

On the final day of the 6th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, the crew on the "Git-R-Done" caught a variety of fish and ended up placing in several divisions. Fishing with Capt. Jimmy Fields and Mate Jim Hughes were Carlee and Cole Barrett from Bishopville, MD, Brody and Dawson Fields from West Ocean City, MD and Gunner Hughes from Ocean City, MD. Carlee caught a 9.2 lb. rockfish to win 1st place in the Rockfish Division while Brody and Cole landed 8.6 lb. and 6.8 lb. linesiders to take 2nd and 3rd place in the division. Dawson muscled in a 1.6 lb. 5-fish stringer of spot to tie for 1st place in the Spot Division, Brody reeled in a 30.6 lb. skate to win the Skate Division and Gunner landed a 3.6 lb. flounder to win 3rd place in the Flounder Division. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

### **Double Lines**



In May, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) approved Draft Addendum II to Amendment 6 the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass. One of the changes this amendment would make would be an increase in the coastal commercial quota for striped bass. According to the June issue of "Fisheries Focus," a newsletter published by the ASMFC, "The proposal to increase the coastal commercial quota is intended to improve equality between commercial and recreational sectors. Although Amendment 6 established the management programs for both fisheries based on the same target fishing mortality rate, implementation of state-specific quotas for coastal commercial harvest (and not for recreational

harvest) has prevented the commercial and recreational fisheries from responding equally to changes in striped bass population size. Since 2003, coastal commercial harvest has decreased by 3.6 percent, while recreational harvest increased by 13.7 percent."

Huh? Come on, guys...this is simply a lot of managerial gobbledygook designed to appease commercial interests who are pressuring for a higher quota. I'm not sure I even oppose a higher commercial quota if the science and the stock would allow it, but don't tell me it is because recreational harvest went up while commercial harvest went down. First of all, the recreational harvest numbers are still based on the seriously flawed MRFSS numbers, which even the government has admitted aren't

worth the paper they are printed on, so how can you compare the two harvests when actually almost completely unknown? addition, there could be many reasons why the commercial harvest has declined, including striper migration weather, patterns, even a drop in the number of commercial fishermen. The fact that commercial catches decreased tells me that they were higher at one time, which implies the commercial guys are not even catching the quota they have now. So why raise it? Probably not to help the average commercial angler who has some striper tags to fill, but to enrich the much larger commercial interests who have the ears of ASMFC members...



**ASMFC** The newsletter states that in 2008 "Landings accounted for 68 percent of the overall fishery removals...while dead discards accounted for the remaining 32 percent." In case you don't know, "dead discards" are fish,

www.coastalfisherman.net in this case striped bass, thrown back dead or not expected to survive. No one counts these fish, so it is a purely arbitrary number. Amazingly, the 2008 striper numbers are further broken down, and recreational anglers are charged with a "dead discard" figure of 23.6 percent of the total overall catch, while commercial fishing is only charged with 8.8 percent "dead discards" of the total striper catch. I don't buy it. Where do these numbers come from? And even if I thought the numbers were even close to reality, it would just make me angrier to think that all of these dead fish the fault of are really management regulations designed to protect the species in the first place. If fishermen were allowed to keep what they catch. with a reasonable minimum size and with strict enforcement of creel limits, would we have all these "dead discards"? Of course, it's the same old story with the bluefin tuna. How many fish are being killed because of the absurdity of the slots and size limits...?

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Mate on the "Angler", Dean Lo was reeling in a bait for a customer when this 13 lb. dolphin hit the strip of squid at the Jackspot. Also fishing with Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mate Matt Temple was Don Stoewer from Baltimore, MD who landed a 3 lb. 8 oz. sea bass and Jeff Harsh from Horseshoe Run, WV. Pictured at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock in downtown Ocean City.





Jerry Faletto of Severn, MD caught this 26-inch, 7 lb. 9 oz. flounder while fishing off the 9th Street Pier with a jig head tipped with a Pearl Gulp! Swimming Mullet. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.



Capt. Tom Murphy on the "Mega Bite" poses with the 78.5 lb. bluefin tuna caught by angler Brendan Sullivan at the Chicken Bone. The 51-inch fish was caught on a ballyhoo dressed up with a purple and black Ilander.



Patrick Mullen from Saugerties, NY landed this 92 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing with Tom, Shawn, Jimmy, John and Johnny Mullen, also from Saugerties, NY on the "Salty Sons" with Capt. Mel McGinnis and Mate Jimmy Ruppert. The 56-inch bluefin was caught on a spreader bar in 20 fathoms behind the Jackspot. Pictured in the slip at Bahia Marina.





Page 6 Coastal Fisherman July 21, 2010 Double Lines continued:



Want to steal one more item from the ASMFC newsletter, mainly just because I thought it was interesting. A gentleman named Paul Tasha, commercial lobster diver for about 40 years, recently caught a huge 31-pound male lobster off of Race Point in Provincetown, MA. To give you an idea of just how big this lobster was, the largest Tasha had ever caught before weighed 22 pounds, and that's a substantial lobster. This lobster's carapace (measured from the rear of the eye socket to the end of the body segment) was just over nine inches long, and its "crusher claw was bigger than the average adult male's head." Tasha had several offers to buy the lobster for better than \$150, but he chose to release it...kudos to him for that...



A friend told me that he recently read somewhere that the ocean temps along the Atlantic coast this summer are as warm as scientists have ever

recorded. Unfortunately, that could mean more coastal storms in the coming weeks, but on the bright side, we could have one of those summers when we see a more fish normally associated with more tropical areas. A gentleman reported catching two large tarpon one day last week down in Oyster, VA, for instance. There are a few tarpon there every year, but he also reported water temps inside the marshes at 85 degrees. I have seen a couple of tarpon caught in the Ocean City area over the years, and the warm water could bring a few this year. Around here, they feed extensively on croakers, and the hardheads are showing up now in both the surf and the bays. We could also see more Spanish and king mackerel with the warm water, along with cobia, spadefish, triggerfish, and even rarer species such as snappers or groupers. Surf fishermen could see an influx of pompano. Offshore, expect more sailfish, barracudas, and hopefully, good blue marlin, white marlin and dolphin seasons...

learn..." I recently had a brief conversation with a young man who was taking one of my Assateague Tackle rigs that features double 5/0 hooks on 50lb. test and a large Spin 'n Glo® float and re-tying it exactly the same way but on 20 lb. fluorocarbon leader. He was then using it for flounder fishing in the inlets and bays down on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, although it was designed more for the ocean flounder fishery. Anyway, it was working very well, and he was surprised at the number of small flounders he was catching on the big double hooks. He said he was using large spearing, which resemble silversides. For him, the fluorocarbon was key, and had kept side-by-side comparisons with regular mono leaders. He had much more success with the fluorocarbon, he said. I have to admit that while I make many of my own with 30 fluke rigs lb. fluorocarbon, I never really thought it made that much difference with the flatties. Guess I'll have to re-think that

Under "even an old dog can

one...



I am sad to report the local fishing community lost another colorful character on Sunday, July 11, when Dick Kelly passed away. With his wife Libby, Dick was a fixture at Oyster Bay Tackle for something like 15 years. He loved to fish, and I enjoyed talking to him many times as I delivered papers to the shop each week. Before he came to Ocean City, Dick was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving on the USS Valley Forge and the USS Tarawa. He retired from his "real job" as a diesel mechanic with Ford Motor Company in Chester, PA in 1986. Dick was ill for many years, but like most of his generation, he was tough, and he fought the good fight. I just hope that now the breathing is easy, and the fish are biting on every cast...



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Kyle and Andrew Amrhein from Felton, PA ended their day with a 5 lb. 13 oz. flounder and a 18.5-incher in the box after fishing on the "Mullet Head" with Capt. Mike Amrhein. The fish were caught on live mullet (go figure) in the Indian River and weighed at Fenwick Tackle.



Vincent Whitehurst of Lorton, VA landed a dolphin, John Struss of Catonsville, MD caught a 4 lb. 4 oz. sea bass and Kyle Irvins of Reisterstown, MD boated a tautog, all while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Rich Silvani. The dolphin was caught on a trolled green machine and the sea bass and tog were hooked on clams. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



David Cheveca, still mourning the Montreal Canadians getting knocked out of the Stanley Cup playoffs by the Philadelphia Flyers, landed this 12 lb. 6 oz. bluefish while casting off the Rt. 50 Bridge.

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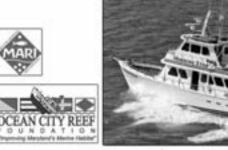
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## Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock

What a weekend of fishing! Outside of the great turnout for the Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, we saw excellent catches of yellowfin tuna in the ocean and solid catches of flounder in the bay.

#### Marlin Club Kid's Classic

Over 330 junior anglers competed in this year's 6th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic over the weekend. You can find a complete listing of winners on page 23.

Although most of the kids hit the scales with nice catches of spot, croaker and other small fish, there were some notable catches during their 2 days of fishing:

- Matt Boyle caught a 5.4 lb. flounder on the north end of the East Channel on a squid and shiner combination.
- Noah Good caught a 4 lb. flounder on live spot near the Rt. 50 Bridge.
- Courtney Grady landed a 25 lb. dolphin in 50 fathoms inside the Baltimore Canyon.
- Makaela Mitchell reeled in a 70.6 lb. yellowfin tuna in the Poor Man's Canyon.
- Ben Hild captured a 54 lb. wahoo in the Baltimore Canyon.
- Brody Fields actually got a 30.6 lb. skate into the boat after a tough fight.
- Connor Campbell landed a 70.4 lb. yellowfin in between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons.

Overall, it was another good Kid's Classic, with a lot of smiling anglers. As you can



Jeff Remenapp from West Ocean City, MD landed a 32 lb. dolphin and Geraldo Cortez and Jill Kuss each released a white marlin while fishing on the "Reel Joy" with Capt. Dale Gurgo and Mate Andy Helms. The fish were caught on ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

imagine, it is a tough tournament to organize at the scales, so kudos go out to Boz Jefferson, Amanda Shick, Sharon Rittmeyer, Pat Svehla and Jim Giles.

### Yellowfin Tuna

The big news over the weekend was the tremendous catches of yellowfin tuna that hit the docks on Saturday and Sunday. Several boats got into them, but none had a better weekend than Capt. Brian Porter on the "Marli". The bite moved south over the past week into the south end of the Baltimore Canyon down to the north end of the Poor Man's Canyon. This is

where Capt. Brian boxed 16 yellowfins on Saturday and another 18 on Sunday. The catch on Sunday totalled 994 lbs. for an average weight of 55 lbs. per fish. All were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars. The fish were feeding deep, according to Capt. Brian, in approximately 130 fathoms.

The yellowfin bite started late in the week when, on Thursday the "Billfisher" returned with 8 yellowfins, the "Ranger" had 6, and "Blood, Sweat & Tears" had 4 yellowfins, all caught in the Baltimore Canyon.

The bigger numbers showed up over the weekend when on Saturday, in addition to the "Marli" catch, "Fish Bonz" and "The Zipper" each returned with

13 yellowfins. Then on Sunday, "Rhonda's Osprey" put 14 yellowfins in the box and the "Playmate" returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with 12 yellowfins.

Several other boats returned smaller catches of yellowfin tuna over the weekend, all from the same area between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons. In the Kid's Classic, Makaela Mitchell caught a beautiful 70.6 pounder in the Baltimore Canyon on Saturday.

#### Billfish

We did see some white marlin releases over the weekend.

On Thursday, the "Reel Joy" released 2 white marlin in the Baltimore Canyon. On Friday, the "Lil' Man" had an impressive day, releasing 3 sailfish and 3 white marlin in 500 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon. On Saturday, "The Zipper" and "Mugger" each recorded a white marlin release and "Game Over" released 3 in the Baltimore Canyon.

Finally, on Sunday the "Billfisher" released another 2 white marlin east of the Poor Man's Canyon where they also caught 6 yellowfins and some dolphin.

### **Bluefin Tuna**

We only saw a couple of bluefin tuna caught last week with both coming in on Thursday.

"Salty Sons" weighed a 92 pounder (56") that was caught behind the Jack Spot and a couple of anglers on a private boat, "Mohler's Money", landed a 78 lb. bluefin at the Hambone where they reported water temperatures hovering around 77-degrees.

### Dolphin

For a while, all we were

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seeing were mostly small dolphin arrive at the scales, but recently some larger, bull dolphins have arrived on the scene. The largest dolphin we saw this week was the 32.4 pounder caught on the "Goodtime" in Massey's Canyon on Saturday. A 32 pounder was caught on Thursday by an angler on the "Reel Joy" in the Baltimore Canyon.

Warm water continued to push inshore, where even headboats are hooking some stray dolphin. Both the "Angler" and the "Morning Star" each boxed a mahi this past week while trolling towards their fishing grounds.

### Wahoo

Warmer waters are producing a few catches of wahoo for offshore anglers. On Thursday, "Blood, Sweat & Tears" hooked into one in 80 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. On Saturday, Ben Hild on the "Espadon" caught a 54 lb. speedster, also in the Baltimore Canyon.

### Flounder

A couple of places were

hotter than most this past week when it came to catching flounder. We continue to see a decent number of keepers caught in the East Channel, but the West Channel is coming on strong. It's shallow over there, so anglers need to be careful. We also saw some fish being caught in the channel off Gudelsky Park, on the West side of the bay across from the Talbot Street Pier. As always during this time of year, finding deep holes is the key to hooking keeper-size flatties.

The big news in flounder fishing is the tremendous results anglers are getting by using Gulp! artificial baits. The Swimming Mullet is definitely hot right now with chartreuse working slightly better than white.

The "Get Sum" had some nice trips this week highlighted by their catch on Saturday, when they returned with 6 keepers from their afternoon trip. The largest weighed an even 6 lbs.

### **Striped Bass**

Anglers fishing with live peanut bunker and spot tied into some linesiders around the Rt. 50 Bridge over the weekend. "Big Bird" Cropper was tossing his famous "roy rig" around the South Jetty on Saturday night when he hooked into a 41-incher. The stripers can be found roaming under schools of bluefish that have been spotted mainly in the East Channel.

#### Croaker

We started to see croaker showing up in our bay waters this past week. Nothing big. Anglers fishing with Gulp! or Fishbite artificial baits were able to snag a few.

As this heats up over the upcoming weeks, it is a great way to introduce young anglers to our wonderful sport because the action can be fast and furious.

### In the Surf

Sue Foster at Oyster Bay Tackle reports, "Sharks are still the talk of the beach. There's big ones for anglers using big baits, and little tiny dogsharks for anglers using small hooks. Kingfish, spot, and croaker were biting. The croaker were biting mainly at night. A few anglers reported bluefish, while others say they haven't seen a one. Anglers fishing for kingfish and

July 21, 2010 Coastal Fisherman Page 9 spot should use small hooks and bloodworms or artificial bloodworm combined with a little strip of clam, mullet, bunker, or squid fillet. For sharks, bunker fillet or whole squid on a larger hook. Finger mullet for bluefish. Croaker and Sea Trout take a small to medium sized hook with any kind of cut bait. Croaker also like clam. Trout take worms. I like a combination bait of worm (real or fake) and cut bait."

### **Upcoming Tournament**

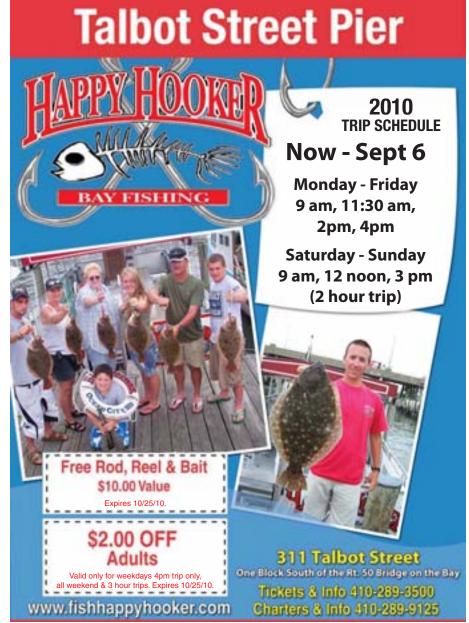
This weekend is the 2nd Annual Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament at Sunset Marina. Fishing days are Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a Benefit Auction at 6:30 on Sunday.

Although it is a blue marlin tournament, there are divisions for tuna, wahoo and dolphin. Weigh-ins are from 4:00 to 9:00 pm each day.

If a big blue marlin is caught, it could be very exciting at the scale, so head on over to Sunset Marina and Sunset Grille and have a good time.

See you at the scales!

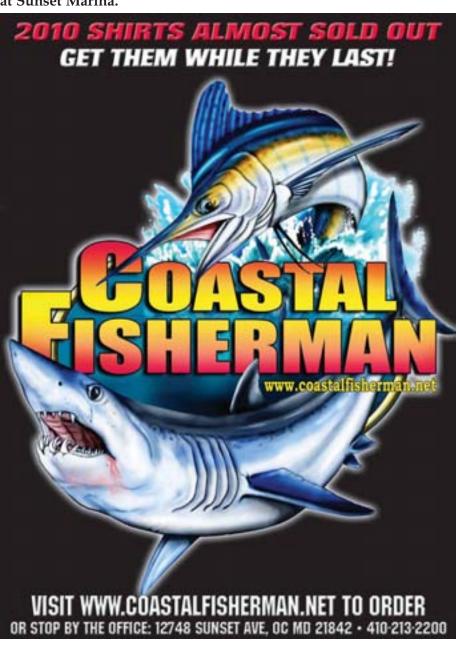




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The "Marli", with Capt. Brian Porter at the helm and Mates Rick Tshudy and Mike Runk in the pit, had an incredible 2 days of yellowfin fishing over the weekend, following up their catch of 16 on Saturday with this catch of 18 yellowfins on Sunday. Fishing on Sunday were John Supeck of Mappsville, VA, Dan and Linda Rohleder from Centreville, MD, Len Rainville from Cockeysville, MD, Scott Spencer from New Freedom, PA and Keith Scott from Pasadena, MD. The group landed 994 lbs. of tuna, averaging 55 lbs. per fish. The largest yellowfin tipped the scales at 74 lbs. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





Tracie Miller from West Ocean City, MD was drifting a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the channel off Gudelsky Park when she hooked into this 21-inch flounder. Tracie was fishing on "Just Add Sauce" with Scott Hoffman. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

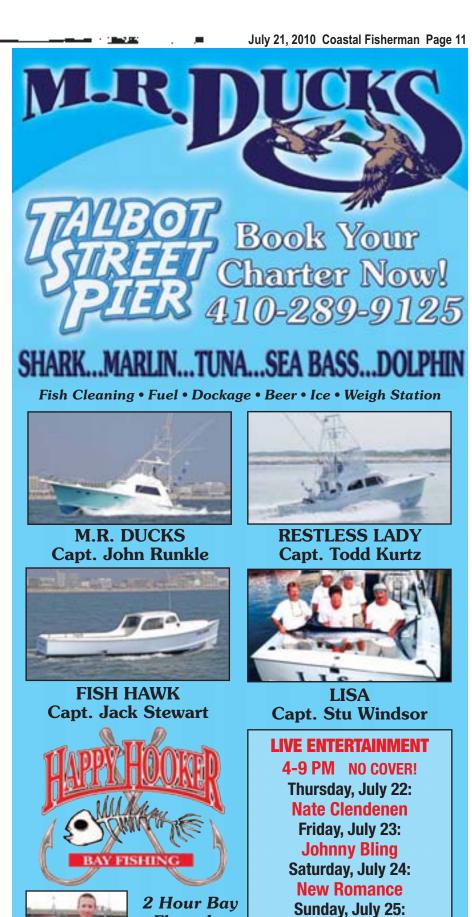


A few boats on Sunday really smoked the yellowfin tuna, and "Rhonda's Osprey" was one of them, returning to Sunset Marina with 14 yellowfins caught on trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Joe Drosey and Mates Rusty Reddish and Chris Ragni were Frank Napoli and Jeremy Juffe from Atlantic City, NJ, Michael Wiener from Philadelphia, PA, Frank Marchese from Ventnor, NJ and Tom Collins from Margate, NJ.



Joe Walker and Joe Walker, Jr. limited out on flounder (2 pictured) while fishing at Brown Shoal Reef, using squid strips on spinner hooks. Senior's 6 lb. 7 oz. flattie edged out Junior's 5 lb. 13 oz. flounder for heaviest fish honors. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





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Angler Riley Burch from Forest Hill, MD made the most of his first time fishing, landing this 24-inch, 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder on a chartreuse Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the East Channel. Riley was fishing with Mitchell, Bill and Bradley Hubbard from Bel Air, MD and Bob Burch from Forest Hill, MD.





August 1996 - Bob Foster of West Ocean City, MD (center) took out Jay Ream and Dick Kelly (right), employees of Oyster Bay Tackle, for some chunking at the Hot Dog on "Bob's Cat" and returned with 2 yellowfins. Sadly, Dick passed away on July 11th and is survived by his children, grandchildren and wife, Libby, who works at Oyster Bay Tackle. Memorial contributions are being accepted by the Delaware Hospice Center, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.





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## **Driftin' Easy**

by Sue Foster



## Lessons Learned and Re-Learned

I was off on Tuesday and realized I hadn't been surf fishing this year! I absolutely love to surf fish because it is so relaxing and nice to be on the beach. I'm one of those people that can't just sit on the beach to sunbathe. I have to be doing something. And surf fishing is definitely that!

So off I went into my shed and got out my tackle bucket full of surf rigs and sinkers. It was an assortment of kingfish rigs, snapper blue rigs and mullet rigs I had gathered together to go surf fishing one other day before something else came up. There was way more tackle than I needed for one day, so I just looked through it to make sure I had a few of my favorite kingfish rigs since that's what's been biting. I had a couple Sea Striker kingfish rigs with the little balls and the size 6 Kahye hooks. I had an Assateague Surf Kingfish Rig with small Gami Octopus hooks and a Magnum Kingfish Rig made with a slightly larger Gami hook. I like this rig because it's small enough for kingfish, yet large enough to

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catch a snapper blue or whatever else comes along (or so I thought!).

I looked at the bottom of the bucket and saw I had some 2, 3, 4 and 5-ounce pyramid or hurricane sinkers. For kingfish, I like to use "just enough" weight without using too much, so the sinker barely holds the bottom. When I hold the rod, I like it to move inward a little at a time, and I can reel in the slack. For me, I think kingfish get excited when it moves just a little!

I threw in a bait knife, needle nose pliers, and scissors to cut my 20 and 30 pound test braid line (6 and 8 pound test diameter.) The thinner the line, the less resistance there is in the water so the less sinker weight it takes to hold bottom. Braid line is also more sensitive, so you can feel the tiny bites. (And tiny some of them were!)

I grabbed two surf combos. One was a 9-foot medium action; the other was a lighter 8 ½ foot St. Croix that is sweet to catch kingfish with. It is very sensitive, but not much for throwing more than 4 ounces of lead. I double checked the bottom of my tackle bucket to make sure there were a couple sputnik sinkers in the bottom, which there were (2 oz. & 4 oz.). These sinkers are great when there is a lot of side current (current going down the beach.) They have retractable wires coming out of them, so they stick in the sand really well, and then retract if they get stuck. I can use a 2-ounce sinker on the light rod, rather than having to go to a 4 or 5-ounce pyramid or hurricane sinker. The 4-ounce will hold as well as an 8-ounce pyramid. I don't use them unless I have to because you lose some sensitivity to the bites. But I did need them for a while on Tuesday.

I grabbed two short sand spikes, one for each rod. In retrospect, I wish I had grabbed the longer ones. When the current is strong or the waves are tall, the longer ones put your surf rods up higher so the waves don't wash your sinkers back in. I had to hold the rod to keep the line out of the waves.

Even though the tackle bucket had too much tackle, I threw it in the truck. I did drag the whole bucket down to the beach, but in retrospect, I should have taken the time to sort out just what I needed and left the rest at home or in the truck! I didn't forget anything; I just took a little too much. I had an old beach cart in the shed, and loaded it up with a cooler with ice, an extra bucket and a rag. I had suntan lotion, a sandwich, something to drink, bug spray, plenty of bait (bloodworms, fresh bunker, finger mullet and fish bite bloodworms.) I was going to spend ALL DAY on the beach and I was prepared. Or, so I thought.

I had looked at the radar before I left home, and the little rain storm was coming to an end and I only saw a few green spots coming later. It was hot and figured if it sprinkles a little it will feel good. IN FACT, kingfish like a little cloud cover, and bite much better if the day is partly cloudy rather than sunny. The wind was mostly south but was going to be southeast at least part of the day. Southeast would have been East winds make fantastic. kingfish bite much better. I had checked the tide schedule and saw high tide was at 9:30 A.M. Good, I could catch a morning tide at a good time of day.

I drove up to 3 R's Road. (I like 3 R's for the incoming tide and Conquest Road for the outgoing tide.) I had gotten my Delaware Fishing License online last week for \$21.50 for the rest of the year. I had also gotten my FIN number and written it on my license. I paid \$8 out of state to get in the park. I got to the beach, dragged all my stuff up and realized the cart had a stuck wheel, so I dragged it all up anyway, figuring I'd be there all day. Well, the rain poured down and I sure wish I had taken that rain coat. But I saw no lightning, so I stayed and rigged up. I started with the Magnum Kingfish rig baited

with bloodworm with a little chunk of fresh bunker. The fish kept cleaning me, so I put on the smaller kingfish rig and realized they were sand perch and small baby sand sharks. I fished one rod in the hand, bumping it in, and finally caught a couple nice kingfish.

When I was baiting up the third time, I left the cooler open just for 30 seconds, and a sea gull came up and pulled my bait right out of my cooler! You have to watch sea gulls like a hawk! They WILL steal your bait!

THEN, when I was baiting up one rod, I saw something that has never happened to me My rod with the before! Magnum Kingfish Rig took my sand spike down and was heading to the ocean! (Yes, I had my drag too tight!) I grabbed the rod, something took off half my line fast, crashed the surface (I couldn't make out what it was) and was gone. When I reeled in, the Gami hook had bent out. If I had my drag set lighter, I might have gotten the fish in, or at least maybe saw it! Lesson learned. (And I know that lesson!)

A couple more kingfish caught... then I looked at the sky and saw lightning, and I know you do not stand on the beach with a graphite rod in a lightning storm! So I hauled all my stuff to the truck, wishing I had been a little more selective about how much stuff I had taken to the beach, and headed for the barn. I could have bought a beach tag to drive on the beach, or I could have bought a decent beach cart!

There was one more lesson learned that I knew, but did it anyway. Even though the day was partly cloudy and party rainy, the sun did come out a couple times. I put suntan lotion everywhere but the tops of my feet! Ouch! Lobster feet! The other lesson learned. Don't put Fish Bites in your pocket and get caught in a rain storm. It turned into a pink sticky glue gob!

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.



Riley Taylor of Harrington, DE hooked into this 4 lb. 1 oz. flounder while drifting squid in the Delaware Bay. Riley was fishing on the "Pirate King" with Capt. Ted Moulinier. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Ten-year-old Nick Richardson caught his first dolphin while fishing on the "Stretchin Lips" with Ed, Christine and Edward Richardson. The mahi hit a green machine at the Jackspot.

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The anglers were singing "You've Made Me So Very Happy" after fishing on the "Blood, Sweat & Tears" with Capt. Luke Blume and Mate Michael Murray. Anglers Landis Plummer from Bowie, MD, Jamie and Jim Gill from Crofton, MD and Jon Wells from Jarrettsville, MD caught 4 yellowfin tuna and a wahoo in the Baltimore Canyon on ballyhoo and spreader bars. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Reef site #10 really produced for anglers Tony Vansant, Tucker Chance and Fred Wright who teamed up to land 8 keeper flounder, weighing up to 7 lbs. The fish were caught on strips of squid and are pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina in Lewes, DE.

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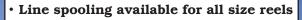
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1 TBSP. balsamic vinegar

4 tuna steaks, 1-inch thick

In a large heavy nonstick

add

the

1 1/2 tsp. chopped fresh

skillet, cook the garlic in 1 tsp.

of the oil over very low heat, 30

vinegar, 1/8 tsp. of the salt and

with tin foil to keep warm.

remaining salt and pepper.

Remove to a bowl and cover

Season the fish with the

Heat the remaining oil in the

Add the fish and cook until

Turn and cook until the tuna

Serve topped with the garlic

same skillet over medium heat.

browned on the first side, 4 to 5

is just opaque throughout, 3 to 4

**Stir Fried Flounder** 

Fillets with Scallions

sauce and parsley or basil.

1 lb. flounder fillets

1 TBSP. light soy sauce

1 TBSP. cornstarch

1 TBSP. sherry

Dash of pepper

4 TBSP. vegetable oil

4 thin slices fresh ginger

3 scallions, cut into 2 inch

Cut fish into 1 inch cubes.

cornstarch, light soy, sherry, salt

Place in a bowl and add

Mix well and marinate 1

Cut the 4 slices of ginger

Cut scallions into 2 inch

1/4 tsp. salt

strips

1 TBSP. light soy

1 tsp. sesame oil

2 TBSP. water

1/2 tsp. sugar

into 1/8 inch strips.

**Master Sauce:** 

and pepper.

hour.

lengths.

Serves 4.

to 60 seconds, stirring.

Immediately

half of the pepper.

minutes.

parsley or basil

1/8 tsp.black pepper

1/4 tsp. salt

Add the marinated fish and stir fry 4 minutes. Keep fish sizzling all the time. master sauce; stir 1/2 minute for sauce to thicken and simmer for 30 seconds more.

> Serve immediately. Serves 6.

### Tuna Teriyaki Skewers with Pineapple

1/4 cup brown sugar 2 TBSP. minced garlic

2 TBSP. minced fresh ginger

1/4 cup rice vinegar

1/2 cup soy sauce

1/4 cup minced green onions

2 TBSP. vegetable oil

Pinch chili pepper flakes 1 lb. tuna fillet, cut into 1

1/2-inch cubes

1 lb. fresh pineapple, cut into 11/2 cubes

2 green onions, cut into 1 inch segments

In a medium bowl, mix together the soy sauce, rice vinegar and brown sugar until the sugar is completely dissolved.

Add the ginger, green onions, pepper flakes and vegetable oil.

Place the cubes of tuna in the bowl, coat completely with the marinade.

Cover and refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours.

Remove tuna from

marinade. Place marinade in a small saucepan and bring to a boil; simmer for 10 minutes, set

Thread tuna, pineapple and onion pieces on skewers.

If using a grill, use high direct heat.

Oil the grate.

Place skewers on grill.

Cover.

If using an oven broiler, keep broiling pan 6 inches from the element.

Turn after 2 to 4 minutes.

with Baste reserved marinade.

Cook for 2 to 4 minutes more, basting frequently until tuna is just barely cooked through.

Serves 4.

## The Galley

by Mama Jock

### **Grilled Tuna Sandwiches**

### Orange-Ginger Marinade:

2 TBSP. soy sauce

1 TBSP. sesame or vegetable

1 TBSP. orange juice

1 tsp. grated gingerroot or 1/2 tsp. ground ginger

### Sandwiches:

4 tuna steaks

3 TBSP. mayonnaise

4 kaiser or sandwich buns

Lettuce leaves

1 large tomato, sliced

1/2 medium cucumber, thinly sliced

In an ungreased 8-inch square glass baking dish, mix marinade ingredients; remove 1 TBSP. of marinade and reserve.

Add tuna to marinade; turn

to coat. Cover and refrigerate at least 15 minutes but no longer than 2 hours.

Spray grill rack with cooking spray.

Heat coals or gas grill for direct heat.

Remove tuna from marinade; discard marinade.

Cover and grill tuna over medium heat for 10 minutes, turning once, until fish flakes easily with fork.

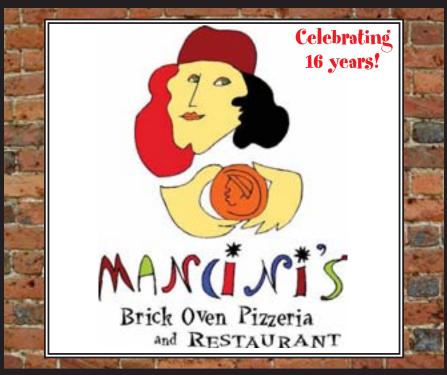
Mix reserved 1 TBSP. of marinade with the mayonnaise; spread on cut sides of buns.

Layer lettuce, tuna, tomato and cucumber in each bun.

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2 large garlic cloves, minced 1 TBSP. olive oil



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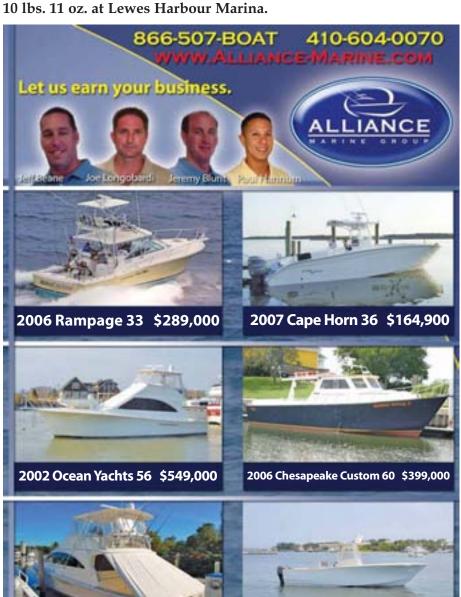
Combine all the ingredients for the master sauce into a

Heat 4 TBSP. of oil in a wok or frying pan over mediumhigh flame.

Add scallions and ginger,



Edwin Maxwell from New Castle, DE muscled in this 30-inch doormat flounder while fishing with a bucktail and teaser combination at Brown Shoal. The big flattie tipped the scales at



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Bryce Larsen from Davidsonville, MD caught this 22.6 lb. bluefin tuna to win 1st place in the Bluefin Tuna Division of the 6th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Bryce was fishing on the "Salti" with his dad, Paul Larsen, Capt. Mark Thomasson and Mate Tim Kane. The 32-inch bluefin was caught on a green machine at the Fingers. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Caroline Kennington from Allen, MD won 1st and 2nd place in the Bluefish Division of the Kid's Classic with a 3.8 pounder and a 3.2 pounder. Her brother, Wil, won 3rd place with a 3 lb. bluefish. The duo was fishing on "Popsy's Pontoon" with grandfater, Bruce Kennington and dad, Corey Kennington. Caroline also won 1st place in the Croaker Division with a 2 lb. hardhead stringer and Wil won 3rd place with a 1.8 pounder. Wil also tied for 3rd place in the Spot Division, reeling in a 1.4 lb. stringer. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On the first day of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Ben Hild landed a 54 lb. wahoo and held on to win 1st place in the Wahoo Division. Ben was fishing on the "Espadon" with Jack Timmons, Caden Cote, J.T. Compton, Britt Collins, Capt. Sylvain Cote and Mate Karl Bieberich. During the trip, Britt caught a 58.2 lb. yellowfin and Caden reeled in a 61.6 pounder. All of the fish were caught on ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Matt Boyle of Ocean City, MD won 1st place in the Flounder Division of the Kid's Classic, landing this 5.4 pounder while fishing on the "Our Compromise" with his mom, Cher Boyle. The fish was caught on a squid and shiner combination at the north end of the East Channel. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

## Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic July 17-18, 2010

330 Anglers Participated \$2,100 Raised for Wish-A-Fish

### BLUEFIN DIVISION

Ist Place Bryce Larsen "Salti" 22.6 lbs.

### **BONITA DIVISION**

Ist Place Wesley King "Cyntinory" 1.4 lbs.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (tie) Kyley Dickerson "Stress Reel-ief" I.2 lbs.

Zac Lynch "Cyntinory" 1.2 lbs.

### TAUTOG DIVISION

I<sup>st</sup> Place Rachel Abbott "Jezebel" 3.6 lbs.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Frankie Usavage "Angler" 2.8 lbs.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Madison Brinker "Carol's Teakettle" 2.0 lbs.

### SPOT DIVISION Ist Place (tie)

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Noah Good
"Good Four Pop"
I.6 lb. stringer

Dawson Fields "Git-R-Done" 1.6 lb. stringer

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tie) Jake Good "Good Four Pop" I.4 lb. stringer

Wil Kennington "Popsy's Pontoon" 1.4 lb. stringer

Alex Grapes "From Shore" I.4 lb. stringer

Maddy Herrman "The Mean 17" 1.4 lb. stringer

### SEA ROBIN DIVISION

Ist Place (tie)
Ben, Joey & Sophia Haines &
Zach & Chase Eslin
"Shelly II"
0.2 lbs.

A.J. Fodi From Shore 0.2 lbs.

### TRIGGERFISH DIVISION

Ist Place (tie)
Kearson & Bryan Harmon
Eric & Michael Gordon
"Constant Threat"
3.2 lbs.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place (tie) Kearson & Bryan Harmon Eric & Michael Gordon "Constant Threat" 2.8 lbs.

### **CROAKER DIVISION**

Ist Place (tie)
Caroline Kennington
"Popsy's Pontoon"
2.0 lb. stringer

Shane Borns "Shark Tooth" 2.0 lb. stringer

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Wil Kennington "Popsy's Pontoon" 1.8 lb. stringer

### **SKATE DIVISION**

Ist Place Brody Fields "Git-R-Done" 30.6 lbs.

Preston & Josie Shirer "Hookin Wubbas" 2.2 lbs.

### FLOUNDER DIVISION

I<sup>st</sup> Place Matt Boyle "Our Compromise" 5.4 lbs.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Noah Good "Good Four Pop" 4.0 lbs.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tie) Zach Burt "Pumpin Hard" 3.6 lbs.

Gunner Hughes "Git-R-Done" 3.6 lbs.

### ROCKFISH DIVISION

Ist Place Carlee Barrett "Git-R-Done" 9.2 lbs.

> 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Brody Fields "Git-R-Done" 8.6 lbs.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Cole Barrett "Git-R-Done" 6.8 lbs.

### WAHOO DIVISION

Ist Place Ben Hild "Espadon" 54.0 lbs.

### **BLUEFISH DIVISION**

Ist Place Caroline Kennington "Popsy's Pontoon" 3.8 lbs.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Caroline Kennington "Popsy's Pontoon" 3.2 lbs.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Wil Kennington "Popsy's Pontoon" 3.0 lbs.

### MACKEREL DIVISION

Ist Place (tie) Chris Garner "American Lady" I.2 lbs.

Tyler Herring "American Lady" I.2 lbs.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Jo Jo Herring "American Lady" I lb.

### KINGFISH DIVISION

Ist Place Hailey Shea From Shore 0.4 lbs.

### DOLPHIN DIVISION

Ist Place Courtney Grady "Reel Fantasy" 25.0 lbs.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Courtney Grady & Amy Ewen "Reel Fantasy" 9.8 lbs.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Austin Brittingham "Reel Joy" 8.8 lbs.

### YELLOWFIN DIVISION

Ist Place Makaela Mitchell "Reel Chaos" 70.6 lbs.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Connor Campbell "Reel Estate" 70.4 lbs.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Dillon Kramer "Wave Dancer" 64.2 lbs.

### SEA BASS DIVISION Ist Place (tie)

Christian Bruder "Gundawg" 2.2 lbs.

Gabby Abbott "Jezebel" 2.2 lbs.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Shawn Boomer "Four Eights" 2.0 lbs.





As part of the 6th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic, the Wish-A-Fish Foundation chartered the "Judith M" and the "Tortuga" for 60 anglers. During the trips, the anglers caught 209 throwback flounder, 68 sea bass, 77 sea robins, a blowfish, a shark and a bluefish. The 2010 Kid's Classic tournament donated \$2,100 to the "Wish-A-Fish" Foundation. Pictured on the deck of the Ocean City Marlin Club.



Gabby Abbott from Kent Island, MD caught a 2.2 lb. sea bass to tie for 1st place in the Sea Bass Division of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Gabby hooked the fish at the Great Eastern Reef while fishing on the "Jezebel" with Jessie, Rachel and Valerie Abbott, Capt. Chester Sadowski and Mates Frank Steuernagle, Joe Maffei and Jeff Abbott. Rachel won 1st place in the Tautog Division, landing a 3.6 pounder during the same trip. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



The crew on the "American Lady" swept the Mackerel Division of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic held at Sunset Marina over the weekend. Chris Garner and Tyler Herring tied for first with 1.2 lb. mackerel and Jo Jo Herring won 3rd place with a 1 pounder. The fish were caught at the Twin Wrecks while fishing with Capt. Marston Jones and Mate Krissi Baiocco.



In the Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Shane Borns landed a 2.0 lb. stringer of croaker (5 fish) to tie for 1st place in the Croaker Division. Shane caught the hardhead in the bay behind Assateague Island while fishing on the "Shark Tooth" with Austin Borns, Hank Dippel, Blake Howell, Luke Dippel, Zach Sayles, Capt. Tim Howell and Mates Mike Borns and Tim Dippel. The crew also landed 2 flounder, another croaker and a stringer of spot. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



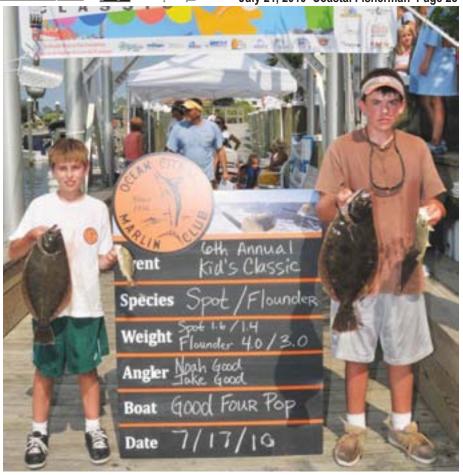
In the Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Courtney Grady from Prince Frederick, MD caught a 25 lb. dolphin to win 1st place in the Dolphin Division and her fishing partner Amy Ewen, also from Prince Frederick, MD caught a 9.8 pounder to win 2nd place. The anglers were fishing on the "Reel Fantasy" with Capt. Al Rittmeyer and Mate Shrader Grady. The dolphin, and a 61.2 lb. yellowfin tuna, were caught in the Baltimore Canyon. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



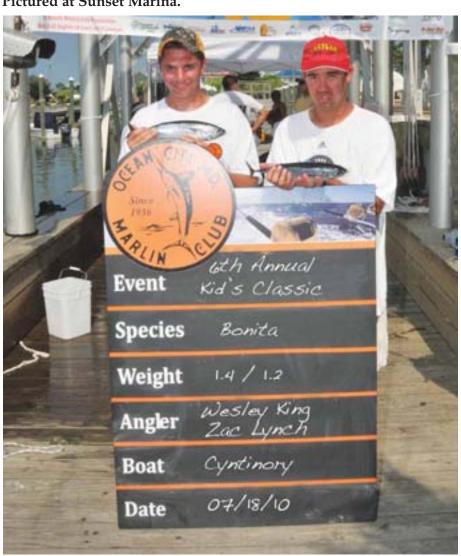
Makaela Mitchell won 1st place in the Yellowfin Tuna Division of the Kid's Classic with a 70.6 lb. yellowfin caught while fishing on the "Reel Chaos" with Chandler, Leah and Sophia Anderson, James, Luke, Nate Doerszbach, and Capt. Anthony Matarese. The big yellowfin, along with 2 others weighing 50.2 lbs. and 54.8 lbs., were caught on ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



Christian Bruder of Ocean Pines, MD caught a 2.2 lb. sea bass to win 1st place in the Sea Bass Division of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic held over the weekend. Christian was fishing on the "Gundawg" with Garrett Tinus of Bishopville, MD, Jackson Mumford of Ocean Pines, MD, Capt. Gunnar Zorn and Mate Ben Mumford. The sea bass, along with a 1.8 lb. triggerfish, was caught at Winter Quarter Shoal. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Noah Good from New Holland, PA muscled in a 1.6 lb. stringer of spot (5 fish) to tie Dawson Fields for 1st place in the Spot Division of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Noah was fishing on the "Good Four Pop" with his brother, Jake, his dad, Sean and his grandfather, Goodie. Jake tied for 3rd place in the Spot Division with a 1.4 pound stringer and Noah took 2nd place honors in the Flounder Division with a 4 pounder caught near the Rt. 50 Bridge. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Wesley King caught a 1.4 lb. bonita to win 1st place in the Bonita Division of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic held over the weekend at Sunset Marina. Wesley caught the bonita while trolling spoons at Great Gull aboard the "Cyntinory" with Zac Lynch, Val Lynch, Capt. Rick Carney and Mate Rob Belcher. Zac tied for 2nd place in the division with a 1.2 lb. bonita.

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CLASSIC

Event KID'S CLASSIC

Species TRIGGERFISH

Weight 32/2.8/2.8

Angler Cristant Threat

Date 07/18/10.

In the Kid's Classic, the crew on the "Constant Threat" swept the Triggerfish Division with three fish weighing 3.2, 2.8 and 2.8 lbs. Anglers Michael and Eric Gordon and Bryan and Kearson Harmon caught the fish at Gordon's Wreck off Chincoteague, VA.



Hailey Shea from Pylesville, MD was fishing off Gudelsky Park in West Ocean City when she captured this .4 lb. kingfish to win top honors in the Kingfish Division of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Hailey, pictured with her dad, Mike Shea, caught the fish on a chartreuse Gulp! Swimming Mullet. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

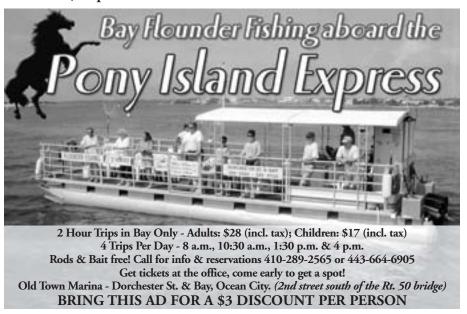




A.J. Fodi caught a .2 lb. sea robin to tie for 1st place in the Sea Robin Division of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic. A.J. was fishing from the shore with Dylan Fodi, Andy Fodi and Andy Fodi, Jr. Dylan caught himself a .1 lb. spot during the trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



The crew of the "Shelly II" shared 1st place honors in the Sea Robin Division for muscling in a .2 lb. sea robin on the final day of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Fishing with Capt. Don Haines and Mate Bo Duke on the "Shelly II" were Noah Sackadorf, Kennedy Duke, Zach and Chase Eslin, Robbie Duke, Joey Haines, Logan Sackadorf, Sophie Haines and Ben Haines.



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On Saturday, the crew on the "Fish Bonz" arrived at the Ocean City Fishing Center with 13 yellowfin tuna in the box after trolling ballyhoo between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons. Fishing with Capt. Mark Radcliffe and Mate Phil Knapp were Bob Shaffer and Mike Bittinger from Grantsville, MD, Mike Bedish from Chase, MD, Ray St. Clair from Perry Hall, MD, Charles Poehler from Middle River, MD and Steve Frazier from Parkville, MD.



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Pam Hudgins from Crownsville, MD boated this 26-inch flounder while fishing in the Ocean City Inlet aboard the "Head Banger" with Steve Hudgins. The 7 lb. 7 oz. flattie was hooked on Pam's "Twisty Treat" consisting of a minnow hooked through the lip and another hooked through the tail. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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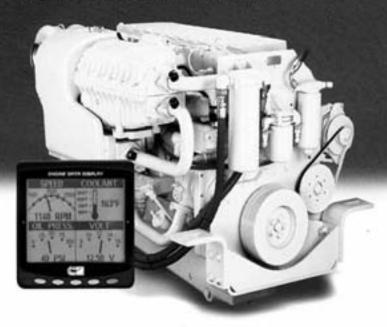
Ella Peters and Sadie Peters from Bishopville, MD along with Nick Feldman, Carsyn Frey, Jacob Frey and Anders Frey from Mt. Airy, MD caught 15 flounder, with 3 large enough to keep, while fishing on the "Gretchen Ann" in the East Channel. The fish were caught on squid and Gulp! combinations. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



John Fink from Bel Air, MD and Chip Raynor from Baltimore, MD ended their day with a 78 lb. bluefin tuna and a dolphin after trolling skirted ballyhoo at the Hambone. The guys were fishing on "Mohler's Money" and reported water temperatures between 76 and 78.5-degrees.

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## **Delaware Fishing Report**

by Rick Willman



Hi folks. Flounder fishing in the Rehoboth and Indian River Bays remains good although keeper size flatties are more difficult to find. Fishing near the Indian River Inlet and the normal flounder holes will bring you a fair amount of fish, but most will be shorts. Try moving off to an area where there is less boat traffic and you should increase your chances of scoring a keeper size fish. Squid, minnow, shiner, smelt and Berkley Gulp! are still the magic baits.

Croakers are now moving in and numbers should steadily increase. The croakers are on the small side for now, but size should also increase quickly. Bloodworms, FishBites and white or chartreuse GULP! cut into small pieces on a #6 hook





Joe Toolen and James Toolen from Rockaway, NJ and Cameron and Jerry McCusker from Asbury, NJ had a good day fishing on the "Gale Force" with Capt. Dan Selby, catching 10 keeper flounder (8 pictured) on Gulp! and minnow combinations. The fish were caught in the Indian River Bay/Massey's Ditch area with the two heaviest tipping the scale at 4 lbs. and 5 lbs. 8 oz.

will all work. If you are targeting spot, you should probably use a #8 or #10 hook. Blowfish are being taken in the Rehoboth Bay and clams are the bait of choice.

Inshore fishing continues to be quite slow with reports of a few sea bass and a few flounder here and there between the "DB" Buoy and "DA" Buoy.

Offshore action has been hot and cold. A few bluefin tuna and plenty of dolphin can be found at Massey's Canyon, the 19 Fathom Lump, Chicken Bone, Hambone and the Hot Dog. A few yellowfin were reported at the Hambone and Hot Dog. The Baltimore Canyon has been producing some yellowfin and good numbers of white marlin. Some real nice blue marlin have also been mixed in.

Capt. John Ratlif and Donnie Culver trolled the Baltimore where they released 1 white marlin, a 400 pound blue marlin and caught 3 yellowfin. They also fought a blue marlin, estimated at about 700 or 800 pounds, for 1 hour before breaking off.

At Rattle & Reel Sporting Center on Long Neck Road, Eric reported that flounder are still active in the Indian River Inlet and in the back bays. Shiners, squid and chartreuse Gulp! are the baits to use.

The Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay is still holding plenty of triggerfish.

From Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, we hear that flounder are being caught 3 miles south of "B" Buoy on chartreuse and white Gulp! baits in addition to shiners and sand fleas. Dustin Schell, his father Brad Schell, and friend Bill Lux fished a few miles past Site 11 and landed a 6' brown shark and a 7' Jim Jones fished Massey's Canyon and boated 4 gaffers and 1 peanut dolphin. Matt Langdon went 6 for 8 on white marlin and caught 2 yellowfin tuna in the 50 to 60 lb.

range in the Baltimore Canyon. John Truesdell of Lewes, DE used clams to pull a 12 lb., 35-inch striper from the Indian River Inlet. Joshua Greenberg, age 13, and Jake Franklin, age 8, from Richmond, VA, fished the Pier and came away with 24 croaker up to 14-inches and 4 spot using bloodworms and squid combo.

Bluefish and a few keeper rockfish were caught in the Indian River Inlet on bucktails and Kast Masters.

Puppy drum are starting to show up at Massey's Ditch and triggerfish are being caught at the Outer Wall.

Ioe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said nice yellowfin tuna were caught between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons last week. Crews pulling a mix of skirted ballyhoos, green machines and spreader bars found fish ranging from 40 to 70 lbs. Much of the action took place between the 150 and 175 lines, in 75 to 100 fathoms. White marlin were reported in the same area. Other billfish came from warm water in 500 fathoms deeper in the Baltimore Canyon.

Bluefin tuna were caught at the Hambone during the week. Boats trolling the structure at first light hooked some impressive specimens while towing ballyhoos way back. Unfortunately, most were larger than the 59-inch upper size limit and had to be released. Some fish were estimated in the 200-pound class. Bluefins popped up on other lumps too. Julie Nelson decked a 55.8 pounder Saturday at the Chicken Bone. The tuna grabbed a green machine spreader bar trolled behind the "Spoiled III". also encountered Trollers dolphin inshore. Vince Sheivert and the boys on "Black Bart" got into mahi along the thirtyfathom line, northeast of the Hot Dog on Saturday.

Back in the Delaware Bay, croakers were the big news. Schools of hardheads took up www.coastalfisherman.net

residence on Reef 8 and the Star Site where boaters enjoyed good catches of feisty panfish in the 8 to 12-inch range. The big golden "Cadillac" size croakers should show up soon. Clams, bloodworms, shrimp and FishBites worked well as baits.

Numerous spot showed up in the Lewes Canal this past week as well. Bits of bloodworms or FishBites on sabiki rigs attracted spot that varied from a few inches to hand-sized. Spot were also caught from the Cape Henlopen pier.

The flounder bite was fair during the week, with tough drift conditions and dirty water causing trouble most days. Often, anglers had only a small window to properly present baits to fluke before hard running currents made it too difficult. However, some nice catches were recorded. Eric Burnley stopped by Monday with three flatties weighing up to 5.3 lbs. He said that he and his fishing buddy, Mike, had made the rounds, taking one fluke at Site 6, one at Site 7, and another at "G" Buoy. Captain Pete's Friday group on the "Top Fin" had 5 keepers, including Larry McDonald's 5.06 pounder, while rubble bouncing the Brown Shoal reefs. The guys fishing with Captain Les on the "Martha Marie" had 3 keeper flatties and 50 croakers at the Star Site on Saturday morning. The "Flatfish of the Week" was an awesome 10.7 pounder, landed by Edwin Maxwell while drifting an artificial reef. The big doormat ate a teaser tipped with a bluefish strip, rigged ahead of a 3-ounce bucktail.

Fresh meat is the downfall of many flounder, and in addition to bluefish, strips of fresh croaker, spot, bunker, sea robin and shark are very attractive to fluke.

Tautog action cooled off somewhat in the hot weather. A few blackfish continue to be taken along the Inner and Outer Walls and at the Ice Breakers by toggers using sand fleas, green crabs and box crabs. Herbie Shorthose celebrated his birthday on Wednesday by bringing back a 7.32-pound citation tog from the Ice Breakers.

Triggerfish were common on the rock piles too.

Slot sized striped bass were pulled from the Haystacks by guys tossing Rat-L-Traps and Storm shads around the structure. Fishermen using clams near the Drawbridge in the Lewes Canal got legal stripers too, and also told of having to release oversized bass.

At Hook'em & Cook'em Bait & Tackle, Bert reported that there are plenty of flounder in and around the Inlet. Bert said that the keeper ratio is slowly improving. Minnows and live spot are working well. White Spro bucktails tipped with Gulp! are also attracting some flatties. A few stripers are being taken in the Inlet as well as a few tautog.

Bluefish are making their appearance known just about every day.

In the surf, kingfish are plentiful off South Bethany. Bloodworms, bunker or FishBites will work well. The kingfish have been staying south due to some cold water that keeps traveling from the Delaware Bay.

Inshore fishing shows Capt. Bert's half-day boat finding improved fishing for both seabass and flounder. The fullday boat is picking up more seabass.

Offshore action along the 20 line is showing lots of dolphin and some bluefin mixed in. The yellowfin bite in the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons slowed but plenty of white marlin and a fair amount of blue marlin were released.

Until next week, have fun and be safe!

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



Bill Walters of Bath, NY, Ryan Dimick and Jim Cornish of Corning, NY and Brian Cornish from Painting Post, NY prepared for battle wearing their lucky straw hats and sweatband and returned to the Indian River Marina with 3 yellowfin tuna. The fish were caught while fishing on the "Capt. Ike" with Capt. Dave Collins in the Baltimore Canyon. The heaviest tuna of the trip weighed 47.4 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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Brian Perry from Newark, DE captured this wahoo while trolling in the Baltimore Canyon aboard the "Vitamin Sea". The speedster, hooked on a skirted ballyhoo, tipped the scales at 45.8 lbs. at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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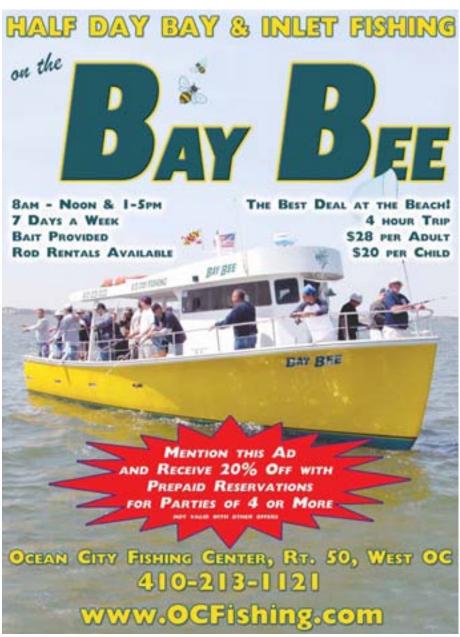


The tuna bite on Saturday was hot, and these anglers on the "Marli" were there to take advantage of it, landing 16 yellowfins on the south end of the Baltimore Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Brian Porter and Mates Rick Tshudy and Mike Runk were Kevin and Rebecca Mullenax from Falston, MD, Jenn Todd and Virgil Mullenax from Bel Air, MD and Jack Deckelman from Falston, MD. All of the fish were caught on ballyhoo and spreader bars and the heaviest fish of the day weighed in at 69 lbs. Pictured at Sunset





Michael Clymer ventured down from Pennsylvania and caught this 6 lb. 11 oz. flounder next to the Coast Guard Station at the Indian River Inlet. Michael tricked the flounder using a bucktail tipped with a Gulp! Swimming Mullet and weighed his catch at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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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 17, 2010 Paul Seaberger "All In" 471 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	June 24, 2010 Juan Franzetti African Queen 61 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Weakfish	No Weights Reported	June 6, 2010 Domenic Caputo Roosevelt Inlet 7 lbs. 2 oz.	Bluefin Tuna	July 7, 2010 George Poveromo "That's Right" 126 lbs.	July 8, 2010 Robin Southall Massey's Canyon 85 lbs.
Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna	July 11, 2010 Glenn Steele Wilmington Canyon 79 lbs.	July 16, 2010 Johnny Horning "Fish Whistle" 74.9 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	July 16, 2010 Jimmy Saunders Spencer Canyon 47.3 lbs.
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.	June 26, 2010 Tony Burr Lindenkohl Canyon 170 lbs.
Sheepshead	May 23, 2010 Dave Pasun Inshore Wreck 7 lbs. 8 oz.	June 27, 2010 Herbie Shorthose Ice Breakers 7 lbs. 15 oz.	Dolphin	July 17, 2010 Kyle Rinker "Massey's Canyon" 32.4 lbs.	July 8, 2010 Jere Bryant "Wave Dancer" 37.8 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	July 11, 2010 Gary Tanner "Bill\$ 4 Bills" 75 lbs.	July 14, 2010 Brian Perry Baltimore Canyon 45.8 lbs.

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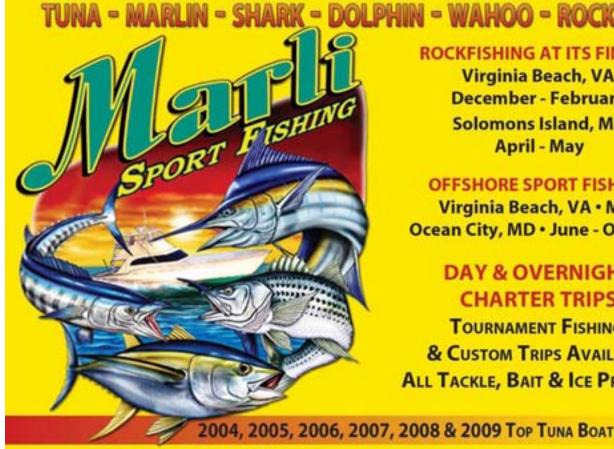


Michelle Arnold hooked two flounder while fishing at Brown Shoal. The largest flattie tipped the scale at 3 lbs. 4 oz. at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Devanice Ball Annapolis, MD caught her first bluefin tuna while trolling a Squidnation Big Heavy at the Fingers. Devanice was fishing on the "Reel Fantasy" with Danny Ball and Capt. Al Rittmeyer. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





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On Saturday, Cindy Harris took time out from counting fish for the government and caught herself an 8 lb. tautog on a chunk of clam while fishing on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mates Dean Lo and Matt Temple.



Dawn Lentz from Richland, VA was fishing in the Indian River Inlet, using sand fleas for bait, when she hooked into 2 striped bass (1 pictured) weighing 11.7 lbs. and 25.3 lbs. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.





Pete Jason from Millsboro, DE, Terrie Jason from Virginia Beach, VA and Adam Jason from Bristol, CT teamed up to land these 2 yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Pandemonium" with Capt. Steve Peterson. The fish, weighing a total of 129.7 lbs., were caught in the Baltimore Canyon. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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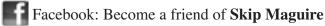
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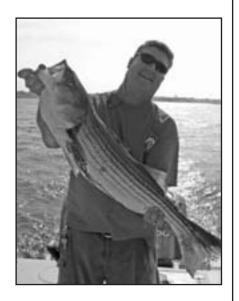


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Fritz Hobaugh from Allentown, PA caught a 3 lb. 8 oz. sea bass and Wesley Odell from Severna Park, MD caught a 3 pounder, both while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Mike Kinder and Rich Silvani. The fish were caught on chunks of clam at an ocean wreck. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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# Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson

already in.



While returning home from a fishing trip last summer we had a fuel problem that shut us down just outside of the inlet. With the tide rising and the current rushing in, the last thing I wanted to do was drift into the inlet and anywhere near one of the stone jetties. So despite all the Saturday afternoon boat traffic I made a quick decision to drop anchor so we wouldn't get into any more trouble than we were

With a pulpit up on the bow holding an anchor that's always rigged and ready for quick deployment, the process of getting us hooked onto the bottom and the boat safely stopped took less than a minute. Knowing that our predicament could have been a lot worse if we had to fumble around with our anchor before sending it to the seafloor, I was surprised the other day when I was aboard a friend's boat grounding tackle (anchor, chain, line) was in a compartment below the deck beneath lifejackets, fenders,

and a water hose. "All we do is

fish offshore, and I never

anchor my boat," was the

excuse he gave me when I

his

questioned

decision.

If only for emergencies, every boat should have an anchor rigged and ready to be used at a moment's notice. And just as none of us know if or when a problem might arise, we'll never know until it happens when a quick drop of the "hook" to the bottom could save our vessel from a catastrophe.



rigged for anchoring if they don't have the right grounding tackle in the first place. Anchors come in different sizes and types. The size that any given anchor needs to be is dependant not just on the length of a vessel but also its design above and below the waterline because those factors will affect how wind and currents push on the boat and, therefore, how much stress will be put on its anchor. Most will agree that the basic Danforth type anchor is the best all-round design because they're relatively inexpensive and will hold well in most types of bottom material. Boaters should be aware that the holding power of a Danforth anchor is in its "flukes"; not the physical weight of the anchor. That's why even lightweight aluminum anchors can be effective, although a bit pricey.

All anchors need to be rigged with a length of chain between them and their rope to help the anchor set and hold properly. Chain size and length can vary a lot but (very) generally speaking; small boats requiring small anchors can often get away with 3-4 feet of relatively light chain, while bigger offshore type boats should have heavier and longer chains in the 6-12 foot range. The longer and heavier the chain, the better the holding power of an anchor. I've never been a big fan of the plastic coated anchor chains, because they're usually expensive, too stiff, too short, and over time the coating cracks and the chain rusts from within. A galvanized chain is the only way to go.

For anchor "line" the best to use is simple 3-strand nylon diameters that appropriate for the size of the boat. Nylon is best because it will stretch and provided a bit of shock absorption when the boat snatches on it, making it more comfortable aboard and less likely that the anchor will be broken free from the bottom.

How much line a skipper needs to carry depends upon

the nature of the water they plan to operate on. Naturally the deeper the water - the more line will be needed. The ratio of 7:1 (that's seven feet of line for every one foot of depth) is often used to describe how much line should be used for a given depth. But realistically that's much more line than the average boater will use in most anchoring situation. Boaters who have enough line aboard to allow for a 5:1 ratio for the waters they travel will find that they have more than enough line to get the job done.

When it comes to actually setting the anchor "dropping the hook") I always get a kick out of folks who I see literally "throwing" the anchor out from the boat - like the extra two feet they get it out is going to make a difference where it comes to rest on the bottom! Throwing is NEVER the correct way to deploy an anchor; it only increases the likelihood that the anchor will twist-up in its own chain or line on the way to the bottom. The same can happen if the anchor is allowed to freefall all the way to the bottom. Anchors should always be carefully let down to the water from the bow of the boat and then lowered all the way to the bottom with enough resistance on the line that anchor and chain stay in a straight line.

After the anchor hits bottom, the boat should be allowed to drift back as the line is let out. Getting close to the desired scope, tension on the line should be increased until the anchor starts to dig into the bottom and eventually sets itself. If the anchor doesn't want to hold, a little more line can be let out until it grabs and then the rest of the desired scope should be allowed to slip out. The line can then be secured to the bow cleat. NEVER should the anchor be tied to a side (spring line) cleat or to the stern as either location could cause the boat to swamp in a strong current or from an unexpected wave.

Finally, raising the anchor should be a simple matter of

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Brian Dubin and Jeff Kashdin from Potomac, MD along with Neil Siman, Andrew Meringoff and Jason Goozh from Rockville, MD had a great day fishing on the "Billfisher" with Capt. Jon Duffie and Mate John Prather. The group returned to Sunset Marina with 8 yellowfins caught while trolling ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon. The yellowfins, all caught on Shimano TLD 20's, totaled 442 lbs. with the heaviest tipping the scales at 69 lbs.

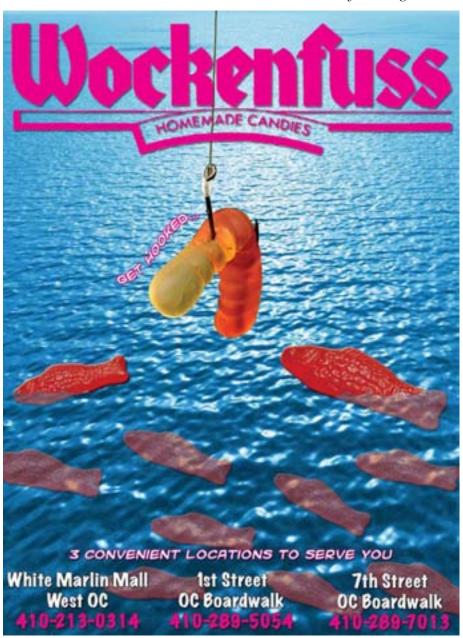
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slowly motoring ahead as someone on the bow pulls in the slack line. When the boat is almost over the anchor it should be put in neutral and the line tied off to the cleat. With a very short scope, the gentle rocking of the boat should break the anchor free of the bottom. After the anchor is raised a few feet, if the boat is slowly backed up, the anchor will plane itself to the surface and allow the person on the bow to easily pull it into the boat for recovery.

The need to anchor a boat goes far beyond wreck fishing or beach parties. Regardless of its intended use, every vessel of every size, on every body of water should be equipped with adequate grounding tackle that can be quickly deployed and safely hold the boat whenever and wherever necessary.

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







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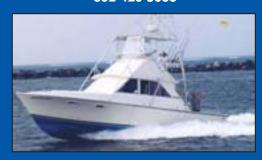
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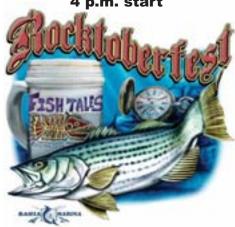


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# Ship To Shore

--- by Pat Schrawder



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with one side going to the display and one to the power source. The display connection is a simple RCA plug that is compatible with any monitor that receives NTSC or PAL signals like the Furuno NavNet series GPS/plotter/radar units.

The underwater camera in this case is a low lux (0.01) model for day or night viewing and is protected by a sapphire viewing window to resist scratches and/or cracking. The housing itself is available in plastic, bronze or stainless steel and its insert is retractable so that the camera can be removed for cleaning while the boat is still in the water.

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which might make some of you a little squeamish, but this is the same size hole as a typical through-hull flush mounted transducer and we do those all the time. The cable must then be run up to your display unit and connected via an RCA plug to that display's NTSC or Pal data input jack. With one of the currently popular, multi function displays, you can add the camera as one of your "hot pages".

One thing to keep in mind, however, is that the image you will see on the display is going to vary a great deal according to the depth of the water, the temperature of the water and its relative clarity at the time you are out. As we all know, water in the southern climes such as Florida and the Keys is clearer and more blue than it is off Ocean City, although there

are days and places where our deep water can be quite clear.

In any event, items like debris, approaching seabed and fish directly under the boat should be able to be seen once they are close enough. Because there are so many variables, it is hard to say just how far down the camera will see, but you can look at a live image of the CA500 in operation by going YouTube.com and searching "CA500 underwater camera".

Is this item a necessary one? The answer is no, but it is one of those items that could be a lot of fun to use. The question, as always, is whether it's worth the money to you. The unit will most likely be discounted and you may be able to install it yourself but the list price of the bronze housing model is \$699 whereas the plastic one retails for \$599.

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



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The "Fish Bonz" had a good bite this past week as shown by their catch on Friday when they returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with 5 yellowfin tuna caught on ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Mark Radcliffe and Mate Phil Knapp were Clyde and Derek Wissler from Lancaster, PA, Don Pulver from Ocean City, MD, Andrew Pulver from Severna Park, MD, Gerry Baker from Baltimore, MD and Mike Pekan from Toledo, OH.



Nathan, Emmah and Trotter Hampton from Catawisca, PA caught an 18.5-inch flounder in the Fenwick (DE) Ditch and 2 other keepers, measuring 19.5 and 20-inches in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport. Photo courtesy of Fenwick Tackle.



Nine-year-old Alex Gaddis from Berlin, MD boated this 19-inch flounder while fishing north of the Rt. 50 Bridge aboard the "Reel Determined" with Dan Mergott.



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The first longfin tuna caught in Delaware this year was hooked by Jimmy Saunders from Millsboro, DE while trolling a chartreuse Ocean City lure in the Spencer Canyon. Fishing with Jimmy were Don Grebe, Paul Dougherty, Ron Backer and Capt. Tom Beach. The longfin weighed 47.3 lbs. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



On Saturday evening, this group of anglers ended their 2-hour trip aboard the "Get Sum" with 3 striped bass measuring 28.5, 28.5 and 29-inches. The fish were caught on live spot around the Rt. 50 Bridge. Fishing with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei were Bill and Denise Burns from Monte Sereno, CA, Dan and April Cooney from Chester Springs, PA and Ken Brown from Glenmoore, PA. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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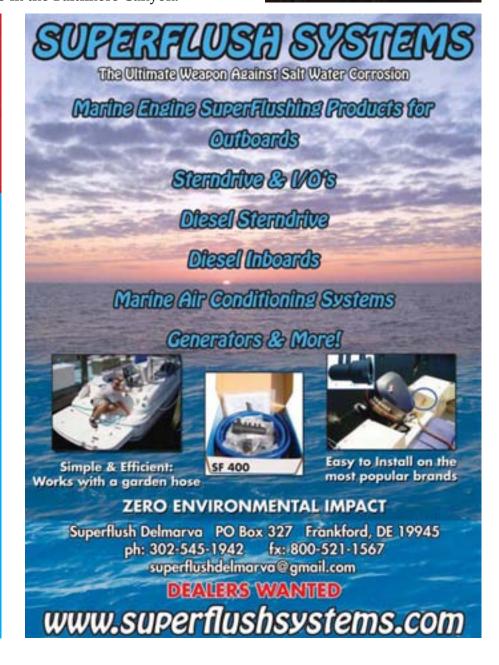


Robert Walzak from Oxford, PA, Allen Garvine from Landenburg, PA, David Balcerak from Dover, DE, Joshua Crane from Woodstown, NJ, Bill Hughes from Boothwyn, PA and Mike Pickeral from Sykesville, MD returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with 3 yellowfin tuna after spending the day fishing on the "Jade II" with Capt. Ed Kaufman and Mate Gary Hall. The tuna were hooked on trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon.

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# VA / NC Fishing Report

**Virginia Marine Resources Commission** "The Saltwater Review"

#### Chincoteague

Donna at Captain Bob's reports that flounder fishing slowed somewhat last week. Hot spots for keepers include the Chincoteague Channel from Captain Bob's to Buoy 35. There were also reports of 5-foot bull sharks in the Chincoteague Channel and on the beaches. Croaker have not shown up in the back bay waters yet, but anglers found success with kingfish, a few croaker, and spot near Buoys 14 to 10.

From the surf, anglers caught spot, croaker, and kingfish.

Offshore waters are HOT with bluefin tuna from north of the Parking Lot to 26-Mile Hill (around 70 to 90 feet). Yellowfin tuna were also found further out (near the Washington Canyon). Mahi-mahi are around as well. Wreck fishermen reported mahi mahi in the upper waters and cod in the cool water on the bottom. Spadefish, black sea bass, and tautog were hooked at the wrecks.

#### Wachapreague

A large bluefin tuna (53 pounds) was weighed in at Captain Zed's last week, along with several dolphin. The largest dolphin were around 21 pounds.

## **Cape Charles**

The staff at Chris' Bait and Tackle reported anglers catching croaker around Oyster and at the Concrete Ships offshore of Kiptopeke State Park. Flounder were caught north of the Cell,

and a few keepers were brought in from the Kiptopeke Pier. The cobia bite has slacked in the past week, along with the red drum action. Tarpon have been sighted, but no catches have been reported yet. Other local catches include bluefish and sea mullet. The bluefish were lurking around the piers at night, and the sea mullet were found near the Cabbage Patch and the Little Bridge (between Fishermen's Island and the Eastern Shore Peninsula).

## Lower Bay/Bridge Tunnel

were catching Anglers flounder in the waters near Cobb's Marina last week.

Staff at Sunset Marina reported large flounder catches (over 22 inches in length) from the 3rd island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

At Salt Pond's Marina, several flounder citations were reported. The largest was 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and 27 inches, caught at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Kathy, at Wallace's Bait and Tackle, reported that a few cobia were weighed in last week, but overall, the last week has been a bit slower than the preceding weeks. Flounder have shown up in the catches, with numerous reports of spot and croaker. Local anglers are still waiting for the spadefish bite to really begin (initial catches have been small

Virginia Beach

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

It is difficult to decide what to fish for right now since so much is available. Inshore, the summer flounder scene is still worth the effort. Folks are catching fish, but finding keepers is more difficult lately. The best results are still coming from live bait offerings and jigs tipped with strip bait near the high rise section of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and the usual haunts near the 3rd and 4th islands. Drifters are faring a little better near the Cell, Buoy 42, and Back River Reef, but the inlets are tougher this week. The folks at Ocean's East 2 report that the best bite is coming an hour before high tide lately.

Sheepshead are faring well, with most of these structureoriented fish coming from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel proper, but many of these fish are on the smaller side. Clams and fiddler crabs are working well. A few sheepshead hovering around the 9-pound mark were landed this week at the Seagull Fishing Pier at the 1st island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Tautog are also available in these same areas, along with lots of aggressive triggerfish. Many anglers are also finding puppy drum (juvenile red drum) over 30 inches around the islands of the Bridge Tunnel lately.

Cobia are still around in lower Bay waters, but more fish

are hanging around the Ocean Front and the mouth of the Bay this week. Chummers are finding decent action on the Latimer and the Nine-Foot Shoal areas. Folks are also hooking red drum in these same areas, as well as off Fisherman's Island. Black drum are continuing to offer results to casters targeting these massive fish around all four islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, but this bite has slowed.

Croaker are biting around the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, the Hampton Bar, and the Cell. The croaker bite out of Oyster was picking up, but it slowed this week. Nice spot finally made a showing in local waters. These popular fish are hitting well off lower Bay piers, the oceanfront piers, the Small Boat Channel near the 1st island, as well as Rudee Inlet.

The Spanish mackerel scene is hit and miss right now off Cape Henry down to Rudee Inlet, but many of the fish are nice-sized. Reports are still trickling in of king mackerel sightings, but no landed fish are reported as of yet.

Virginia tarpon made another showing this week on the Eastern Shore, with reports indicating that several fish were jumped off and a few released.

Deep droppers are still pulling in tilefish, rosefish, and grouper, along with a smattering of sea bass and hake. Amberjack are ready for action on the local wrecks and at the South Tower. Jigs and live bait work well for these powerful fighters.

Offshore, the bite is still good. A few large yellowfin tuna, weighing up to 70 pounds, are now showing up at the docks, but the main catch is still



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#### Outer Banks, NC

Offshore fishing out of Nags Head continues to see the best action with dolphin; almost half of the trips returned with their limits last week. Tuna catches fair with yellowfin, blackfin, bigeye and skipjack tunas all being caught. King mackerel, wahoo and bonito were all caught in lesser amounts. Billfishing continued to see some success (blue marlin with a few white marlin and sailfish as well). Deep droppers were catching snowy grouper, yellowedge grouper, blueline tilefish, and vermillion snapper (aka beeliners). Striped bass and red drum could be found eight miles offshore. Bluefish and Spanish mackerel were along the waterfront and available to boats, surf, and pier fishermen.

In addition, spot, croaker, pompano and rays were in the suds. Inside the inlets, the flounder bite was going strong with a keeper ratio of one to one. Speckled trout could be caught early in the morning and late in the evening in Roanoke Sound.

South of Oregon Inlet, a stalled front has made fishing on the beaches pretty interesting over the past few days, and if you didn't mind being a lightening rod, then you saw pretty good success. Spanish mackerel were biting in the evening with two to three pounders not uncommon. Bluefish and sea mullet were biting in the Avon area. Two king mackerel were also caught on the Avon Pier Tuesday. Ramp 55 saw some flounder and sea mullet catches.

Offshore fishing out of Hatteras Inlet has been impacted by the severe weather for the last couple of days, but earlier in the week, the dolphin bite was going strong, and billfishing was not disappointing either, as all three species of billfish were available for the taking. Inshore action was good for Spanish mackerel, bluefish, and flounder.





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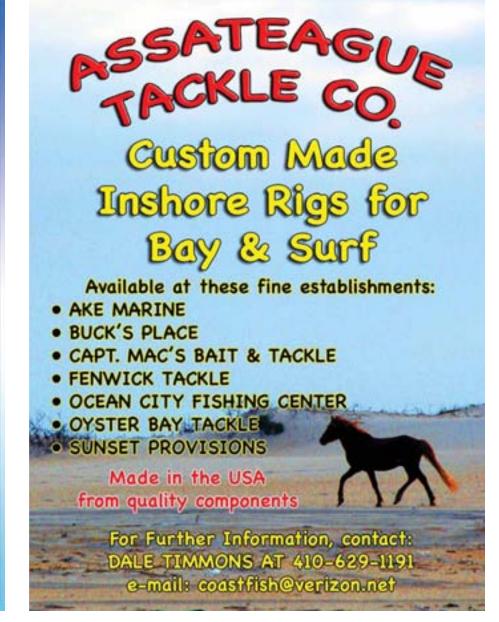


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# Tackle Shop

by Larry Jock



A couple of weeks ago I received the new Hiber-Net from Frabill, a company that has been producing fishing gear for over 70 years.

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To open the net, all you need to do is slide the rubber grip forward and the net emerges from the handle and locks into position. Slide the grip back towards the handle and the net disappears. It's that simple.





The handle and hoop frames are made from heavy, extruded aluminum and the Slide Grip uses fiberglass springs. company claims that there is no tension when the net is retracted,

so it never wears out. The entire net is corrosion resistant, with aluminum and stainless steel hardware throughout.

The netting is a black, knotless poly mesh, triangular in shape, 24 by 26-inches by 24inches deep.

I asked Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei on the "Get Sum" to put this net to the test, and it came back with flying They loved the net, especially its ability to retract into the handle. Capt. Nick said that this feature made it very easy to store and since the net was retracted into the handle, hooks and rods couldn't get snagged while the net was in the rod holder.

The only concern from both Capt. Nick and Tyler was that opening the net requires some strength. Both doubted that a child angler would have enough strength to open the net fully. The last inch, where the net locks



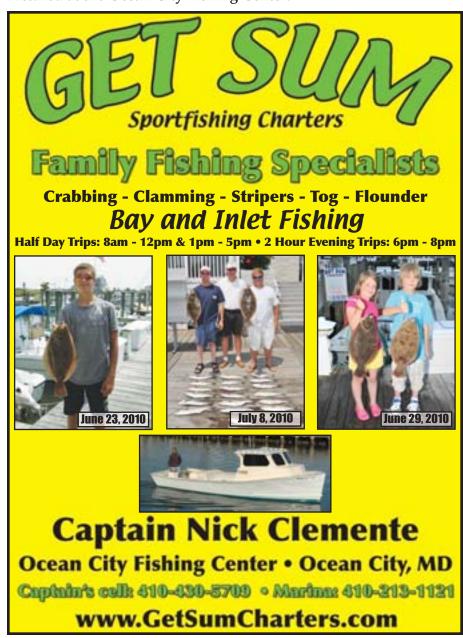
into place requires a good push. However, we found lubricating the hinges with WD-40 made the process significantly easier.

Other than that, both said that they would love to have the Hiber-Net on the boat everyday.

The net retails for \$79.99 and probably isn't in local tackle shops at the moment. However, check with your favorite tackle shop to see if they have one in stock. If they don't, one can easily be ordered for you.



The Anderson family from Lexington, KY had a great day fishing on the "Get Sum", returning with 7 keepers caught on white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the West Channel. Fishing with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei were Dylan, Melinda, Sydney and Matt Anderson. Melinda took heaviest fish honors with a 25inch, 5 lb. flattie. The group also had 39 throwbacks during the trip. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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WEDNESDAY, July 14, 2010: Flounder are still snapping. Haven't heard much on tuna. Seas were

John Davis caught a 20-inch flounder while fishing

"Get Surn" had 3 keeper founder during the morning

trip. Largest was 20.25-inches, caught on Gulpf

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TUESDAY, July 13, 2010: Tuna bite slowed and the seas were rough, making it difficult to get to the Wilmingtonhorthem Baltimore Canyon where the tuna have been caught.

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Mikey Pitarra from Pylesville, MD sure looks happy with the 19 and 22-inch flounder caught while fishing with his dad, Mike. The fish were caught on live spot in the West Channel. Pictured at Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle in Fenwick Island, DE.



On Saturdy, Scott Robinson, Charlie Ulevich, Matt Young, Jason Jarvis, Bill Strickland and Bill Herdtfelder teamed up to land 13 yellowfin tuna and released a white marlin while fishing on "The Zipper" with Capt. Ed Zajdel and Mate Ronnie Zajdel. The fish were hooked on trolled ballyhoo in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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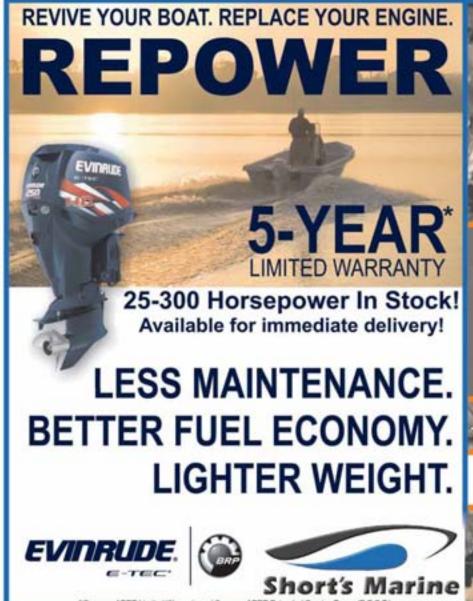




Logan, Rob and Caitlin Duckwall from Baltimore, MD, Darrell and Brian Hughes from Evansville, IN and P.J. Miguelino from Eldersburg, MD had a great day fishing on the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. The group put 6 keeper flounder in the box after hooking them on white Gulp! Swimming Mullets in the West Channel. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing



Kyle Rinker from Scotrun, PA caught himself a 32.4 lb. dolphin and Jake Rinker landed a smaller dolphin, both while fishing on the "Goodtime" with Mike Sigmund, Doug Richie, Jim Rinker and Tom Dero. The mahi were caught on ballyhoo in Massey's Canyon.







On Saturday evening, Big Bird Cropper from Pylesville, MD was tossing a roy rig around the South Jetty and hooked into this 41-inch striped bass.



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On Sunday, anglers on the "Playmate" captured 12 yellowfin tuna and 3 dolphin while trolling ballyhoo on the north end of the Poor Man's Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Willie Zimmerman and Mate Justin Hart were John Sippel of Upper Falls, MD, Mike and George McNabb from Baltimore, MD, Randy Barbe from Owings Mills, MD and Ron Hoffman from Ocean City, MD. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Dirk and Steve Dayton of Harrisburg, PA had a great day fishing on the "Lil' Man" with Capt. Eric Blanks and Mate Wayne Blanks. The anglers released 3 white marlin and 3 sailfish in addition to catching 3 yellowfin tuna and a dolphin. The sailfish were 3 of 4 hooked at the same time and the largest yellowfin tipped the scales at 72 lbs. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Kevin Matthews nailed this 6 lb. 2 oz. flounder while drifting cut bait over an ocean wreck. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Timothy Yoder from Lancaster, PA caught his first dolphin while trolling ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon aboard the "My Turn".

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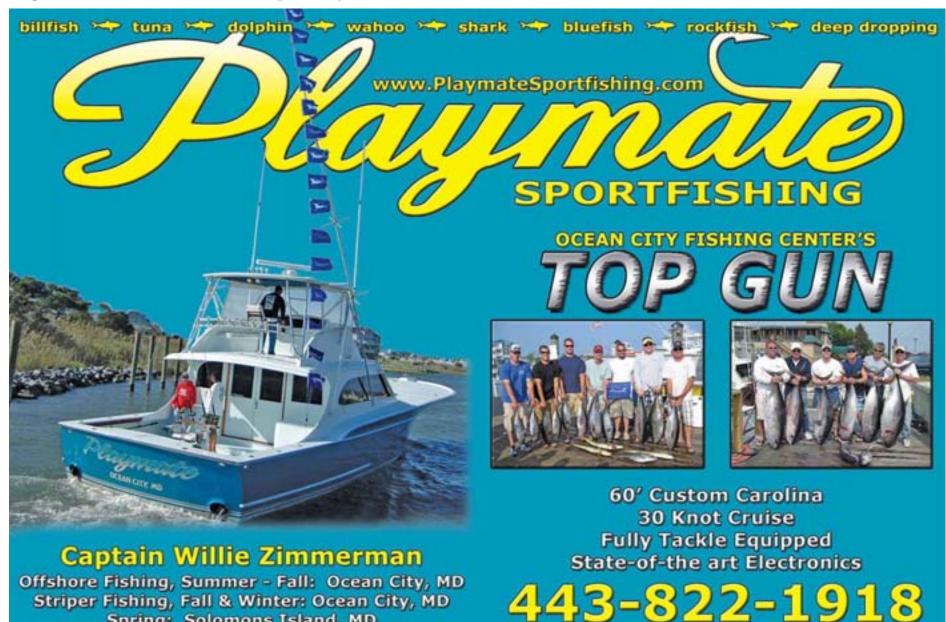


Ron Carter, J.R. Hill, Kirk Rogers, Joe Cartia and Mike Sigmund returned to the dock with a 77 lb. bluefin tuna after fishing at the Fingers aboard the "Goodtime" with Capt. Jeremy Blunt.

Spring: Solomons Island, MD



Rebecca and Tabor Burkhardt from Hollywood, MD caught these two flounder while fishing on the "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. Rebecca's 21-incher and Tabor's 19-incher were caught on Gulp! Swimming Mullets in the West Channel. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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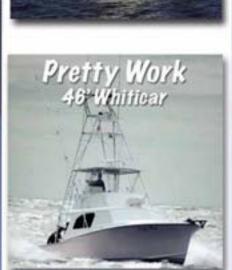
Seven-year-old Will Poole from Coatesville, PA caught his first tuna, a 40-inch bluefin, while fishing on the "Magnum" with Lori Poole and Tim Apollo from Coatesville, PA, Pete Howell of Bishopville, MD and Mike Bulkley from Zihuatanejo, MX (not pictured). The bluefin was caught on a green machine at the Fingers and weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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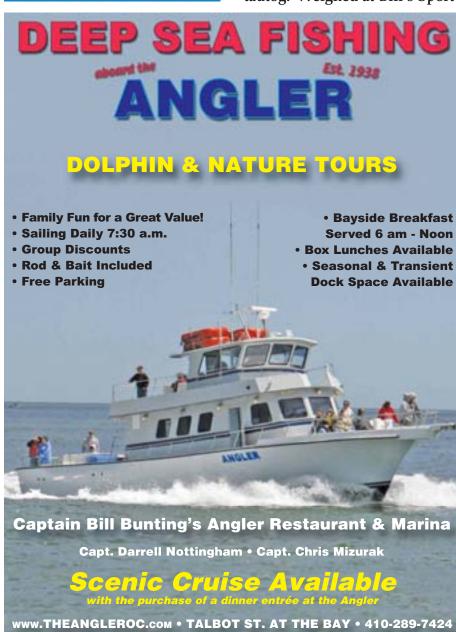
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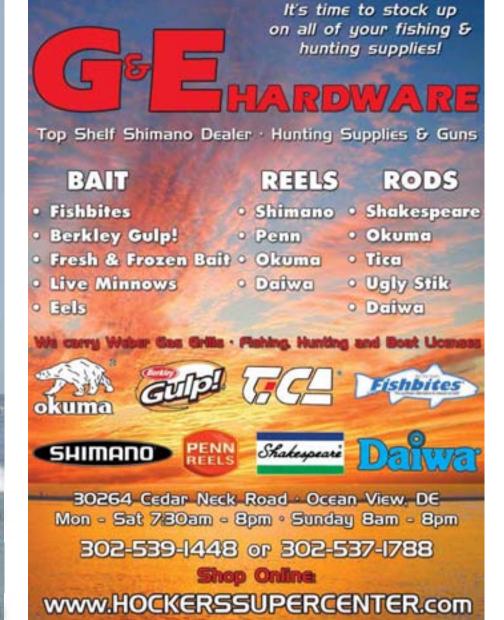
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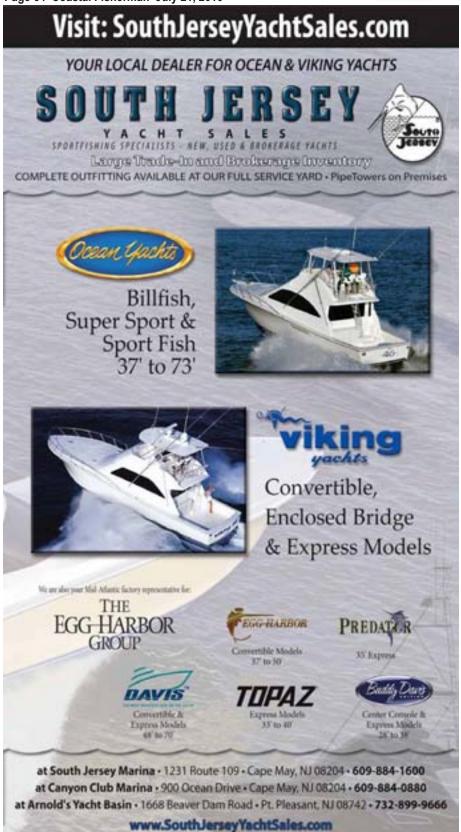
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Saige Marie Cook from Chesapeake City, MD landed her first tuna and her first dolphin while fishing on the "Spoiled III" with Angelo and Anna Delapo. Saige's 25 lb. bluefin and the mahi were caught on ballyhoo in Massey's Canyon and weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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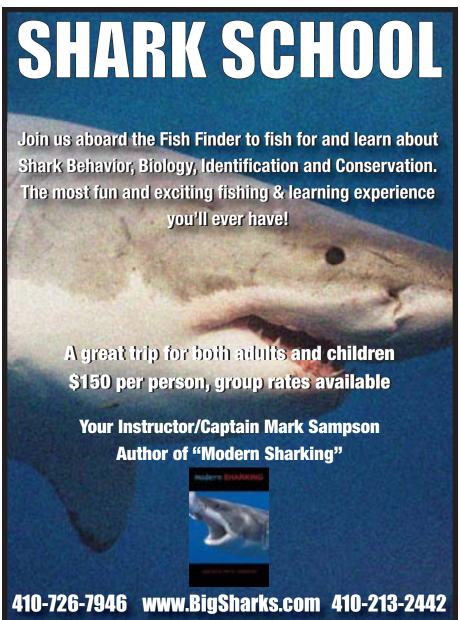
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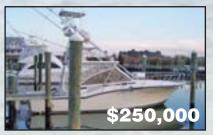
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