grasonville, MD. Chris Mack of Tillman Island, and Eddie Richardson who hails from Laurel, MD were on the "10-Seven" at the Fingers when he hooked into this 373 lb. and 87" thresher using bunker. Measured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Resident Ocean City Marlin Club Weighmaster Rob Mahoney finished May with some good luck at the north Ocean City Jetty. He caught 4 rockfish on live spot with one a keeper at 29". He then used some Roy Rigs and Gotcha Plugs to land 6 big bluefish, including this one!

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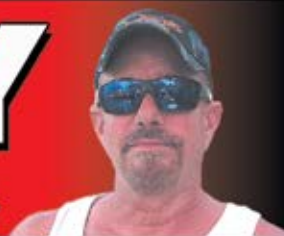
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by Capt. BJ Pietryak



This week in Ocean City crowds have been the biggest factor when it comes to fishing. Although the main bulk of tourists will not arrive for another week, the waters are still full of boats with an abundance of beautiful weather!

Black Drum, Rockfish, & Bluefish

Assateague Island has started to slow for black drum catches as many of the fish have moved into the Delaware bay for the spawning season. On the south side of the island near the Virginia line a few nice eating size drum have been caught. The big news on the beaches in Ocean

City is the bluefish blitz that happened last week. Several large schools of blues moved into the beach area delighting anglers all along the Maryland coast. George Brown got in on the action just off the docks at Frontier Town with 3 nice slammer blues. Tim Hall also hit paydirt sporting a few quality snappers. Cassey Lee caught a big bluefish from the inlet. Kevin McNeiels got a big slammer measuring 26". Most of the fish were caught on cut bait on mullet rigs. On Assateague Island a few stripers were caught but the bite has really slowed down. It seems that the fish are past the MD/DE

line and heading north to their summer home. Cut bait and large surf clams have accounted for the few catch reports I've received.

Sea Bass & Flounder

Sea bass was on fire with numerous limits returning to the docks, but is has cooled a little over the past weekend. Most of the limits are coming from deeper wrecks and structures in the 100-130 ft range. The Great Eastern Reef was the hot spot for last week with several boats reporting limiting out. The Jack Spot reef area has also been a hot spot with some large fish, however not the numbers as the Eastern Reef. Mike Renzi fished out of Sunset Marina and got into some citation size sea bass. Vincent Cannuli fished out of Ocean City and was rewarded with sea bass, a few out of season tog and some ribbonfish caught on his trip. Joseph Blair said the sea bass bite was hot in the morning hours with his group returning to the dock with over 150 keepers. That's a great limit to bring home. I'm sure he will be eating well for quite a while.

Many anglers have waited for the fall season to load up on big sea bass, however, in the past 3 years sea bass in the spring has been as strong if not better than the fall. The "Angler" headboat reported good catches of sea bass all week. The biggest pool fish last week was caught on an Ocean Arsenal sand eel, red in color. The "Ocean

www.coastalfisherman.net Princess" finished it's last 7 hour trip last week with many happy clients on board. Lots of big fish are still around to be had and the fish are eager to bite, Capt. Victor reported. All the headboats in Ocean City are getting ready to change to their 4 hour trips for the summer. These trips do get very crowded and you should make a reservation in advance to assure that you have a place along the rail. Tommy Kemp took his first trip on his boat this year and reported like me, that he was a little late getting out to the fishing grounds! He still managed to have a great day on the water bringing home several nice keepers for dinner. Clam is still the top producer with jigs being a close second. David Ditch was out at the Great Eastern Reef and kept 24 big slammer sea bass and threw back around a hundred fish. David stated they were only interested in the bigger fish, returning many that were actually keeper size back to the ocean. The bite tapered off around 11 am which is the report I got from most sources.

Looking to flounder, the bite has been very consistent in the back bays with good size flatties caught in all the normal spots. The backside of Assateague Island was the best chance of catching one of these tasty fish for dinner and the Thorofare was a close second. Squid and shiner combo remains the go to bait but I am hearing more fish being caught on Gulp bait every day. The charter boat "Get Sum" was out on the water doing what they always do... catching big quality flounder! They posted a lot of photos stating that the

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 keeper ratio is definitely getting better as the water warms. The "Tortuga" headboat was also out last week making a splash in the bays catching some nice quality fish. Brian Stewart also caught a few nice flatties just behind Assateague Island. With the warmer weather starting to arrive, the quality and amount of keeper fish should increase. The "Angler" reported their first flounder out of the ocean, which is a good sign that water temps are on the rise. On the ocean, the main bait is usually a bigger profile, such as Gulp baits in the 5" size. Squid and shiners work well, but when targeting the ocean fish a larger profile seems to work better. I received a few reports in DE and MD that a few spot were caught. When targeting a trophy flounder, live spot bait on a circle hook is a hard combo to beat. You will not get the same amount of bites as when using Gulp or squid but the quality of fish is usually much better. A few croaker were caught last week but the water is still too cold for any numbers of this specie.

Crabbing & Clams

Clamming on the bay side of Assateague Island has started to really get better with many rakers catching a nice basket of clams for dinner. The clams are still quite deep and need to be raked up rather than finding them right on the surface of the sand. Wilfred Handel, a commercial crabber, said that he has crabs readily available out of Ocean Pines and that crabbing has been doing very well despite the Chesapeake reports.

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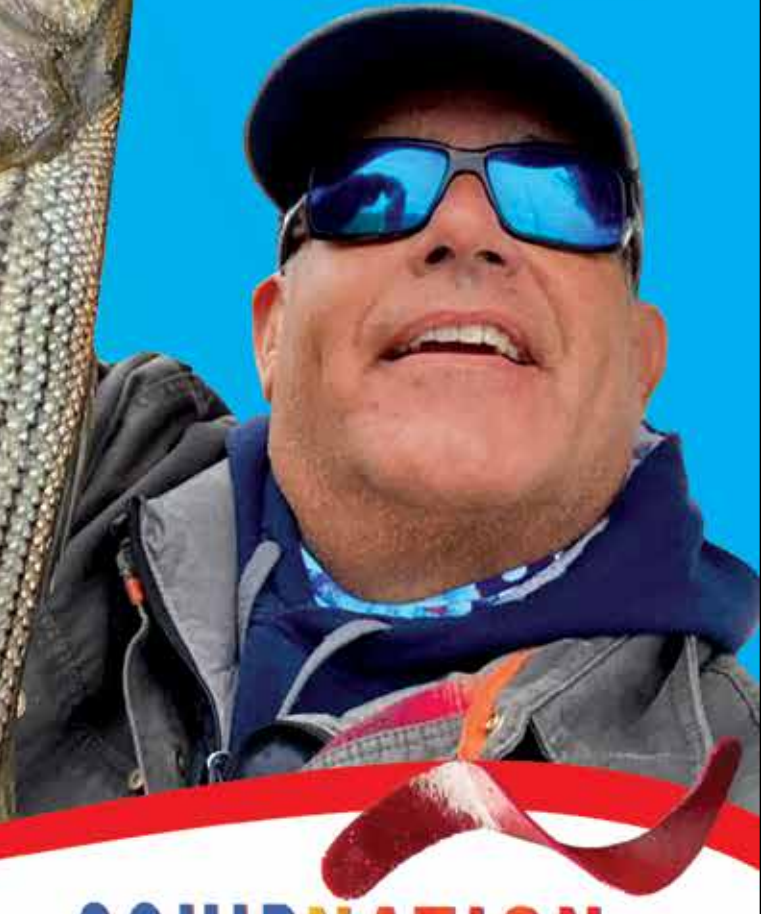


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 Black Drum	March 29 Jay Phillips Assateague Island	March 31 Allen Sklar Assateague Island	 Bigeye Tuna		May 28 Pete Gudiatas "Blood Money" Poor Man's
 Cobia		June 17 Shannon Pickens South OC Inlet	 Bluefin Tuna	May 17 Andrew Dietz "Take Em" SE Poor Man's	May 7 James Hammond "Hot Lick" Norfolk
 Flounder	April 3 Scott Lenox Thorofare	April 18 Danny Cox Rt. 90 Bridge	 ★ Longfin Tuna	June 5 Chad Tingle "Sea Bear" Wilmington Canyon	July 17 Morgan Michael "Reel Fun" Baltimore Canyon
 Sea Bass	May 15 Jeremy Michalski Jack Spot	April 12 Camryn Baeder Inshore Wreck	 Yellowfin Tuna	May 17 James Haren "Take Em" SE Poor Man's	May 28 Bill Pino "Blood Money" Poor Man's
 Sheepshead		June 17 Veronica Cannuli Outside OC Inlet	 Dolphin	May 29 Adam Davidson "HotLine" East of Poor Man's	June 10 Michael Seicke "Second Chance" S. Poor Man's
 Striped Bass	April 20 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel	 Swordfish		New Category for 2022
 Tautog	March 27 Michael Guigley Stinky Beach	January 1 Mike Sadowski "Tide Runner" Ocean Structure	 Blue Marlin		New Category for 2022
 Wahoo		June 17 Gary Welch Washington Canyon	 White Marlin		June 13 Brad Young "TUNAFOWL" Washington Canyon

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We have our first report of a black tip shark. Capt. Jordan Helsel of the "Knot On Call" with crew Tim and Cody Brown set up a nice drift at the Twin Wrecks. They had a good chum slick going and saw several black tips come through, but it still took about 3 hours to get one on the hook.



Julie Stevenson caught a good sized bluefish while fishing the suds off of Broadkill Beach in DE using cut bait.

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The first OC charter boat to catch their limit of yellowfin tuna for the season was the "Foolish Pleasure" with Capt. Dale Lisi and mate Ricky Adkins. Anglers Rob Reusch, Nick Bentamin, Harvey A. Fisher, Harvey E. Fisher, Derek Fisher and Anthony Ruley took the long 4.5 hour ride 90 miles north to the south Spencer Canyon around the 100 fathom line, leaving the dock at 2:30AM! It was worth it as they got these 19 tunas by 11AM.



The headboat "Judith M" out of Bahia Marina tore it up on sea bass last week! Capt. Eric Shoaff took his anglers 18-20 miles offshore to reefs and wrecks to get the bite using squid, shiners and clams. Young Cameron Wagner from Cochranville, PA is all smiles with his knothead.

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Deborah Szarko was at it again last week fishing with Capt. Chris Mizurak on the deep sea vessel "Angler". She snagged these two sea bass from a natural reef using a jig.

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Before the tuna started showing up in earnest last week, the prey of choice was tilefish for offshore action. Scott Loeffler and his crew from Baltimore, MD ran out to the Washington Canyon on the charter boat "Marli". Capt. Mark Hoos with mates Jake Pilkerton and Jax Moore put the boys onto some nice golden tilefish on Memorial Day.

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Anglers Steve Strawbridge Jr., Joe Tight, Mike Walker, Eric Peterson, and Daniel Favato got a bevy of fish working Arby's Wreck. They were fishing with Capt. Austin Ensor and mate Briand Suschke on the charter boat "Primary Search" and boated this mix of bluefish, sea bass, golden and blueline tilefish, rose fish and even released some sharks.



Anglers are always lucky on the charter boat "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jake Mumford. Skip, Sandra and Will Schlesinger from Ocean Pines had to borrow mate Ethan Nock to hold all the fish they caught in the bay below the commercial harbor! The largest was 20".

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The water was nice and clear this week, great for flounder fishing. Capt. Dave Caffrey fished the upper Ocean City Bay with Carlisle, PA anglers Damian & Chase Temperine and River Morgan on the charter boat "On The Run".

Last Friday was a good day for anglers fishing with Capt. Parker of Fisherman's Wharf Ocean and Bay Fishing. Anglers hooked into some nice flounders as well as some ribbonfish. They were also treated to seeing a few sea turtles.

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FISHING CHARTERS



The "Bill Slayer" from the Indian River Marina with Capt. Chris Ragni set the stage for the tuna action in the Spencer Canyon last weekend! He went Friday over 90 miles to the south end of the Spencer Canyon landing the first yellowfin of the season for a DE boat and returning with his limit of 18. Anglers Beau Joseph, Tiffany Joseph, Robby Warren, Cory Smith, Christy Phillippi and Jordan Phillippi were treated to some incredible fishing!



Amanda Morris of Lewes Harbour Marina in the red, white and blue fished all day with Capt. Steel and these other anglers on the "Lewestown Lady" based at Fisherman's Wharf in Lewes, DE. They caught a nice mix of keeper and shorty sea bass.

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Capt. Dean Metcalf caught something different last Friday when he landed the Baltimore Ravens Cheerleaders on his charter boat "Jacked Up" at the Bahia Marina. The squad was in town for the annual Raven's Parade in Ocean City and I doubt he threw any back.



Ty Mills of Salisbury, MD sauntered down south to Pokomoke City, MD to fish with Capt. Mike Abell on the "Seahawk". He caught this pretty speckled trout casting a Bass Assassin in the Tangier Sound.



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Paul Kraeuter from Berlin, MD got on the flounder action last week catching this 22" fattie on a pink top and bottom rig near the Verrazano Bridge.



It was a fun day of fishing for anglers Monte Piccolomini, Mark Perez, Austin Craig along with mates Brad Clark and Conrad Ross on the private boat "Whiskey Kilo". Capt. Jojo Joachimowski took the crew out to the Marine Electric and the Lumpy Bottom to catch this mess of sea bass.

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There are many different varieties of VHF maritime radios, beginning at around \$150 for either a stationary radio (antenna extra cost) or a handheld VHF with a built-in antenna. Additional features, such as AIS, GPS, remote microphones, and color displays can bring up the costs to over \$1000.

A maritime VHF radio transmits at a maximum of 25 watts, for a maximum range of about 25 miles between boats. A VHF radio signal transmits to the receiver radio by line-of-sight, so the taller the antenna at each location, the farther the range. As many of you know, the Coast Guard has very tall VHF antennas and operates with more power and special technology to send and receive communications over much larger distances than the average boater's VHF radio. There are 49 VHF channels and two AIS frequencies authorized by the FCC/USCG and 7 weather channels used by NOAA Weather Radio; each channel is assigned a unique frequency between 156 and 162 MHz. If you have a newer VHF radio, you may notice that there are "new" 4-digit VHF channels,

these are not new frequencies, but a new numbering scheme of existing channels, as required by the International Telecommunications Union or ITU. For example, old channel 19A is now 1019 and old 78A is 1078.



For your VHF to send and receive properly, the radio needs a reliable source of the electrical power and a good antenna system. While a radio may function on a voltage lower than specified, the transmitting power output will be reduced and therefore the transmitting range too. As an example, the popular ICOM M506 rated output power is at a supply voltage of 13.8 volts.

The type, length and connections of the coax cable connecting the radio to the antenna can adversely affect the performance of your VHF radio. There are several types of coax cables available; the type

of cable should be upgraded for longer runs due to potential signal loss.

As an example, a high performance RG-8X coax cable is 20% better in dB (power) transmission than the typical RG-58 coax cable. The connections (splices, adapters, and extensions) in the VHF coax wire can dramatically reduce the radio power from getting to your antenna.

A single splice in your coax run

can reduce your performance by .5dB, try to avoid having any splices between the radio and the antenna. The higher the VHF antenna is mounted on the boat, the longer the range of your transmission and reception. Since VHF radio waves travel in a mostly straight line, if your antenna can "see" the other antenna, the radios should be able to send and receive with each other. Many antennas advertise a "gain in dB, or effective output power, this is gain (or apparent power amplification) is accomplished by the antenna design focusing the radio waves in a narrow beam, which is great if that

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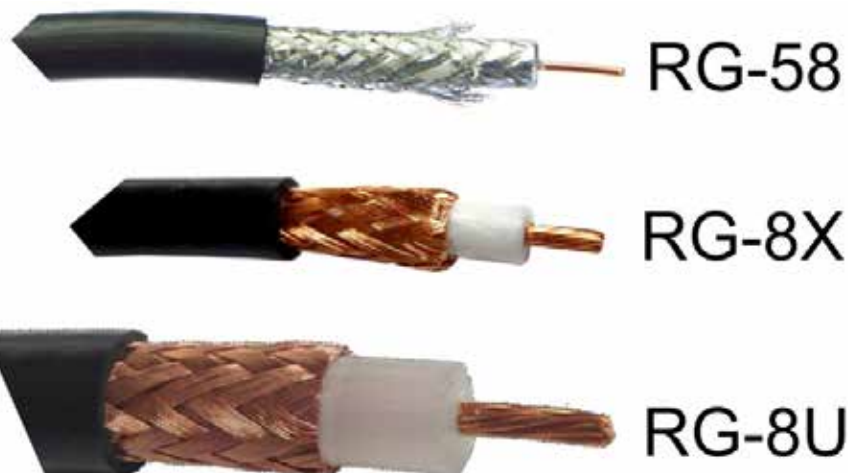
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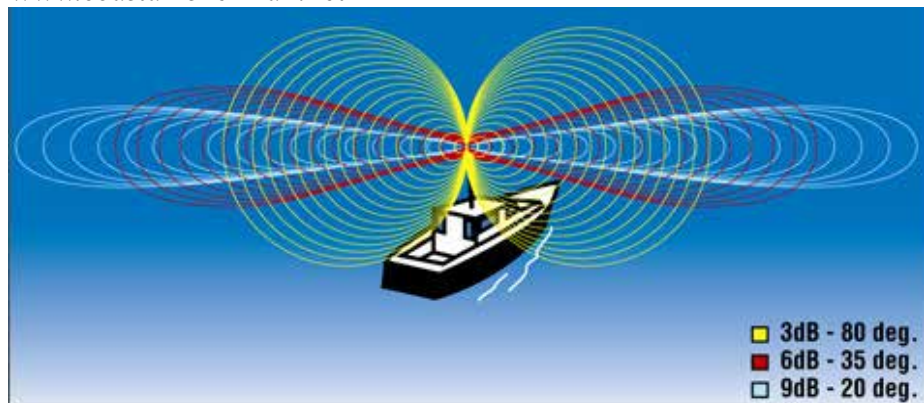
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narrow beam points to the intended distant VHF radio, otherwise you may not have much power, if any, radiated in other directions than the focused beam.

Testing - while there are a few tests a boater can conduct, the first and easiest test is to use your VHF radio call and talk to a friend on their VHF radio using an approved channel. They should be a meaningful distance away and you should ask the other party how they hear you and you should listen to see if their transmission to your radio is loud and clear. This tests both your send and receives functions along with your microphone and speaker

If you have a VHF radio with DSC and it has been programmed with your MMSI number, you can use the USCG Rescue 21 system to conduct an automated VHF radio check. For VHF DSC radios equipped with the Test Call feature, test transmissions should be made to the US Coast Guard MMSI 003669999 to receive

an automated VHF DSC test response. You must use the "Test Call" category of your radio because "Individual" category calls to this address will not receive an automated response. For older radios not having a test call capability, testing can only be performed by using a routine individual call to another boaters VHF using their Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI).



If you think you have a VHF problem, you should contact a professional technician who can test your VHF radio



Bo and Doug Schultz stopped by our new office to share the monster bluefish that Doug caught using 5" white Gulp. Bo was running a bump troll near the sandbar north of the Rt. 50 Bridge when they went over a small structure and snagged this 33" and 10.5 lb blue!

and antenna systems using specialized equipment and at a minimum determine the output power of your radio in watts and check your antenna system loss by calculating the VSWR.

Once you are sure you have a good working VHF radio, there are a few guidelines, rules and laws that you may need to be aware of: The USCG states "In general, any vessel equipped with a VHF marine radiotelephone (whether voluntarily or required to) must maintain a watch on channel 16 (156.800 MHz) whenever the radiotelephone is not being used to communicate". This is

one of the reasons many boaters have two VHF radios, one they leave on channel 16 and the other they use for recreational broadcasts. For those who have not been kept up-to-date, An FCC ship station radio license is no longer required for any vessel traveling in U.S. waters which uses a VHF marine radio, radar or EPIRB, and which is not required to carry radio equipment.

The information above is a good way to check and test your VHF radio to be sure it is performing at its best, allowing you to contact your fishing buddies or communicate with rescue authorities. §



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Jacob Gilliar from Dagsboro, DE hooked into a nice keeper striper at the Indian River Inlet. The 28" rockfish fell for a dark swim bait.



I don't think the flounder stood a chance when Janeane Bostic from West Ocean City hit the water! She was fishing with Capt. Bruce Bostic at the Rt. 90 Bridge using a minnow and squid combo to land this 24" and 5.1 lb. fattie. Nice Delaware stretch too!

OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

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THUR. JUNE 9	High 03:43 am High 04:25 pm	Low 09:47 am Low 10:25 pm
FRI. JUNE 10	High 04:35 am High 05:17 pm	Low 10:36 am Low 11:28 pm
SAT. JUNE 11	High 05:26 am High 06:09 pm	Low 11:27 am Low -----
SUN. JUNE 12	High 06:18 am High 07:02 pm	Low 12:28 am Low 12:19 pm
MON. JUNE 13	High 07:12 am High 07:58 pm	Low 01:24 am Low 01:11 pm
TUE. JUNE 14 Full Moon	High 08:08 am High 08:56 pm	Low 02:17 am Low 02:03 pm
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VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Matt Abell



The month of June continues to be jamming for the ESVA. The fishing action mirrors our warm, maybe even hot weather. Summer time species are showing up with summertime excitement to follow.

The seaside of the ESVA has stolen the spotlight with some really good flounder fishing. These fish are moving in to a warm weather pattern with most activity in shallow water at the end of the flood tide. White, chartreuse, pink and orange teasers coupled with Gulp and tipped with minnows or silversides are the "go to" for most barrier island anglers.

The drum bite has slowed, however, we did get a report from our good friend Josh Barfield who beached a couple of June blacks earlier this week. The beach is still yielding

some kingfish along with a few reds from the suds. The shoals off of the lower barrier islands have been painted red as well. The biggest seaside surprise was a few early cobia showing up off the coast of Assateague. The Fisher brothers boated a couple of nice "men in brown suits" during a sea bass trip this past week.

Along with the coastal cobia, there have been even more fish landed in the Chesapeake. These fish are taking cut baits (bunker), eels and jigs in the waters of the bayside from Pungoteague Creek south. Currently it's a strict catch and release fishery, however, the season will start on June 15th. This year's cobia regulations include a 40 inch minimum size and 1 fish per angler and maximum of 2 fish per boat creek limit. Don't

forget you also need a no cost VA cobia permit along with all other applicable licenses.

Red drum have also been very prevalent in the shallows of Tangier and Pocomoke sounds. Anglers are using chunks of crab to lure these trophies across the gunwale. The shallow water casting scene has been a little lack luster this past week. While we had bent rods the specs and rock could have cooperated a little better. We did have a shallow water surprise, while the Seahawk Sports Center Jones was on the prowl, we added a 4 pound spanish mackerel to the cooler! Not what you would expect while speckled trout fishing, but we'll take it!

My buddy Chad from "Earning Stripes" reported that the black

drum bite had slowed off the CBBT. However, some spanish mackerel and spadefish activity has filled that void. The spanish have been targeted with small Clarke spoons trolled behind #1 and #2 planers. The Kiptopeke pier was the scene of a mixed bag of kingfish, trout and even a few wild looking ribbonfish to keep anglers on their toes.

We've got a lot of exciting opportunities swimming our way. Offshore waters will soon have some tasty offerings to be had and inshore reefs will start to have flounder fillets for the frying pan. While the temperature outside may change and alter our techniques and targeted species, there's always something fun to do, and tasty to fish for in this awesome place we call home!§



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Peter Dahlberg was not sure what he had on the line. With the reel screaming he thought a ray, but no head shake. Then he caught a glimpse of the tail and thought hammer rockfish, but once he saw the spots he knew he had a giant speckled trout! While this one was not weighed, the MD state record is 16.4 lbs. and this one looks like it could have been a contender.

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The sea bass bite cooled a little bit over the weekend, however Rachael Dengler from Parsonsburg, PA got out last Wednesday and caught a whopper. She was fishing on the "Motley" out of Ocean City at an artificial reef about 18 miles off shore using a bottom rig tipped with salted clams. This was not her first sea bass, but the first of over 20 inches squeaking in at 20 1/8"!

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Morgan Mericle took to the water on his kayak last week to work the South Jetty of the Ocean City Inlet. He caught and released this nice 36" striper using a Roy Rig. I am sure he will be competing to repeat his first place win last year in the upcoming Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam Kayak Tournament June 25 & 26.

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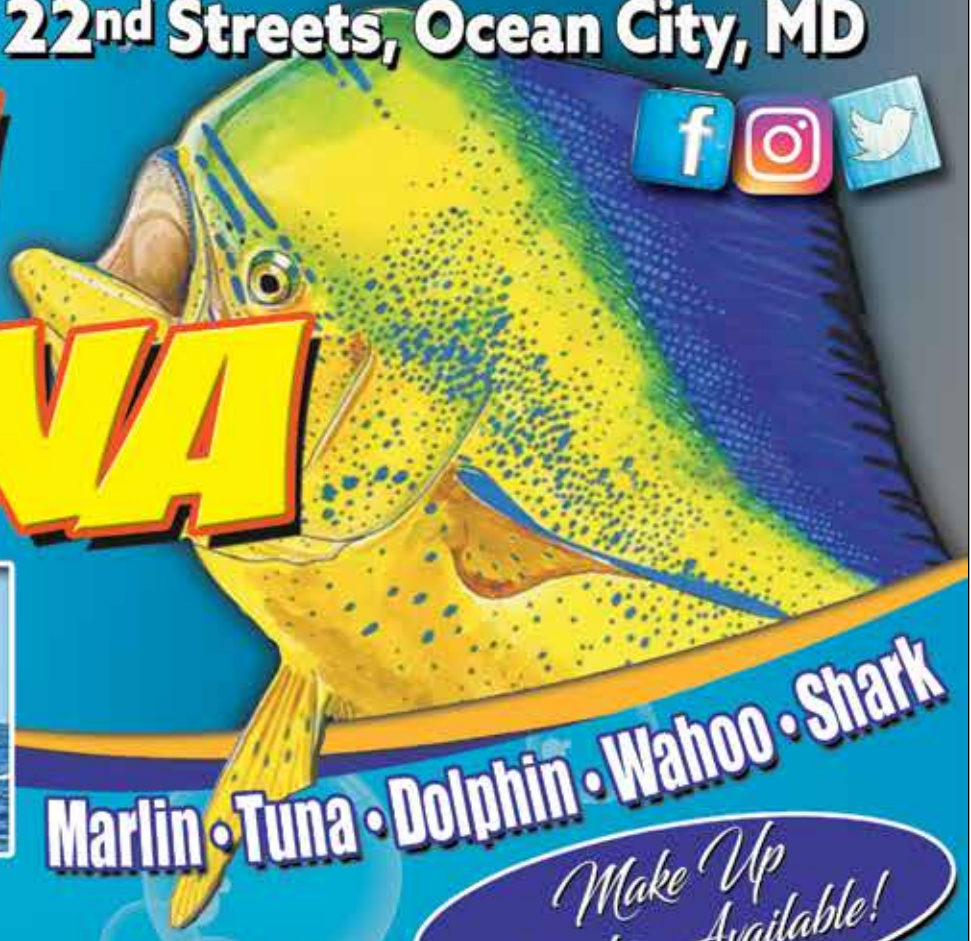
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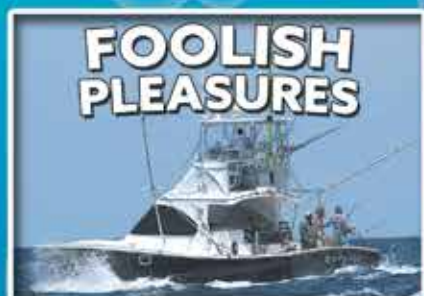
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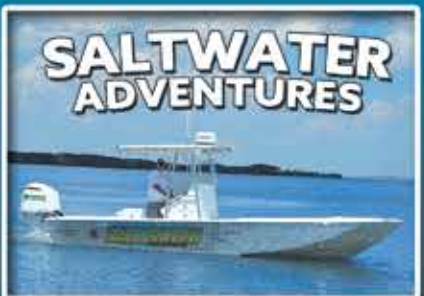
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by Chef Christine



Bluefish Patties with Quick Aioli Sauce

Ingredients:

- 1 pound skinless bluefish fillets
- 1/2 cup panko bread crumbs
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons minced red bell pepper
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- 1 tablespoon minced celery
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon seafood Old Bay seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- Ground black pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil

Aioli:

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon finely minced



garlic
2 teaspoons lemon juice
1/2 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning

Directions:
Trim dark parts from the fish and discard. Bring a large pot of water to a boil; drop fillets in and cook until white and flaky, 5 to 7 minutes. Drain. Transfer to a bowl and allow to cool, about 5 minutes. Flake with a fork.

Mix panko, eggs, red bell pepper, onion, celery, mustard, seafood seasoning, salt, garlic powder, and black pepper into the bowl

with the flaked fish. Stir in 1/4 cup mayonnaise 1 tablespoon at a time, just until mixture holds together. Form into 6 equal-size patties.

Heat oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Transfer patties carefully to the skillet. Fry, turning once, until golden brown, 5 to 7 minutes per side.

Whisk together 1/2 cup mayonnaise, minced garlic, lemon juice and 1/2 teaspoon seafood seasoning. Serve aioli sauce alongside patties.

Andouille Crusted Black Drum with Sauteed Kale & Pecan Butter Sauce

Ingredients:

- 4 black drum fillets or your favorite fish fillet
- 2 1/2 cups fresh bread crumbs
- 12 ozs. andouille sausage, casing removed and food processed to a meal consistency, plus 4 ozs. diced
- Dash hot sauce (optional)
- 5 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 2 tablespoons Creole seasoning
- 5 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/4 red onion, sliced
- 1/2 cup pecans
- 1/2 cup white wine
- 1/2 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 4 tablespoons, unsalted butter
- 3 scallions, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 pound kale, cleaned, stemmed and torn
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.

In a large mixing bowl, combine the bread crumbs, 12-ounces processed andouille sausage, 1 tablespoon creole seasoning, and 3 tablespoons olive oil.



Heat a large nonstick saute pan over medium heat. Season both sides of the fish fillets with the remaining Creole seasoning and add to a dry hot pan. Cook the fish for 2 minutes. Remove the fillets from the saute pan, flipping the uncooked sides down on to a sheet pan. Top each fillet with a generous amount of the bread crumb mixture and place in the oven for 5 to 8 minutes.

Heat a dry skillet to toast the pecans, about 3 minutes. Add the onions, 2 chopped garlic cloves, 4-ounces diced andouille and 1 tablespoon olive oil and saute for 2 minutes. Deglaze the pan with the wine and reduce. Add the Worcestershire sauce. Turn off the heat, add the butter, scallions, and parsley.

Heat another skillet over medium heat. Add the remaining olive oil, garlic, crushed red pepper and kale. Season the kale with salt and pepper to taste. Saute until wilted.

To serve: First pour the sauce onto a platter. Top the sauce with the sauteed kale. Top the kale with the crusted fish fillets.

Mahi Mahi in Creamy Sun Dried Tomato Sauce

Ingredients:

- 4 6-oz mahi fillets or any white fish
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tbsp ghee divided - or your favorite cooking oil
- 4 garlic cloves minced
- 1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes packed in oil chopped
- 1 cup full-fat coconut milk or heavy cream
- 2 tsp dijon mustard or 1 tbsp lemon juice
- Optional: 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes

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Pat dry the mahi fillets and sprinkle with salt and pepper on both sides.

Heat 1 tablespoon of ghee in a nonstick skillet over medium high heat.

Pan fry the mahi mahi for 3-4 minutes on each side, depending on their thickness. Remove from pan and set aside.

Add the remaining tablespoon of ghee to the skillet, and add minced garlic. Cook, stirring for 1 minute until fragrant.



Add sun-dried tomatoes, coconut milk, dijon mustard, and red pepper flakes, if using. Scrape the bottom of the skillet with a wooden spoon while the mixture heats up.

Once the sauce starts to boil, add spinach. As soon as the spinach is wilted and cooked down, add the mahi fillets back in to the skillet.

Simmer for 1 minute, while spooning the sauce over the fish. Serve immediately.

Pepper Tuna Steak with Lemon Dijon Cream Sauce

Ingredients:

2 lbs tuna steaks (6 tuna)



2 tablespoons coarsely ground black pepper

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon olive oil

1 tablespoon butter

1/2 cup heavy cream

1 tablespoon dijon mustard

1/2 cup broth (chicken, beef or vegetable)

2 cloves of garlic, crushed

1/2 lemon juiced (about 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon juice)

1/2 lemon zest

Directions:

Preheat a cast iron skillet over medium high heat.

While it's heating, rub the crushed pepper on both sides of the tuna steaks.

Also sprinkle a bit of salt on both sides.

Once the skillet is heated add the oil and then sear the steaks on both sides.

Sear each side for about 3-5 minutes without disturbing them. The time may differ depending on how thick your steaks are. The meat will cook it's way up the steak from the bottom. So once it has cooked 1/4 of the way up flip it to the other side.

Then take it out of the pan when that side has cooked 1/4 of the way up but keep a very rare center.

While the steaks are cooking, heat up another skillet.

Crab Poppers with Sriracha Aioli

Ingredients:

8 oz. of fresh crab or imitation crab

1 clove garlic chopped

1/2 cup unseasoned panko breadcrumbs plus 1/4 cup for coating the pan

1/4 cup parsley chopped

1/4 cup green onion chopped

2 tbsp. butter

1 egg

1/4 parmesan cheese

2 tbsp. lemon juice

Zest of one lemon



Sriracha Aioli:

1/4 cup of mayo

2 tbsp. sriracha sauce

2 cloves of garlic

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a small pan combine butter and green onion cook 2-3 minutes until butter is melted.

In a large bowl combine crab, garlic, egg, panko breadcrumbs, parsley, butter and onion, parmesan cheese, lemon juice

June 8, 2022 Coastal Fisherman Page 41 and lemon zest. Stir gently to combine.

Spray a mini cupcake pan with non-stick cooking spray and coat with remaining breadcrumbs.

Spoon 1 spoonful of crab mixture into each pan cavity.

Bake 15-20 minutes until cooked through and crab poppers are a nice golden brown.

Sriracha Aioli Dipping Sauce:

Mix mayo, garlic and sriracha sauce in a bowl until combined.

Buttery Tilefish

Ingredients:

2 medium tilefish (or other flaky, white fish) fillets, skinned, deboned & patted dry

Freshly ground black pepper

Kosher salt

2+ Tb. unsalted butter

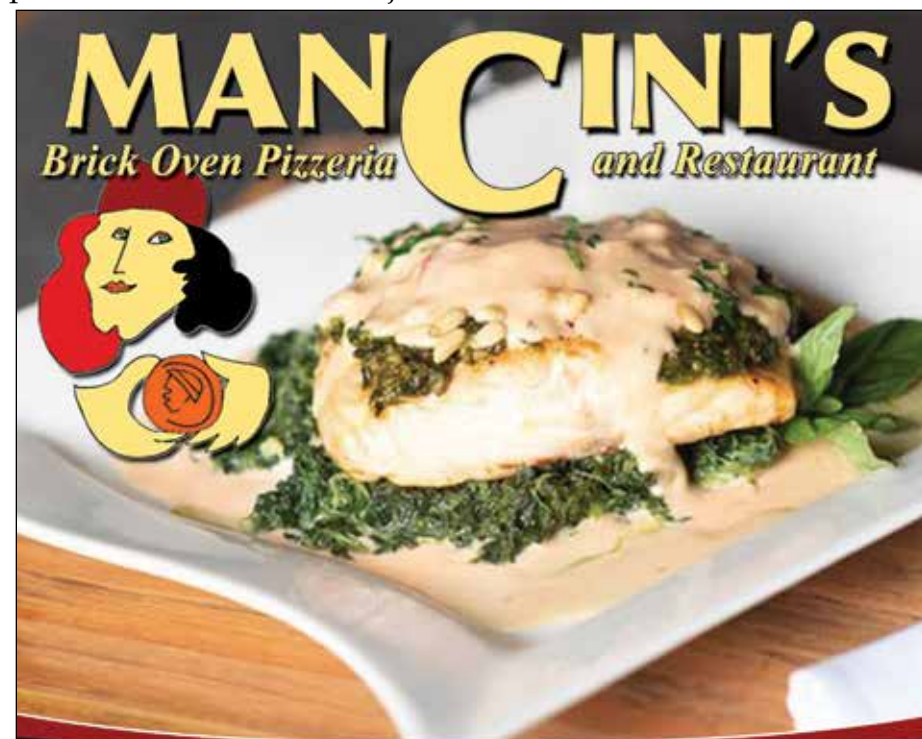
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1 whole clove garlic, peeled

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Lightly sprinkle each fillet with salt & pepper.

Heat butter, red pepper flakes and garlic in a non-stick skillet over low/medium heat.

After a couple of minutes, once the garlic starts to turn brown, remove it from pan.

Increase heat to medium. Add fillets and cook 1-2 minutes to brown the first side, then flip each fillet and spoon the butter over each piece.

Cover pan lightly for about 1

minute.

Remove cover then spoon butter over each fillet. Keep spooning 1-2 minutes (depending on thickness of your fillets) until they achieve a roasted look. Note: you may have to tip the pan to fill your spoon with butter each time.

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As I like to say, time for a mixed grill! Capt. JD Eddy, Justin Eddy and Jordon Frazier headed out to the Poor Man's on the charter boat "Green Reaper". They rigged their lines with bluefish and squid to catch these golden tilefish (with the largest at 37 lbs.), blueline tilefish, sea bass and rosies. They also released a shark, so a busy day! Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Ocean City Inlet and Harbor Navigation Improvement Project

We wanted to share some updates to the navigation improvement project for the Ocean City Inlet that was approved in 2019. This project is intended to address the need for continued dredging to keep the channel at the required 10' depth that is challenging from a resource and funding perspective.

Notable to the project is a proposal to rebuild or fill in current gaps in the southern breakwater as well as extending the southern breakwater further northwest (note Breakwater #1 in the image).

The following is from the Army Corps of Engineering describing the project and the image outlines the proposed changes.

The Baltimore District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), is proposing to realign approximately 3,360 linear feet of the Ocean City Inlet navigation channel to immediately south of its current position where most water is already at the federally-authorized 10-foot depth. Dredging of inlet bottom sand would be required locally. USACE also proposes to

construct two 300-foot long rock structures to close gaps in the existing breakwaters at the north end of Assateague Island (600 feet total) and to construct a 150-foot long jetty extending to the northwest into Sinepuxent Bay. The National Park Service is a cooperating agency for preparation of the draft Environmental Assessment (EA).

Worcester County, MD, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR) are the local project sponsors. The navigation improvements are proposed under Section 107 of the Continuing Authorities Program (CAP).

From 2019 to 2021, USACE investigated physical environmental

conditions, conducted extensive public and agency coordination, formulated alternatives, and modeled effects of alternatives using sediment and hydrologic computer models. The proposed navigation improvements are based on these economic, engineering, and environmental analyses. §



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The crew of "Catchin or Cussin" of Aaron Householder and Bethany from Hagerstown with Samantha, Justin and Brock Marshall from Ocean City fished in 92 fathoms of the Washington Canyon and raised some nice meat including a surprise snowy grouper, blueline tiles and golden tiles up to 36 lbs.



They're here and they bite, get used to it! John Fling and crew on the charter boat "Bottom Bouncer" were about 14 miles south east of Ocean City in about 80' of water doing some catch and release shark fishing when they decided to snag some ribbonfish! Nice catch.

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FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



This week in Delaware the crowds have started to subside from the holiday weekend and fishing is returning to normal. Sea bass is still plentiful but you must be willing to travel the 30 miles out to deeper water if you want limits. Black drum in the bay is on fire. Big bluefish are crashing the surf and inlets.

Black Drum

The Delaware Bay is thick with black drum now that the spawn is in full swing. Lighthouse shoals as well as the shallower shoals are the hot spot with fish up to 80 lbs. being caught. Fresh big clams are the best bait, however, many anglers are having great luck with sand fleas run around a circle hook. Richard Harpel caught and released a huge

black drum. He estimated the weight at around 80-85 lbs. Most anglers will release a fish this big both due to the fact that it is a major breeder as well as the odds of it having parasitic worms is very high. Worms in the meat of these fish are a common parasite and are always present in the fish, but when the fish gets over 50 lbs. they become large enough to be visible. They're not very appealing looking as the fish is filleted and the worms squirm all over the cutting board! They are harmless to humans and can be eaten along with the fillets, although most anglers are often ready to throw the fish back once they see the worms. Branden Moyer caught a nice 77 lb. black drum while fishing the "Skipjack" charter boat.

Fuentes Rivas Lucio got a nice drum off the bottom out at the coral beds near B Buoy last week. The "Surface Tension" charter boat did a quick trip and were rewarded with a few nice eating size fish, all caught on fresh clam. Daniel Korup had a successful night on the drum shoals and brought in a nice black to Lewes Harbour Marina. The fish weighed 25 lbs. which is a perfect eating size...no worms!

Bluefish & Rockfish

Bluefish blitzes were common last week both at the beach and inlet /bay openings. Steve Bieler got in on the action catching a nice 25" bluefish along the Indian River Inlet. Lighthouse Bait and Tackle reported a nice mix of small to slammer bluefish last week as well as some nice flounder and even a few croaker. Rich King of Delaware Surf Fishing said he saw some nice blues coming on the beach. He stated they are the perfect eating size and are great smoked, broiled or fried. George Frigm was fishing Fenwick Beach and caught a couple of nice blues and even managed a slot rockfish. Mark Pena was surf fishing at Broadkill Beach and was rewarded with a nice slammer blue. Although he says it's beginner's luck, catching a nice bluefish like that is often more natural skill than it is luck. Tony Dipietro is no amateur and found a nice 28" blue on his outings. Tony is a name that graces these pages many times each summer. Brooke Yarnall reported a nice 31" blue off of 3R's this past week. Most of the bluefish reported were caught on mullet rigs. Several local rig makes can be found if you want to support local rigs as opposed to the mass produced factory ones.

Delaware Surf Fishing has a unique one with a fish hook at the head to prevent bait from sliding down the hook as it often does on the surf. As we turn to rockfish, Chad Wilkerson got a nice striper off the inlet jetty. Jacob Gilliar, who was mentioned last week for a rockfish in the surf, was at it again pulling a few more out of the surf on cut bait. For a new surf fishing guy he is racking up the catches... way to go Jacob! Lewes Harbour Marina reported that Seth Morgan caught a beautiful 43" striper on an incoming tide. The fish was over slot and returned to the water to be caught another day. Not bad for a 14 yr. old young man. I'm sure he will be one we will hear from in coming years.

Sea Bass & Flounder

Sea bass is still very hot but most of the limits are coming from NJ/DE reef 30 miles out. I ran out this week with Daryl and Steve Norman on their new boat. We got to the reef a little late and were met with about 200 boats fishing the area. We started out with a daily slow bite, but as the afternoon drifted by and more boats headed in the fishing picked up and we soon had our limit throwing many smaller keepers back and only the bigger knoheads. The "Capt Ike II" from the Indian River Marina came in with some nice sea bass this week including some citation fish. Brad Clark was also on the bass out at NJ/DE and came home with a happy crew and limits for all. The "Rusty Reel" out of Indian River was also scoring it big with the sea bass before changing up shortly and going out to the deep for tuna. Fred Robinson and Daryl Merenthaler had a good day on the water bringing several fish back to the marina. I spoke with the boys filleting fish at Hook 'em and Cook 'em who told me most boats that went the distance to NJ/DE came home with limits or near



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limits, and those that stayed near the coral grounds got a few keepers but not limits.

Mike Smith pulled a few nice flounder out of Rehoboth Bay. This is the best report I've received from that bay so it's good to hear the fish are there now. Rehoboth Bay is often overlooked but holds a nice flounder population in the summer months. Brian Marine was fishing Indian River and luck struck again for his co angler when she pulled a nice 21.5" flounder onto the boat. Flounder have been caught in Indian River and Rehoboth bays on squid and shiners and a few on Gulp baits.

As far as crabs go, the count has dropped a little with approximately 8-10 keepers per pot. Jay Middleton reports lots of big pregnant females in the pots last week.

Until next week...
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Bob Shaw of West Ocean City, aka 'Hillbilly Bob' landed some nice fish near Sun Outdoors Ocean City/Castaways campground. He caught a 20" flounder using a flounder rig and 2 bluefish up to 24" on Gulp and minnows.



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John Charchut from Ocean Pines found our new office and shared this chunky 29.5" bluefish that tipped the scales at 6.4 lbs. He pulled this one from the surf on the beach at 51st in Ocean City using Fishbite's EZ Flea.

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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson

So how close is "too" close when you're fishing around someone else?

We were anchored up on a wreck and fishing for whatever we might be able to tempt off the bottom. It wasn't a big piece of structure, but it was big enough that our plan was to work one edge of it and then adjust the anchor so that we could fish the other edge and maybe pluck a few more fish before it would be time to run my six clients home in time for lunch.

About halfway through our morning I was just beginning to consider making the move when another boat pulled up and anchored about 25-yards off our starboard side right

where I was planning to adjust over to. The boat was close enough that the skipper easily heard me when I shouted, "Hey what are you doing? I assure you that I do not need assistance fishing this wreck!"

His only response before they started to fish was, "Hey man, there's only one wreck". As we were sitting in the middle of an artificial reef site that has about ten structures within a one mile square area, his response was as stupid as the bonehead move he had just pulled. The morning had been going just fine until the intruder arrived and decided that his right to fish that wreck superseded ours to fish it

alone. So I figured I had four options: 1 - Get in a shouting match with the guy and hope he'd give-in and leave, 2 - Just ignore him and finish off the morning right where we were, 3 - Pull anchor and set-up on a different structure (and hope he doesn't follow us), 4 - Swim over to his boat and cut his anchor line.

I was pretty mad at the guy, so for a fleeting second I was seriously considering "option 4" as it would both send him on his way and cool me down a bit, but I had a very nice family aboard including children and I didn't want to spoil their fun that morning with conflict and knives, so I chose "option 3", swallowed my pride, pulled anchor

www.coastalfisherman.net and just left. Over the years I've had many other negative interactions with fishermen but that was the most blatant "wreck fishing" incident I've had. I'm sure our local headboat captains and anyone else who fish the structures a lot are thinking "Man that ain't nothing! I once had this guy who...!!!".

It doesn't matter if it's a pond or an ocean, when two fishermen are trying to fish the same body of water it can get dicey if they both don't follow some simple fishing protocols. The thing is, just how close you can get to another fishermen before he might start sending sinkers (or other forms of lead) your way can depend upon so many variables including: location, method of fishing, size and type of fish being pursued, type of tackle being used, the direction of current and how many

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other fishermen are already working the area.

For instance, in my wreck fishing situation we were there first. It was a small structure, and there were plenty of other structures nearby. He had other options so there was absolutely no reason for the other guy to do what he did. Even if it truly was "the only wreck", it was too small for two boats to fish at the same time. When he first saw I was there he could have called me on the radio and asked how much longer I planned to fish and I would have told him "another hour and the wreck is yours" or maybe, if I was feeling particularly generous, I would have said that it was ok to come in and anchor on the other end, but the way he handled it was wrong - period!

Whether from a bank, a beach, or a boat, when a fisherman wishes to fish close to someone else it's only ok if what they are doing does not inhibit the other angler from doing what they were doing, or in any way hamper the opportunity to catch the fish they hope to catch. For instance, let's say you're over open bottom (no

structure) in the bay or ocean and want to drop anchor and fish for bluefish, flounder, croaker and whatever. You see another boat in the area you want to fish and he's doing that same thing. In that case you wouldn't want to crowd the guy but you could probably anchor fairly close without interfering with his catch or what he's doing. However, if the other guy is casting or chumming or anything else to try and attract or catch fish that aren't directly under his boat you'd better plan on staying well away, like definitely out of casting range and never down current if he's chumming or chunking.

Speaking of casting - it's never appropriate to throw your bait or lure to the same spot as someone else. Otherwise you're competing for the same fish. Take Ocean City's south jetty for instance. Unlike the offshore wrecks it's not a first-come-first-serve situation where one guy can claim exclusive rights to it. The jetty can and will get more than just a few boats working it at the same time. Everyone has to work together by staying apart enough that the water they are casting into does not

overlap water someone else is trying to fish.

The goal when chumming for sharks or chunking for tuna is to allow the current to take the scent of the chum or the food (the chunks) away from the boat and hopefully attract the fish to the baits. Depending upon the depth of the water and the strength of the current, chunks might pull tuna in from a few hundred yards away and chum could attract sharks from a mile out. With this knowledge, anglers should avoid fishing down current of someone who is chumming or chunking and if they are also going to be chumming or chunking themselves, stay at least a few hundred yards off the side of someone chunking and 1-2 miles off the side of someone chumming. Otherwise you will end up competing for the same fish which is not fair to the person who was there first.

Space will not allow me to highlight protocols for all the different fishing situations. However, it's safe to say that, when in doubt, just stay as far from other fishermen as you can. Fishing is supposed to be

more of a solitary sport than a team effort anyway. And if you're the second guy on the scene and not sure what to do you can always ask the other guy if it's ok to move in on him. He might tell you to give him another hour or welcome you right in. But in most fishing situations whoever is first in the scene is the one who gets to call the shots.

Finally, and one thing that might help keep fishermen's blood pressure down a few numbers when they are being "infringed upon" is the knowledge that, most of the time, the other guy just doesn't know any better, it's not that he's trying to bully his way in and spoil your day, it's that he doesn't have the experience to know the program. A polite explanation of "how it's done" is usually enough to nudge an intruder out of your exclusion zone allowing you to get back to fishing, and them to leave with an understanding of what to do or not to do around other fishermen. And that's always better than going for a swim with a knife in your mouth and steam coming off your head! §

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Dylan Backer of Lewes, DE headed to the canyons from the Indian River Marina on Memorial Day with his dad Jim and friend Mike Fleming of Rehoboth Beach, DE. They were deep dropping and landed these the golden tilefish with the largest at 44 lbs. A big fish to be sure but not enough to beat Dylan's current state record golden tile at 52 lbs 12.8 ozs he caught in 2020.

2022 FEDERAL SIZE & CREEL LIMITS

3-200 Miles

 <p>BLUE MARLIN 99" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit</p>	 <p>YELLOWFIN TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length 3 per person/day</p>	 <p>BIGEYE TUNA 27" Curved Fork Length No Retention Limit</p>	 <p>GOLDEN TILEFISH No minimum • 8 per person/day</p>
 <p>WHITE MARLIN 66" Lower Jaw Fork Length No Retention Limit</p> <p>NOTE: Blue Marlin, White Marlin and Roundscale Marlin combined 250 Limit</p>	 <p>BLUEFIN TUNA 27" to <47" curved fork length 2 per vessel/day or trip 47" to < 73" curved fork length 1 per vessel/day or trip 27" to <47" curved fork length 3 per Charter/day or trip 27" to <47" curved fork length 6 per Headboat/day or trip 47" to < 73" curved fork length 2 per Headboat/day or trip</p>	 <p>SWORDFISH 47" Lower Jaw Fork Length 1 per person / 4 per vessel (Rec) 1 per person / 6 per vessel (Charter) 1 per person / 15 per Headboat</p>	 <p>BLUELINE TILEFISH 5/1 - 10/31 3 per person (Recreational) 5 per person Uninspected (Charter) 7 per person Inspected (Charter)</p>
 <p>DOLPHIN No minimum Length Boat Limit 60 Charter Limit 10 per person/ 60 per Boat</p>	<p>SAILFISH Minimum Length 63" • No Retention Limit</p>	 <p>WAHOO No minimum Length • 2 per person/day</p>	

SHARKS

AUTHORIZED SPECIES

No Minimum Fork Length
Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead

54" Minimum Fork Length
Atlantic Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Tiger, Blue, Common Thresher, Oceanic Whitetip, Porbeagle, Finetooth, Atlantic Blacknose

71" Minimum Fork Length
Male Shortfin Mako

78" Minimum Fork Length
Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead

83" Minimum Fork Length
Female Shortfin Mako

PROHIBITED SHARKS
Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sixgill, Bigeye Thresher, Bignose, Caribbean Reef, Caribbean Sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Sandbar, Sand Tiger, Sevengill, Silky, Sixgill, Smalltail, Whale, White

NOTE: Only 1 shark from the lists above may be retained per vessel per trip. In addition, 1 Atlantic Sharpnose, 1 Bonnethead and 1 Oceanic Whitetip may be retained per person per trip. If a hammerhead shark is retained, no tunas, billfish or swordfish may be retained.

Resources: eregulations.com & NOAA.gov



It's not a magic trick, James Trickey of Lewes, DE did catch these three flounder! He was using a jig head with Gulp in the Lewes Canal on the "Cami Cowboy", the largest at 21". Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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The 12½ lb. winning fish from the Inaugural Blues for DU Tournament is remarkable in it's own right, but it's journey to the scales is a story as well. Capt. Tom Battista with angler Mike Botsaris were a last minute crew and only managed to fish for 3½ hours during the event. On the last day the crew headed to the Fenwick Shoals only to be turned back by a surprise squall that had waves coming over the bow. On their return Tony saw birds around the south Ocean City Jetty and decided to check it out. Fortunate for Mike as he caught this \$995 prize winning fish.



This 5.3 lb. bluefish caught by Parker Marshall dominated the top spot for most of the Inaugural Blues for DU Tournament, but slipped to 2nd Place late in the event. Parker was fishing with Capt. Brian Behe and Cam Rahnama on the "Buffalo Hunter" catching 3 keepers in total at the Ocean City Inlet on live spot. The fish earned a total of \$985 in prize monies.



Tournament RESULTS

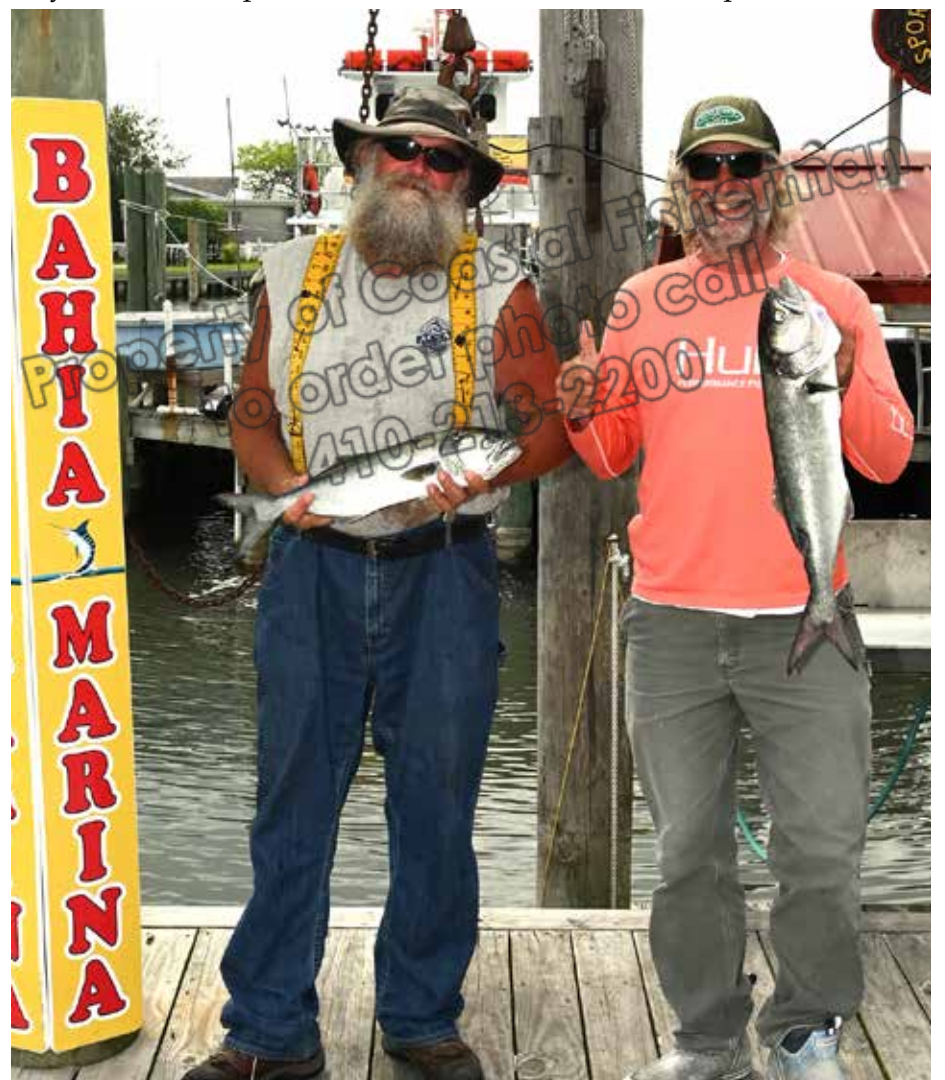
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1ST PLACE
 Mike Botsaris
 "Saltwater Adventures" 12.5 lbs. \$995

2ND PLACE
 Parker Marshall
 "Buffalo Hunter" 5.3 lbs. \$985

3RD PLACE
 Shaun Flaherty
 "Lost Time" 4.2 lbs. \$398

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The first to the scales on day 1 of the Inaugural Blues for DU Tournament was the "Lost Time" with Big Bird Cropper and Shaun Flaherty. Shaun's 4.2 lb. and 25" bluefish they caught at the outer tip of the south Ocean City Jetty held on to take 3rd Place overall earning \$398.



Three generations of the Ritterman family from Annapolis, MD took to the water for some family fishing. Young Wesley, his father Doug and grandfather Rich caught this 17" flounder in the Thorofare on a top and bottom rig with a 5" white Gulp as well as an 18" striper at the south Ocean City Jetty.

Our resident snakehead killer Dick Wetzel was doing his part to reduce the population of this invasive species last week! This one from the lower Eastern Shore (aka secret spot) was worth sharing as it was 30" and weighed 10 lbs! An ugly and nasty fish to be sure, but tasty!

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Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE	Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE
Bluefish 	 June 5 Mike Botsaris S. OC Jetty 12.5 lbs.	May 27 Mike Greene 3 R's 10 lbs. 12 Oz.	Thresher Shark 	 May 30 Dan Cavey Fingers 373 lbs.	
Black Drum 	April 16 CW Wells Assateague Island 70 lbs.	May 22 Mike Strain Coral Beds 78 lbs.	Bigeye Tuna 		
Cobia 			Bluefin Tuna 		
Flounder 	May 24 Dave Skirka Thorofare 5.5 lbs.	May 20 Matt Moffa Ocean Wreck 4.15 lbs.	Longfin Tuna 	 June 5 Chad Tingle Wilmington Canyon 49.5 lbs.	
Sea Bass 	 May 31 Justin Eddy Poor Man's 4.7 lbs.	May 20 Randy Meyers Ocean Structure 3.50 lbs.	Yellowfin Tuna 	 June 4 Harvey A. Fisher S. Spencer Canyon 51.1 lbs.	
Sheepshead 			Dolphin 		
Striped Bass 	May 20 Bud Martin Rt. 50 Bridge 17.19 lbs.		Swordfish 		
Tautog 	April 22 Kelly Langion-Milano Artificial Reef 18 lbs.	April 22 Billy Thornatore Ocean Wreck 7.5 lbs.	Blue Marlin 		
Wahoo 			White Marlin 		

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Flounder man Tim Goodman from Lancaster, PA is back in action! The straight faced angler is known for finding the fatties. This trip yielded three keepers with the largest at 19". All caught using white Gulp Swimming Mulletts.



Late May saw many boats take a shake down cruise or their first offshore run. It was the latter for the "Sea Hunt" with Ocean City anglers Richard Hoenes, Hailey Borns and Andy Dripps. They ventured out to the Marine Electric and managed 30 keeper sea bass. Mates Cake Christy and Tim Howell kept the line straight despite tangles and snags!

TOURNAMENT SERIES

2022 SCHEDULE

* You do NOT have to be a Member to Participate in this Tournament

UPCOMING TOURNAMENT!

43rd ANNUAL SMALL BOAT TOURNAMENT

Registration: June 24, 6:30-8:00pm

Fishing Days: (1 of 2) June 25 & 26

Weigh-Ins: June 25 & 26, 3:00-6:30pm at Sunset Marina

40th ANNUAL CANYON KICK OFF*

Registration: June 30, 6:30-8:00pm
FREE TO PAID OCMC BOAT MEMBERS

Fishing Days: (2 of 3) July 1, 2 & 3

Weigh-Ins: July 1-3, 5:00-7:30pm at Sunset Marina

18th ANNUAL KID'S CLASSIC*

To benefit the Wish-A-Fish Foundation

Registration: July 15, 6:00-8:00pm

Fishing Days: (1 or 2 of 2) July 16 & 17

Weigh-Ins: July 16, 3:00-6:30pm and July 17, 3:00-6:00pm at Sunset Marina

14th ANNUAL OCMC LADIES' TOURNAMENT "HEELS & REELS"*

To benefit the Marlin Club Crew of OC Scholarship Fund

Registration: August 4, 6:00-8:00pm

Fishing Days: (1 of 2) August 5 & 6

Weigh-Ins: August 5 & 6 5:30-7:30pm at Atlantic Tackle

64th ANNUAL LABOR DAY WHITE MARLIN TOURNAMENT*

Registration: September 1, 6:30-8:00pm

Fishing Days: (2 of 3) September 2, 3 & 4

Weigh-Ins: September 2, 3 & 4 6:00-8:00pm at Sunset Marina

7th ANNUAL OCMC vs OCLTC SHOOT-OUT

Angler Meeting: July 21, 7:00pm

Fishing Days: (2 of 3) July 22, 23, 24

No Weigh-Ins

44th ANNUAL CHARLES KRATZ & SCOTT SMITH CHALLENGE CUP

Registration: Sept. 7, 6:00-8:00pm

Fishing Days: (2 or 3) Sept. 8, 9 & 10

No Weigh-Ins

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Call Mark Barton



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