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Hard work paid off for the crew on the "Ro Sham Bo" last Sunday! Doug Hartman, Aaron Eckard, Emily Eckard, Mark Weaver and Jill Weaver caught 5 yellowfins and a huge 235 pound big eye muscled in by angler Greg Eckard. All the fish were caught in the Washington Canyon with the bigeye taking a blue and white Fish Downsea Lure. Capt. Willie Zimmerman was at the helm with mate Daniel Ames.

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The mahi arrived a little later this year, but we are now seeing the bulls showing up in limited numbers. Angler Chad Starnier landed this 45" and 18 lb. citation fish in the Poor Man's Canyon using a pink skirted ballyhoo. He was fishing on the "Miss Five-O" out of White House Beach with Capt. Keith Orndorff, Morgan Way and Jay Way. Measured at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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Young Parker Pastorius was all business showing off the citation weakfish he caught in the Indian River Bay! It measured 24" and 3.7 lbs. Pictured at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



The inshore fatties are showing up! Anglers Colton, Forest, Bob and Susan Otto from Carlisle, PA hit the Old Bass Grounds and fooled these 4 flounders with a Gulp and minnow combo. The largest was 21.5"

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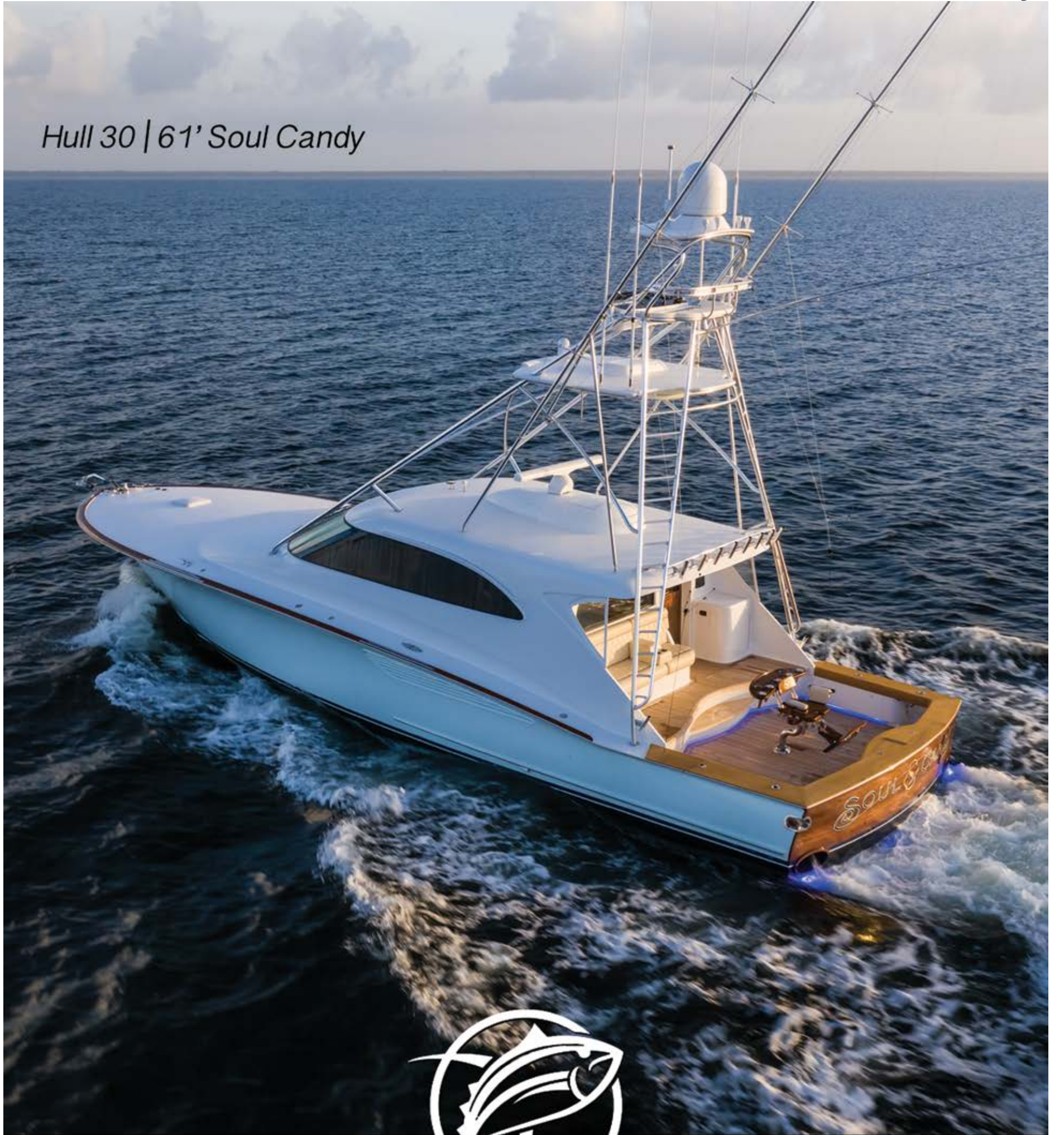
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The **OFFSHORE REPORT**  
by Larry Budd

**Tournament Roundup**

Last weekend saw three tournaments in the area covering a broad spectrum of anglers from kids to kayaks to small boat warriors! We have coverage of all three in this edition but here are some highlights; The Ocean Marlin Club 42nd Annual Small Boat Tournament was held last weekend with weigh ins at Sunset Marina. In a sign of pent up demand and with a good weather forecast, over 60 boats participated, most on Saturday. The anglers reported having to work for their catches both inshore and offshore. The "Tellum" found a 74 lb. tuna to take the prize in that category of \$9,292 followed closely by "Four Eights" with a 71.5 pounder taking 2nd Place for \$2,011. The Mahi Division was interesting since only two qualifying fish were weighed. The "Fishizzle" weighed a 15 lb.

peanut that topped the leader board holding onto 1st and a prize payout of \$9,963. The second place fish at 13 lbs. on the "Oppor-Tuna-Ty Too" secured \$2,682! Inshore saw lots of changes over the tournament as well as lots of ties. With just over \$30,000 in prize money and lots of anglers, a good time was had by all.

The Indian River Marina held it's 6th Annual Kids Catch-All Tournament last weekend to benefit the Lyme Disease Association of Delmarva, Inc. Over 100 kids from across the region participated and had a great time. If you have not checked out this yearly event and have kids interested in fishing, I highly recommend it. It is an event as much as it is a tournament and it is for a good cause.

Some may have seen a rather large increase in the number of kayaks fishing in the area last weekend.

Well, we have the 3rd Annual Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam to thank. This globally recognized tournament brings kayak anglers and enthusiasts from all over to compete for award money and prizes. This year had 70 anglers participate in the inshore and bay tournament over 3 days with weigh ins and entertainment at Atlantic Tackle.

Three great events, check out the details in our tournament section towards the back of the paper.

**The Latest Offshore**

Despite some windy 'windows' the weather the past week allowed for a lot of boats to get offshore. While the bite for some species have slowed a bit like tuna, we are seeing others pick up like mahi and wahoo. Also the first couple blue marlin releases were reported last week. Here is what we have heard over the past week!

**Tuna**

The good news is that the yellowfin tuna bite is steady but has cooled a bit from the double digit and limit catches of a week ago. Many boats are reporting mid to high single digit catches mainly from the southern Poor Man's and Washington Canyons. Picking them one by one or getting a double here and there is a common refrain. However, they seem to be hitting everything for bait with Sterling Tackle Wide Tracker and Spreader Bars often in the mix. Skirted ballyhoo seems more common than naked compared to last year. Look to the Rockpile and south for the best action now.

We had a bit of a race for heaviest

bigeye tuna this week. Last week's number to beat was 212 lbs. set by Tom Collins on the "Fishizzle". Last Saturday angler Mark Perez on the "Whiskey Kilo" with Capt. Jojo Joachimowski brought in a 233 lb. eyeball from the Washington Canyon only to have Greg Eckard on the "Ro Sham Bo" weigh a 235 pounder the next day, also from the Washington. Several other 125 pound plus were also reported, all in the southern canyons. Only a few days look at risk for the upcoming holiday weekend so we expect a lot of action and maybe the first longfin of the season? Maybe a little early, but we will see!

**Mahi**

Peanut and small bull mahis have been hitting the docks. Wray Bassett from Dillsburg, PA took 1st place in The Dolphin Division during the Frederick Saltwater Anglers Offshore Challenge. The fish weighed in at 17.1 lbs. and was caught on a green machine between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons in 76° water. Angler Chad Starner landed a 45" and 18 lb. citation fish in the Poor Man's Canyon using a pink skirted ballyhoo and two dolphin in the mid teens were weighed at the Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament. All of the fish so far are reported being caught on the troll while tuna fishing and not under flotsam or floating debris.

**Billfish**

The blue marlin are officially here. Angler Chelsea Trimper was recognized by the Marlin Club for catching and releasing the first blue marlin of the 2021 season. She was fishing on the "Blood Money" during the Inaugural Tuna & Tiara's Tournament in the Norfolk Canyon looking for tuna when she connected with a blue marlin marking not only the first of the season, but her first blue marlin release ever. While it only took 20 minutes to get the blue to the boat the first time, the crew could not get a good enough video to certify the catch, so she let it run out and



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www.coastalfisherman.net fought it for another 40 minutes so the proper documentation could be obtained. Way to go Chelsea! For the catch she will receive a \$2,500 prize from the OC Marlin Club. The "Spring Mix II" also released a blue marlin last week, however, per the rules of the club their video was not conclusive enough to verify the fish as a blue for the award. Still two great catches!

Single white marlin catches are trickling in, still mainly from those hunting for tuna. Capt. Howard Lynch on the "Kilo Charlie" did set the bar on Sunday coming back to the docks with 5 release flags flying!

**Upcoming Tournaments**

- Next weekend, July 2-4 is the Marlin Club's 39th Canyon Kick Off. Check the website for details.
  - The MidAtlantic Cup is being held also next weekend, hosted by South Jersey Tournaments in Cape May, NJ.
  - One of the first major tournaments of the season is coming up on July 9-11 is the Ocean City Tuna Tournament hosted at the Ocean City Fishing Center.
  - Follow our Tournament Schedule to keep up to date.
- Until next week, I will see you at the scales! §



Only three boats braved the weather on the 2nd day of the Inaugural Tuna & Tiaras Ladies Only Tournament. The gang "Weekend Hookers" of Megan Bisasky, Megan Beer, Kara Rites, Annie Ogle, Stephanie Aston and Teresa Eder with Capt. Jimmy Hahn and mates Charlie Coates & Chase Porter fished all day looking for a trophy winning tuna! It wasn't until late in the day while they were fishing in the Washington Canyon that something hit on a ballyhoo. All the anglers helped to reel and were still fighting the fish after the tournaments 'lines out time' which is allowed. The "Bent Tent" did make it back to the scales in time and weighed in this nice 81 lb. tuna which was just outside the money slots and tied for 4th place.

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Wray A. Bassett from Dillsburg, PA took 1st place in The Dolphin Division during the Frederick Saltwater Anglers Offshore Challenge. The fish weighed in at 17.1 lbs. and was caught on a green machine between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons in 76° water. Wray was fishing on the "She Worthy 2.0" with Capt. Brian Wetcher. He had beginners luck as this was Wray's first trip to the canyons as well as his first dolphin!



Harold Harry slipped out to the Great Eastern Reef for a quick evening trip last Wednesday after the wind settled down. He and Wayne Grossman, Ryan Cowder and Ethan Cowder made short work of it landing this and other sea bass using squid.



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Angler Chelsea Trimper set a couple of firsts while fishing on the “Blood Money” during the Inaugural Tuna & Tiara’s tournament! She was in the Norfolk Canyon looking for tuna when she connected with a blue marlin marking not only her first blue marlin release ever, but also the first of the season, earning the “Blood Money” the \$2,500 prize from the OC Marlin Club. Rounding out the crew were Capt. Anthony (Hook Optics) Pino, mate Kevin Knotts and anglers Lucy Muhlenbruck, Kelly Bunting, Paige Knotts, Rachael Wisniewski with Zak Smith for encouragement!

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It was 'Over and Out Good Buddy' for tunas last Wednesday when the "Partnership" hit the scene! 11 year old Cooper Senter of Salisbury, MD landed his first yellowfin ever as well as two others of the 8 overall caught that day. He was fishing with Capt. Mark Cropper, mate Spencer Cropper, Blair Snyder and his father Justin at the 000's.



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## FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



This week was the start of our busy season and we saw a lot more boats both offshore and inshore as well as the back bays. Wind conditions made travel and setting up on spots rough for many anglers.

### Flounder

Flounder in the back bays of Ocean City were a little lower than last week probably due to higher boat traffic and more anglers targeting the fish. The areas above the Rt. 50 bridge were the best areas for getting a nice flattie for dinner. Pete Renzi was on the "Fish Frenzi" and got some nice flounder along with a few sea bass. Jack Cael was on the MD/DE line and caught two nice fish, one at 18.5" and the other at 19". He said it poured on Saturday but fishing was still good. Dylan Patrick states he finally broke the 2 fish mark and got himself 3, from 16 to 19 inches along with a weakfish. The wrecks at the Bass Grounds are giving up some flounder with anglers targeting the smaller low lying wrecks and barges. The African Queen site is a little slower but still producing some nice fish. I have heard from anglers that the northern coral is making its way down below the Delaware line along the shipping channel. It is reported if you can

find the hard coral patches the flounder are there. Search for these patches along the edge of the shipping channel and look for the bright red or hard bottom. You should feel like you're bouncing the weight on concrete when it taps the bottom on a bounce. This may be a fairly long run, 30 miles, however, up in Delaware they target flounder almost solely on the coral beds. I'll try to get out this week and look for myself.

### Sea bass, Weakfish & Croaker

Small croaker have started showing up on the nearshore wrecks as well as the back bay areas. Although not strong in numbers yet they are a great fish to catch and not very picky as to what they will bite. If you have young kids these fish are a fantastic way to keep them stimulated and excited while fishing. Cut squid is the simplest choice on a top and bottom rig. The best areas in the past have been the curve in the channel and the area above the Rt. 50 bridge and the area just south of the commercial harbor. When on the ocean look for the big school on your depth finder and drop down to the depth of the fish. Most headboats will start targeting these fish in mid July or

early August. If you don't have a boat and want the kids to catch some fish this is a great option. Speaking of headboats, Victor on the Ocean Princess reports decent catches of sea bass on his trips with some flounder thrown in for good measure. The Angler also reported some good catches of sea bass on the African Queen as well as other nearshore wrecks. All of the headboats report its good to see anglers returning after our long season last year with Covid and social distancing. Most boats are still running a modified limit of anglers but are back to fuller boats allowing more opportunity to get a spot. Several of the headboats run full day trips or 12 hour special trips, so check out their sites for more info. The longer trips allow for a longer run to deeper water and usually produce better quality of fish. Weakfish are also making a surprise appearance this year. They were a main staple for both bay and ocean fishermen, but have not been seen in the past few years. Hopefully they are on their way to a comeback! Areas in the bay that have produced in the past are the west side below the Rt. 50 bridge ( the channel by the old Shanty Town) and the main Thorofare along the docks by the commercial harbor. Small

www.coastalfisherman.net swimbaits, bucktails and shrimp are the top baits. Also starting to show up are sheepshead. Target these fish in the deep hole right at the inlet mouth. During the summer many boats will be seen anchored or drifting along the south rock wall. Small pieces of shrimp on very small hooks work best for these fish. Sand fleas also are a productive bait and easy to find. These fish are very wary of a hook and line so use the lightest flourocarbon you can to better fool them.

### Sharks & Cobia

The cobia start has been slow, but some are being caught at Fenwick Shoals as well as nearshore humps south of OC. Sharks are everywhere and a great way to chum up a big hard fishing fish. Blues and rockfish are still at the bridge but keepers are hard to come by.

### Surf Fishing

Surf fishing has become our normal staple of sharks, rays and small blues. Philip Lambrinas was using his Okiaya rod and reel and did manage a nice keeper striper in the bay.

### Clams & Crabs

Clams remain good at Assateague bays, but crabs have slowed this week. The low oxygen levels may have something to do with this.

Until next week...

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Melanie Moreno battled some cool weather to land this 39" rockfish at the Ocean City Jetty while fishing on the charter boat "On The Run" with Capt. Dave Caffrey and his dog Floyd! The striper hit on spot for bait and the PA crew of Michelle Kelly, Dorthy Geiger, Noe Moreno Sr. and Noe Moreno, Jr. also caught 6 keeper flounder in the Thorofare (up to 20") using Gulp.

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Species	2021	2020	Species	2021	2020
 <b>Bluefish</b>	<b>May 8</b> Gavin Murray Gull Island	<b>May 29, 2020</b> Kathy Grab Fenwick Island State Park	 <b>Mako Shark</b>	<b>May 28</b> Michael Eid "Hot Line" Fingers	<b>April 16, 2020</b> Ron Griggs "Finatic" Wilmington Canyon
 <b>Black Drum</b>	<b>March 31</b> Allen Skylar Assateague Island	<b>April 19, 2020</b> Bill Grubb Fenwick Island State Park	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	<b>May 22, 2021</b> Patrick Snell "MAKO me CRAZY" Twin Wrecks	<b>June 13, 2020</b> Charlie Boyles "Hook It Up" Old Grounds
 <b>Cobia</b>	<b>June 17</b> Shannon Pickens South OC Inlet	<b>June 21, 2020</b> Aaron Reeves "On the Run" South Jetty	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	<b>May 28</b> Pete Gudiat's "Blood Money" Poor Man's	<b>May 27, 2020</b> Ryan Turner "Full Service" Norfolk Canyon
 <b>Flounder</b>	<b>April 18</b> Danny Cox Rt. 90 Bridge	<b>May 5, 2020</b> Mackenzie Cathell Thorofare	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	<b>May 7</b> James Hammond "Hot Lick" Norfolk	<b>June 9, 2020</b> Shannon Gore Baltimore Canyon
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	<b>April 12</b> Camryn Baeder Inshore Wreck	<b>May 15, 2020</b> Brent Bortner "Green Machine" Offshore Wreck	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>		<b>June 9, 2020</b> Evan Winterbottom "PYY Fishing" Poor Man's Canyon
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	<b>June 17</b> Veronica Cannuli Outside OC Inlet	<b>June 12, 2020</b> Keith Smith "On the Run" South Jetty	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	<b>May 28</b> Bill Pino "Blood Money" Poor Man's	<b>April 29, 2020</b> Dylan Wiley Washington Canyon
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	<b>May 6</b> Buddy Martin East Channel	<b>May 7, 2020</b> Patricia Cropper Rt. 50 Bridge	 <b>Dolphin</b>	<b>June 10</b> Michael Seicke "Second Chance" S. Poor Man's	<b>May 23, 2020</b> Jeremy Phares "Reel Fin Addiction" Norfolk Canyon
 <b>Tautog</b>	<b>January 1</b> Mike Sadowski "Tide Runner" Ocean Structure	<b>January 2, 2020</b> Patrick Enoch "Morningstar" Artificial Reef	 <b>Wahoo</b>	<b>June 17</b> Gary Welch Washington Canyon	<b>June 18, 2020</b> Jack Hannum "Blood Money" Poor Man's Canyon
 <b>Weakfish</b>	<b>May 6</b> Rich Harpel North Jetty Indian River Inlet	<b>June 17, 2020</b> Muhamad Arshad Oceanic Fishing Pier	 <b>White Marlin</b>	<b>June 13</b> Brad Young "TUNAFOWL" Washington Canyon	<b>May 23, 2020</b> Carl Sauer "Reel Escape" Washington Canyon

To report your catch, call the Coastal Fisherman at 410-213-2200 or email to [coastalfisherman@comcast.net](mailto:coastalfisherman@comcast.net)



Offshore fishing last Friday was a little slow, but not for the crew on the charter boat "Jacked-Up" out of Bahia Marina! Capt. Dean Metcalfe with mate Kevin Logue put anglers Tony Marrara, Mark Jones, Dave Jones, John Butts and Jennifer McKinley on the meat including this gaffer dolphin that hit on a skirted ballyhoo as well as 6 yellowfin tuna.

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The private boat "Shelly II" out of Fisherman's Marina in West Ocean City got some underwater shots during a yellowfin limit trip last week. This one show a nice dive after one got just up to the boat!



Joe Wong and his family took the charter boat "Roshambo" with Capt. Willie Zimmerman out to the Poor Man's Canyon last week and had a busy day landing 17 yellowfin tuna! They found them in 90 fathoms and 68° water where all were caught on Sterling Tackle.

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Eliza Myers, Lilly Phillips, Sage Myers and Cole Myers (not pictured) from West Ocean City enjoyed their day on the water with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Ethan Nock on the "Lucky Break". They boated these 3 flounders in the Ocean City Inlet with the largest at 19". The other two went back in to grow a little more!



Brandy, Nate, Brendon and Brenna Day with Dave & Marci Stull (not pictured) found these 5 keeper flounders (up to 20") while fishing in the Thorofare on Capt. Dave Caffrey's charter boat "On The Run". Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Jennifer Cadden is one happy angler showing us this 2 lb. she caught with squid on the headboat "Angler". Capt. Chris Mizurak with mates Rich and Steve got her and the other anglers on the bite at an artificial reef.



The Garner family from Mannhelm, PA had a good day fishing on the charter boat "Get Sum" boating these 4 keeper flounders, up to 18". Kim, Jeff, Steph and Tim were with Capt. Nick Clemente and tricked these in the Ocean City bay with white Gulp.

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Jason Szustwal, Dave MacKenzie and Greg Snyder headed out to the southern Poor Man's Canyon last Friday with Capt. Ken Thompson & mate Adam Thompson. They went 5 for 6 on yellowfin tuna (including having to catch one twice!) as well as a nice bonita. According to Capt. Ken they hit everything; bars, chains and their Squidnation floppy floppy.



These nice couple of flounder were caught during a Friday 3/4 day trip on the headboat "Judith M". Capt. Jason Shoaff put Jason and Vickie Larson from Utah on these flounder about 18 miles offshore using squid and shiners.

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It was a good day for the McCarthy crew for their annual tuna trip on the "3 Amigos" with Capt Kevin. Anglers Amanda, Drew, Mike, George and George, Jr. worked hard for their bites, going 7 for 9 on yellowfins keeping these 4. 1 hit on a meat bait and the others on Sterling Tackle bars.



12 year old Reece Babikow had a busy day last week! He went offshore to the Norfolk Canyon with Capt. Anthony 'Hook Optics' Pino on the "Bloodmoney" where he caught not only his first white marlin, but also received the first white marlin of the year award from the Ocean City Marlin Club for a Junior Angler. Appropriately this white hit on a blue & white Ilander Junior Lure.

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Tony Schwarz and his grandsons fished in the Washington Canyon last week on the "Bill Slayer" out of Indian River Marina with Capt. Chris Ragni and mates Reese Yost and Connor Campbell. They ended the day with 12 yellowfin tuna that hit their Sterling Spreader Bars and Habenero Custom Baits with skirted ballyhoo.



A very excited Charles Jenkin from Pocomoke, MD popped into our office last week with news of a flounder he caught in the Ocean City West Channel! Fishing near the Rt 50 Bridge in the channel he hooked this 21.5" and 3 lb. flat fish using a flounder rig on the outgoing tide.

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Some people go fishing to get away from it all, unplug for a while and enjoy the outdoors. Others need to stay connected so they can get away and fish and be available if needed.

Many coastal fishing and boating spots in our area are covered by cellular signals, providing voice and internet, up to about 10 miles offshore. Marine VHF also covers our inshore fishing areas very well, along with much of the coastal USA. Booster antenna are available to increase the near shore signal strength.

Once you venture farther offshore or into less populated waterways, the coverage of cellular voice and data drops off rather quickly, leaving the VHF as one of the primary methods of communications.

There was a time in the past that a "marine operator" could be hailed on a specially designated VHF channel, they could connect you, via public relay to a telephone call to someone on land, this service ended once cell phones became the preferred communications

tool.

In today's world, there are a few different choices that allow a boater to communicate with others on land or on the



water when you are out of cellular phone range. The most well-known device used by boaters and anglers is the Garmin inReach.

The Garmin inReach is one of a handful of satellite communicators.

The inReach family of devices are a text or email satellite powered handheld device about the size of a cell phone. Garmin products with inReach technology use the

Iridium satellite network to send and receive custom and preset text messages or emails with delivery confirmation. The InReach data plans are similar in pricing style to a cell phone plan, there is a monthly charge, and you choose a plan that covers the amount of messaging you think you need. Plans start at \$12/

month.

The Garmin inReach also uses GPS to track your location and provide a map of the area (certain models only). This location information can be appended to your text messages, allowing the receiver to see your location and your speed and heading. This feature makes it easy to keep friends and family updated on your position when traveling or fishing away

www.coastalfisherman.net from cellular coverage. These devices are not a substitute for an EPIRB or PLB but do have the ability to transmit an emergency message that is sent to a private rescue service.

While the Garmin inReach is popular, there are similar satellite messaging devices such as, Iridium GO! Globalstar SPOT X® 2-way satellite messenger and the new ACR Bivy Stick Two-Way Satellite Communicator Globalstar, recently discontinued a product called Sat-Fi2, they still offer service for their legacy product the original Sat-Fi. Only two of these products above can be used for voice calls too - the IridiumGo! And Globalstar Sat-fi. While the IridiumGo! and Sat-Fi could be also used for internet data, the speeds are so slow that most users find it useless for most tasks.

If voice calls are more important than texting, there are a few handheld and permanent mounted satellite phones for marine use, many of these are voice only, which may be all you need. Iridium, Inmarsat, KVH, Intellian and Globalstar offer traditional satellite phones starting around \$700 for the hardware. One note of caution if selecting a handheld satellite telephone; the handset needs a clear view

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of the sky to receive a GPS and satellite signal from the service provider. Using a handheld phone under a hardtop or in the cabin or salon of a boat usually will not work since

makes a phone call using a special wired handset or Bluetooth headset to connect to the cradled satellite phone handset.

If you need more than simple



the signal is then too weak. Many of the handheld phones offer a marine accessory kit with an external antenna that is mounted on the boat's topside and a special cradle for the handheld phone inside the boat. The user then

texting or voice calls, then you want to look at satellite broadband solutions offered by KVH and Intellain for the leisure market. There is a new entry in this marketplace, the KVH V30. What makes this satellite "dome" different than

others? Technology and price plans! The V30 offers one of the fastest internet download speeds as fast as 6 Mbps down/2 Mbps up, housed in a compact 14" antenna dome. KVH offers new lower cost price plans that have not been offered to pleasure boaters in the past, both unlimited and metered plans. The new price plans are now available month to month, unlimited plans have no overage costs, though speed slows down once you use more than your plans allotted data. The metered plans offer the highest speeds at the lowest costs. The internet signal is also used for

phone calls with the included telephone line with a unique USA based phone number. Texting is possible using your regular smartphone apps, since you are connected to the internet with WiFi on the boat. Metered data plans start at \$99/month and unlimited data plans start at \$149/month.

Keeping in touch while out on the water is easier and less expensive today than it has ever been. There are satellite hardware solutions and price plans for every budget.

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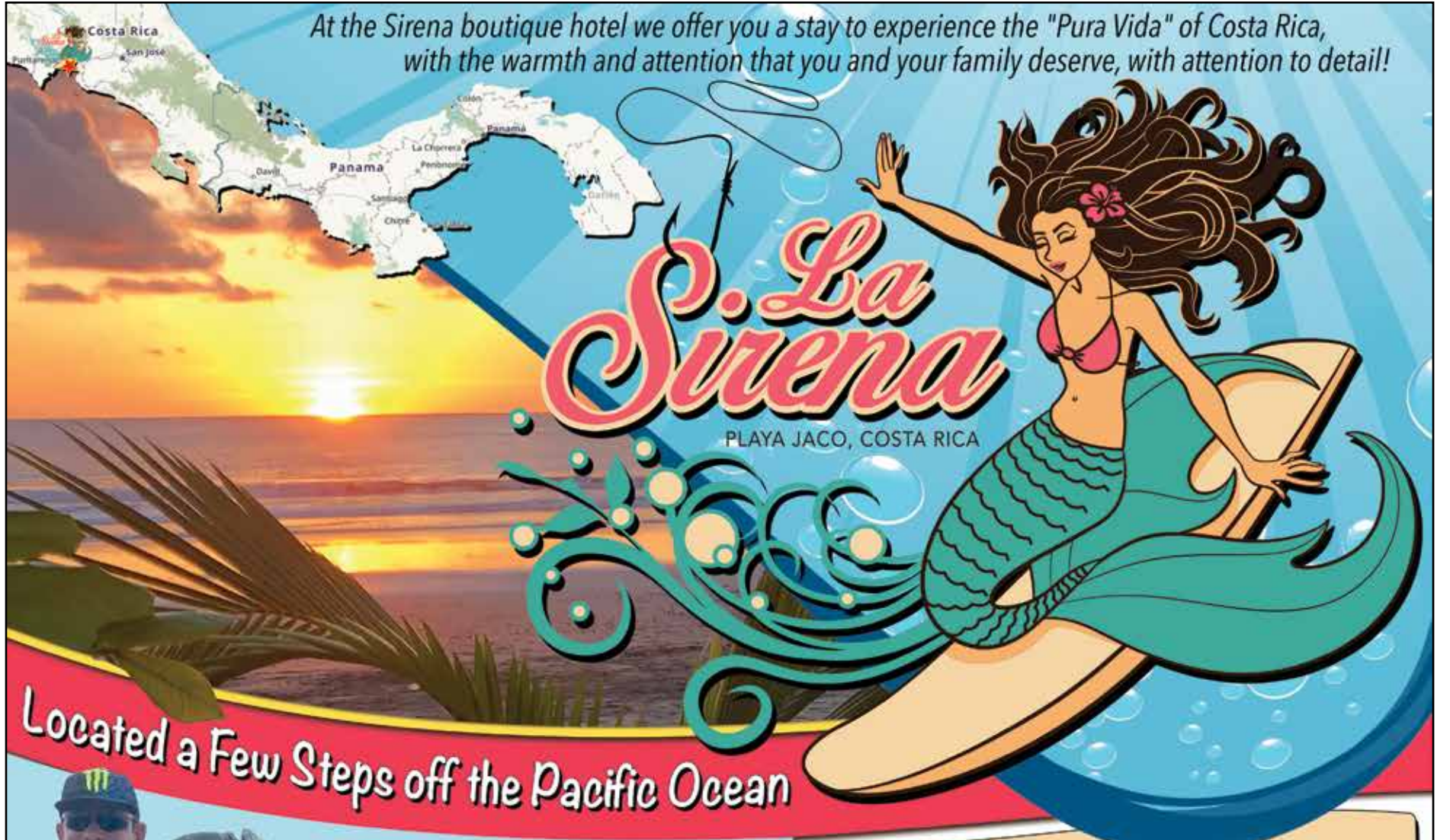


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When the tuna bites slows, Captains often make the call for a change up. Capt. Chris Ragni on the charter boat "Bill Slayer" made this call on a recent trip and switched to sword fishing. This was the right call for Justin Keller and his family as they caught this sweet 55" swordfish in the Poor Man's Canyon. Justin is pictured with mate Connor Campbell.

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The crew of the "Whiskey Kilo" got a workout last weekend when this 233 lb. bigeye tuna hit ballyhoo on a TD-30! It took an hour to get to the boat and almost spooled the reel a couple of times, however, anglers Mark Perez and Austin Craig got the job done. They were fishing with Capt. Jojo Joachimowski on the "Whiskey Kilo" in the Washington Canyon in 100-300 fathoms and 70° water and also kept 12 of the 20 yellowfins they hooked. Rounding out the crew was Liam Sweeney, owner Dan Ross (not pictured) and mate Conrad Ross.

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Cody Gross' new boat "Underslung" must have good mojo. On his first trip ever on his own boat he landed this wahoo in the south side Washington Canyon in 75° Water.

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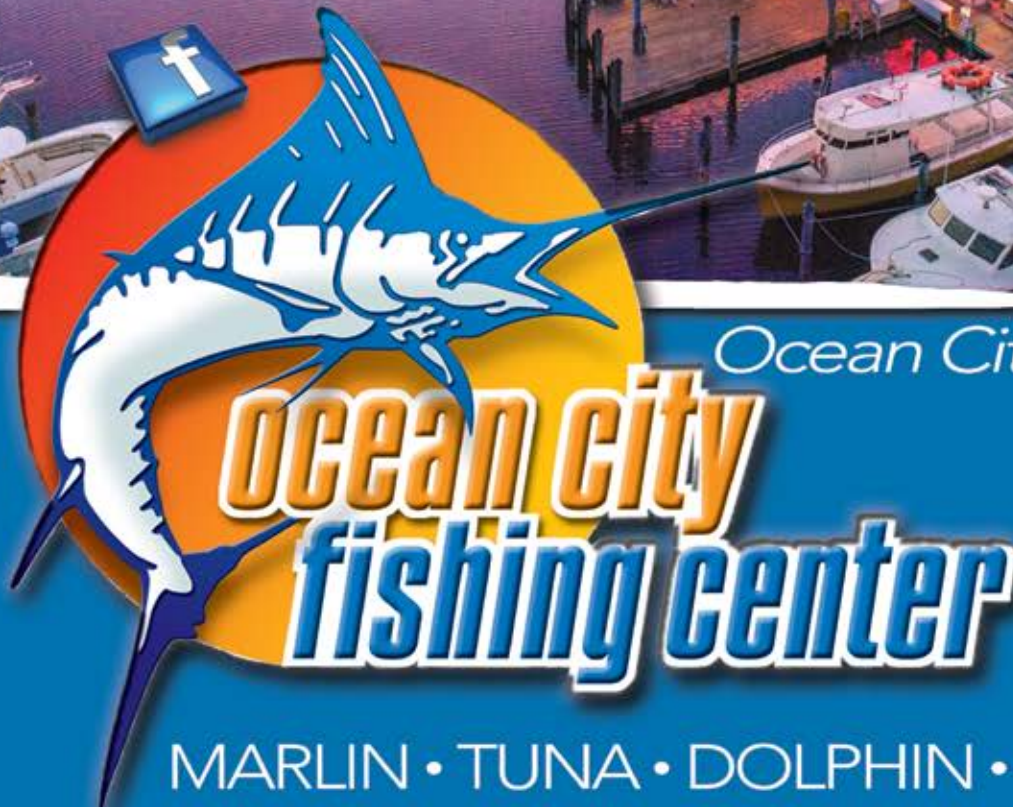
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Recently retired Worcester County Sheriff Officer Mike Lupiwok, Jr. with his dad Mike Sn. fished the last of the incoming tide near the Ocean City Airport when Mike Jr. tricked this 17 1/2 inch flounder using white Gulp with a bull minnow. The shared this one was found in 10' of very clear water, they also had 4 throwbacks.



Cousins Carson, Carter and Brody Porter fished in the Poor Man's Canyon last Thursday with their dads, friend Bean, and Capt. Rob Thompson and man did they hit it. Fishing no the "Island Time" out Indian River Marina the group hit their limit of 21 yellowfin tunas and had several throwbacks as well.

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## 3-200 Miles



**BLUE MARLIN**  
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**YELLOWFIN TUNA**  
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**BIGEYE TUNA**  
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**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  
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**WHITE MARLIN**  
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**DOLPHIN**  
No minimum Length  
Boat Limit 60  
Charter Limit 10 per passenger/day



**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



**WAHOO**  
No minimum Length  
2 per person/day

### 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

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.

71" Minimum Fork Length  
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This is nice shot of an ~3 lb. knothead that Richard Adams caught using the also pictured squid for bait! He was fishing on the headboat "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak at an offshore wreck.




It was definitely TGIF for Adrian Del Fabbro from Hockessin, DE last Friday! He landed this roughly 44" red drum with a cut finger mullet on a doodle bug fishing off the Assateague Island Off Road Vehicle area.

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<b>FRI. JULY 2</b>	High 02:40 am High 03:35 pm	Low 08:55 am Low 09:30 pm
<b>SAT. JULY 3</b>	High 03:29 am High 04:30 pm	Low 09:39 am Low 10:30 pm
<b>SUN. JULY 4</b>	High 04:16 am High 05:18 pm	Low 10:23 am Low 11:27 pm
<b>MON. JULY 5</b>	High 05:01 am High 06:02 pm	Low 11:06 am Low -----
<b>TUE. JULY 6</b>	High 05:46 am High 06:44 pm	Low 12:19 am Low 11:49 pm
<b>WED. JULY 7</b>	High 06:32 am High 07:27 pm	Low 01:06 am Low 12:30 pm

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Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.  
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 Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide  
 - subtract 45 minutes to low tide  
 Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide  
 - 21 minutes for low tide  
 Quinby Inlet, VA - subtract 6 minutes for high tide

These tides are only meant to be a guide, as tides can be affected by storms and weather fronts.



### Maryland Jumbo Lump Crab Imperial

**Ingredients:**

- 1 lb. jumbo lump crabmeat
- ½ cup Hellman's Mayonnaise
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 1 tsp. Old Bay seasoning
- 1 tsp. finely chopped Italian parsley
- 1 large egg lightly beaten
- Squeeze of lemon juice

**Directions:**

Mix mayonnaise, egg, sugar, old bay, lemon juice and parsley together and blend well. This is your imperial sauce.

Gently fold crabmeat into imperial sauce, being careful not to break up crab meat.

Place portions in the baking dish of your choice, using



ramekins or small casserole dishes.

Bake in 350-degree oven for 20-25 minutes (top will turn golden brown) or until a thermometer gets an internal reading of 165 degrees.

Allow to cool just a few minutes before serving, it will set and be more flavorful as it cools slightly.

### Cobia Fish Tacos

**Ingredients:**

- 8 oz cobia
- 2 limes

- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1/4 tsp. smoked paprika
- 1/4 tsp. cumin
- 1/4 tsp. chili powder
- 2 tbsp. canola oil
- 1/4 head red cabbage
- 1/2 red onion
- 1 tbsp. chopped cilantro
- 4 small soft corn tortillas
- 1 tbsp. plain yogurt
- Dash chipotle chili sauce
- 4 slices avocado

**Directions:**

Place the cobia in a baking dish and squeeze half a lime over it. Add the garlic, cumin, chili powder, smoked paprika, and 1 tablespoon of the oil. Season with salt and pepper and turn the cobia in the marinade until evenly coated. Refrigerate, and let marinate for at least 15 minutes.

Combine the cabbage, onion, and cilantro in a large bowl. Squeeze half a lime over mix. Drizzle with the remaining 1 tablespoon oil, season with



salt and pepper, and toss to combine. Taste and add more salt and pepper if necessary; set aside.

Warm the tortillas by heating a medium frying pan over medium-high heat. Add 1 tortilla at a time, flipping to warm both sides, about 5 minutes total. Wrap the warm tortillas in a clean dishcloth, and set aside while you prepare the cobia.

Brush griddle pan with oil and heat to a medium-high heat. Cook the cobia on each side for 5-7 minutes per side until fully cooked and flakes easily. To serve, add the cabbage slaw, fish, sliced avocado, and drizzle of spicy yogurt (yogurt mixed with the Chipotle sauce).

### Crunchy Baked Flounder

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Preheat oven to 425°F. Mist bottom of a large baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Combine panko, parmesan cheese and butter in a small bowl and stir mixture well.



Sprinkle both sides of flounder generously with salt and pepper. Arrange fish in prepared baking dish. Sprinkle panko-parmesan mixture over fish. Bake until fish is cooked through and

crumbs are golden, about 15 minutes. Serve immediately.

### New England Clam Chowder

Ingredients:

- 8 pounds cherrystone clams, scrubbed
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
- 8 ounces bacon, cut into 1/2" pieces
- 2 celery stalks, minced
- 1 large onion, minced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 2 1/2 pound Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled, cut into 1/2" pieces
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 cups heavy cream
- Kosher salt, freshly ground pepper
- 1 freshly ground pepper
- Chopped fresh chives
- Oyster crackers



Directions:

Bring clams and 4 cups water to a boil in a large pot over high heat. Cook until clams just open, 8-10 minutes (discard any that do not open). Using a large slotted spoon, transfer clams to a large rimmed baking sheet; set broth aside. Let clams cool slightly, then pull meat from

shells; discard shells.

Chop clams into bite-size pieces. Strain broth through a fine-mesh sieve set over a large bowl. Add water if needed to measure 6 cups. DO AHEAD: Clams and broth can be made 1 day ahead. Cover separately and chill.

Melt butter in a large heavy pot over medium heat. Add bacon and cook, stirring occasionally, until fat is rendered and bacon begins to brown, about 8 minutes. Add celery, onion, and garlic and cook, stirring often, until onion is translucent, about 10 minutes. Add reserved broth (or 6 cups bottled clam juice), potatoes, thyme, and

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bay leaf. Bring chowder base to a simmer; cook until potatoes are tender, 20-25 minutes. Stir cornstarch and 2 Tbsp. water in a small bowl to form a slurry. Stir slurry into chowder base; return to a boil to thicken. DO AHEAD: Base can be made 1 day ahead. Let cool; cover and chill. Keep clams chilled. Bring base to a simmer before continuing.

Remove base from heat. Discard bay leaf. Stir in reserved clams (or two 10-ounce cans baby clams) and cream. Season with salt, if needed (clams' brininess varies), and pepper.

Divide chowder among bowls. Garnish with chives and oyster crackers.

### Pan Fried Rockfish in Basil Lemon Butter Sauce

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds rockfish or any other white fish you like
- 3/4 teaspoon garlic salt (or 1/2 teaspoon salt + 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder)
- 1/3 cup flour

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 4 cloves minced garlic
- Pinch of red pepper flakes
- 3/4 cup low sodium chicken stock
- 4 tablespoons cold butter, cut into 16 cubes
- 3 tablespoons each: fresh lemon juice and fresh chopped basil for finishing the sauce

Directions:



SEASON: To get the best crisp on the fish, pat both sides of the fish with paper towels until dry. Season the fish with a small pinch of salt, making sure

to flip and salt both sides. Place the flour in a shallow dish and season with garlic salt. Whisk to combine. Dredge the fish in the flour, making sure to coat both sides. Make sure to shake off excess flour.

FRY: Add the olive oil to the pan and allow for it to heat through. When hot, fry the fish for 3-4 minutes flipping halfway. Depending on the thickness, you might need to cook the fish for longer until it's cooked through. Remove the fish to a plate and set aside.

SAUCE: There should only be about a tablespoon of oil remaining. If there is more, drain all but a tablespoon from the pan. Add the garlic into the skillet and fry in the oil for just 15 seconds. Add in a pinch of red pepper flakes, chicken stock, and lemon. Kick the heat to the highest setting, allow the sauce to reach simmer then reduce the sauce for 2 minutes. Lower the heat to the lowest setting, then add in two small cubes of butter and allow it to

melt into the sauce slowly while you stir or swirl the pan with the handle. Continue adding two small cubes of butter at a time until all the butter is used up. Take your time here, don't rush this. Add in chopped basil and stir to combine. Plate the fish with cooked rice or roasted vegetables and top with basil lemon butter sauce!

### Tuscan Grilled Trout

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, cut into thin slices
- 1/2 teaspoon dried sage
- 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crumbled
- 2 tablespoons wine vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh-ground black pepper
- 8 trout fillets (about 2 lbs.)

Directions:

Light the grill or heat the broiler. In a small stainless-steel saucepan, combine the oil, garlic, sage, and rosemary. Cook

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over moderately low heat until the garlic just starts to brown, about 2 minutes. Remove from the heat and immediately stir in the vinegar, 1/4 teaspoon of the salt, and the pepper.

Put the trout fillets in a medium



glass dish or stainless-steel pan. Sprinkle the fish with the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt. Add half of the oil-and-vinegar mixture and turn to coat. Grill or broil the fish skin-side down for 2 minutes. Turn and cook until just done, about 2 minutes longer for 1/4-inch-thick fillets. To serve, whisk the remaining oil-and-vinegar mixture and pour it over the hot fish.

### Spicy Fish Marinade

Ingredients:

- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons brown mustard I use spicy brown mustard
- 2 tablespoons honey or use brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice or juice from 1/2 lemon
- 1 serrano pepper diced
- 4 cloves garlic minced
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- Red pepper flakes - 1/4 to 1 tsp. to taste

Directions:

Whisk together the soy sauce, olive oil, honey or brown sugar, mustard, lemon juice, garlic, oregano, salt and red pepper flakes in a mixing bowl until well combined.

Place the fish in a large zip-lock bag and pour the marinade over them. Seal the bag and refrigerate at least 15 to 20 minutes, or for 1 hour before cooking.



Jake Mahan from Ocean City and Alex Clark from Cambridge caught some nice size flounder. The largest was 21" and weighed 3.75 lbs. and two were 19" and 3 lbs.! They boys were fishing on the "Jackal" using minnows and Gulp.

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Capt. Pete Haines on the charter boat "Top-Fin" based in Lewes, DE took these boys to some reef and wreck sites and got them on the fish. Mike Weaver bagged a nice keeper flounder and John Cope found the first triggerfish reported to us! Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Teddy Hummel from Charm City worked the rocks at the Ocean City Inlet to land this 32" and 10 lb. striper! He was fishing the incoming tide with a 1/2 oz, 4 1/3" top water minnow.

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I had a power saw quit working while I was using it to cut a piece of lumber. There was no apparent reason for the tool to quit. For once I was even using it for a job it was designed for! But there I was in the middle of a cut when it suddenly shut-off as quickly as if had been unplugged. Aside from the hassle of having to grab another saw to finish the job, the malfunction didn't upset me too much because having purchased the broken tool just

eight months ago I knew that all I had to do was take it back to where I got it from and I'd be given a new one on the spot. Guarantees are good!

Particularly in tough economic times, consumers pretty much expect guarantees before they'll shuck out their hard earned cash, and those vying for business are usually very willing to offer assurances of 100% satisfaction. Such claims can be very realistic when applied to products and many services; either the toaster

works or it doesn't, the car was fixed or it wasn't, if not we visit "customer service" to get a refund or have someone make things right. In this man-made environment, by waving a few dollars we have the power to insist things go our way.

But sportsmen know that it doesn't work that way in the natural world. Regardless of how much money or desire they have, there's no way "anyone" can guarantee that a fish will bite a hook, a flock of ducks will come to decoys, or a trophy buck will walk under a tree stand. Certainly, resources and skill can combine to enhance the chance for a successful outcome, but it's impossible to truthfully assure anyone that they will make a catch or kill. Regardless of how good the fishing or hunting has been, every day is a new one, fish and game can move-on, stop feeding, or whatever and that's the end of it. Experienced hunters and anglers know and accept this uncertainty and welcome it as a part of the mystery and challenge of our pursuits, and it's what defines us as "sportsmen" and separates us from those who go out on the water or into the field with only the goal of harvesting a meal.

As much as sportsmen would like to achieve their goal of catching or killing whatever it is they have their sights set on, most really don't want a guarantee of the outcome as that might insinuate that there's a deer tied to a tree waiting for a point-blank shot, or a fish with a hook already in its mouth just needing to be reeled-in. We want the uncertainty and we need some sort of challenge to legitimize the difference between our sport and a trip to Food Lion for groceries.

For these reasons I'm always both suspect and ashamed when I hear of captains or guides soliciting fishing or hunting clients by baiting them with any kind of a guarantee of what they will catch or kill. I've been fishing and hunting a long time and no matter how good the conditions are or the action has been there has never been and never will be a day when I depart with 100% certainty of what the day will bring. As a

[www.coastalfisherman.net](http://www.coastalfisherman.net) charter fishing captain, potential clients sometimes ask me if we guarantee fish. My answer is always the same, "Even if I had a school of starving fish in a barrel I couldn't guarantee they'd bite." Granted, sometimes the fishing is so good that I'll happily report that there's a very very good chance they'll have an exceptional catch, but the only guarantee I'll give is that we'll give our best effort, after that I guess it's up to God.

But as the lure of sport fishing draws to it both those who might be duped by such absurd claims and those who know better, there has always been a few in our industry willing to prey upon the unknowing. Such tactics typically surface in areas where competition for clients is stiff. South Florida is a good example. In an area where it would seem that every other vessel afloat is for hire, and there's an endless stream of tourists looking for something to do, some captains have stooped to the level of telling folks whatever is necessary to get them on the boat, and in this age when folks are so accustomed to having everything they pay for to have some kind of assurance that comes along with it, a guaranteed catch can be an effective draw.

Those who book a "guaranteed" trip would do well to first read the fine print before embarking on such a trip. That is, if there is any "print" of any size regarding the guarantee. Usually the only written evidence of such a claim will be in the boat's promotional material or maybe from the lips of the captain or mate as they try to talk someone into booking with them. One guy I knew down in the Keys used to advertise "Guaranteed Tarpon or Your Money Back!" The claim would draw some pigeons, but not all were happy as they left the boat having discovered that the guarantee was that they would "hook" a tarpon, and by the captain's standards "hooking" a tarpon could mean no more than something whacked the bait and pulled the line tight for a second or two. Even though the bite could have been from a shark, snapper, barracuda, or even a snag, the captain

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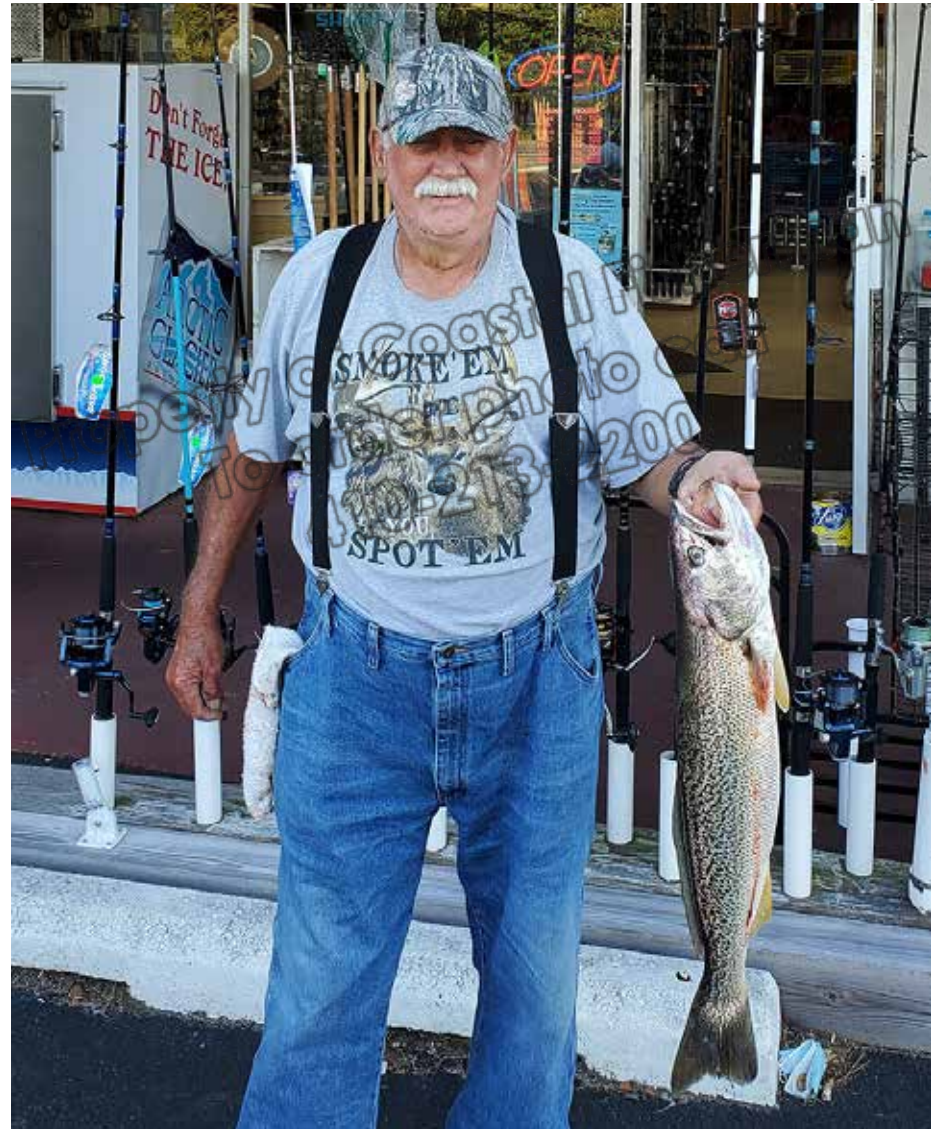
www.coastalfisherman.net was always sure it was from a tarpon and no one could hold him to blame if the customer couldn't keep it on the line! That fellow came home skunked just as many times as anyone else did, but I don't think he ever refunded a dime.

Another way to work the scam is for a captain to offers a free trip to those who don't catch fish. Here again, with nothing in writing the captain has a lot of wiggle room and that "free trip" might only be available at a very inconvenient time for the customer. If you're on vacation for a week but the captain can't fit your next trip in for a couple months the offer of a free trip doesn't do you much good - and he knows it!

I had some guys fishing with me once who had been duped a few years before by a captain who advertised "No Fish - No Pay." They went offshore targeting tuna, billfish and sharks but caught nothing. On the way home the boat suddenly slowed to a stop and the mate handed one of the fellows a light rod and instructed him to drop the

line to the bottom. Before he knew it he had hooked a small seabass and the captain was announcing, "Well, at least we didn't get skunked!" Of course what he meant was that now they would have to pay him in full because they did indeed catch a fish.

I bring all this up for two reasons: First, because a lot of folks travel to go fishing or hunting these days and now that online booking services are so much the rage sportsmen are not always aware of the reputation of someone they might choose to book a trip with, just what they see in the captain or guides online profile. Second, while Delmarva sportsmen have been mostly spared the insult of such deceptive promotional schemes, I've recently heard rumors of the "G" word being used by a (very) few to drum up more business. Let the buyer beware - reputable fishermen and guides don't need to offer guarantees. And let the captains and guides beware - experienced sportsmen don't want one!



Tom Cheeseman of Ocean View, DE found himself a nice size sea trout! He caught this 26" and 2.26 lb. beauty while fishing in the Indian River Inlet using sand fleas. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Outfitters in South Bethany, DE.

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At the end of the day it was Morgan Mericle that dominated the Annual Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam Kayak Tournament and took 1st Place with 2210 qualifying points and over 39 lbs. of fish caught over the 3 days of the event. Photo provided by Fish N Paddle



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Rich Morder and Brian Weibly from Pennsylvania had good luck in Ocean City's West Channel as well as by the OC Airport, landing these two 17" flounder using Gulp.



Smile and spots! Angler Dave Borrell of Enola, PA shares the 18" flounder he caught near the Ocean City Airport in the Sinepuxent Bay using Gulp.

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The private boat "Shelly II" was one of the more productive ones last Friday. Anglers Patrick Mish, Kevin Mish, Tim Mierzwicki and Bill Mish of Annapolis, MD with Jared Hoffmann of San Diego, CA, Dave Saunders from Reston, VA and Jeff Paige of Snow Hill, MD worked the Poor Man's Canyon to land these 7 yellowfin tuna. Most were picked one at a time, but the crew did have several double hook ups. Capt. Don Haines was in command with mates Joe Nolan, Ben Haines and Bo Duke. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina in West Ocean City.

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# DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



This week brought some cooler weather, winds and lots of traffic on the water. As we enter into our 8 weeks of tourism the waters around Delaware are getting crowded. With more anglers on the water fishing will begin to get tougher.

## Flounder

Flounder fishing remained pretty strong this week when anglers could get out. Strong winds dominated most of this week making drifting a little tougher.

Those anglers making it out were rewarded with some nice flounder. Brian Davis caught a nice 18" flounder at the Indian River Inlet on Wednesday at high tide. Sean Clever hooked into a 17.5" flounder Wednesday and a nice 22" flounder on Thursday. As for the bay side, flounder in the Indian River Bay and Rehoboth Bay have been fair, with a keeper ratio of about 3 throwbacks to 1 keeper. Prime areas are Massey's Ditch and the main channel at the inlet. In

Rehoboth Bay, the southern end and side channels are producing the best fish. High boat traffic and fishing pressure have made targeting spots tough. Look for the out of the way deeper holes not on the main channel. The mid bay areas near Pot Nets are a great place to look and have some really nice deep holes on the northern side of the channel. On the ocean side, Site 10 is starting to show some signs of good life. Reports of nice flounder and some sea bass are coming in. Jacob Gearheart caught a few nice flounder here on Nuclear Chicken Gulp. Site 10 is a short 6 miles outside of the inlet and great for those not wanting to run the 13 miles to the coral grounds. B buoy and A buoy both reported some decent fish this week. Site 11 and NJ/DE reef are the top producers for flounder this week. Pink Gulp is the bait of choice!

## Sea bass, Sheepshead & Spot

Sea bass has really started to slow due to warming

water temps. Target deeper locations 100 ft or deeper with fresh clam for the best results. A few sea bass are on site 10 and 11 but most are now throwbacks. NJ/DE reef remains the hot location for keepers but even here in deeper water the ratio is about 10 throwbacks to 1 keeper. Finding wrecks that have not been hit hard by multiple anglers has paid off big time as a few die hard sea bass captains are returning to the docks with nice loads of keepers. Target the smaller wrecks that can't be fished by the bigger boats. Burt Campbell reported that he caught sheepshead on the north side jetty of the Indian River Inlet. A few other reports have come in that sheepshead are beginning to turn on at the inlet. Shrimp or sand fleas are taking the most fish. Remember small hooks and lighter drags so as not to rip the hooks from these fish softer mouths. The inlet and bays are full of big spot this year. They are a prime food source for all larger predators

and this is a welcome sign. The past couple of years have not had the bay spot we were accustomed to seeing. Even crab pots have spot in them. Many anglers attest that they are also great table fare. Sabiki rigs are the method for targeting these fish. Most Sabiki rigs are 5-7 hooks, so try cutting off the bottom 2 hooks to avoid tangles when multiple fish are caught at the same time. Clams or bloodworms are the prime baits to use.

## Sharks, Rays & Cobia

Sharks and rays are everywhere near the beach. Michael Deller reported getting spooled twice by a big cow nose ray while surf fishing the Delaware beaches. He was using a 30 lb. line and 60 lb. leader. They are notorious runners and will empty your spool in one long run or dig into the sand and lay there, daring you to pull harder. Sharks are also abundant near shore. Chumming with large chuck baits are your best way to target these hard pullers. Make sure that when fishing for sharks keep a live spot or eel rigged up because your chum will not only bring in the sharks but also the cobia. They've shown up on the

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Crabbing was a little slow  
 this week with pots yielding  
 about half the crabs they did  
 a week ago. Looking at the  
 area I crab in, I can't recall  
 ever seeing so many pots in  
 the water. Also as a side note,  
 DNR is out tagging pots for  
 both times attended (3 day  
 max) as well as for pots not  
 being all white with name  
 and addresses readable.  
 Clamming remains strong  
 with Rehoboth Bay being the  
 prime area this week.

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Anglers Jacob and Julia Dadisman brought a real surprise to the dock during the 6th Annual Indian River Marina Kids Catch All Tournament last weekend with this 1st Place 118 lb. Allison tuna! They were fishing on the "Tranquility" with Capt. John Dadisman in the Poor Man's when this jumbo tuna hit on a ballyhoo. Julia named it 'Flopper' because it flopped on the deck! Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop at the Indian River Marina.



First place in the Flounder Division of the 6th Annual Indian River Marina Kids Catch All Tournament held last weekend was won by Brady Anderson for the whopping 6 lb., 4 oz. doormat he caught with white Gulp while fishing on the headboat "Thelma Dale IV" out of Lewes, DE on an ocean structure! Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop at the Indian River Marina.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL KIDS CATCH-ALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### JUNE 26-27, 2021

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS BENEFITS THE LYME DISEASE ASSOCIATION OF DELMARVA, INC.

<b>BLUEFISH</b>	Morgan Detemple	1 lb. 15 oz.
<b>CROAKER</b>	Pierce Whiz	15 oz.
<b>FLOUNDER</b>	Brady Anderson	6 lb. 4 oz.
<b>MACKEREL</b>	Payton Berger	1 lb. 9 oz.
<b>SEABASS</b>	Zane Winkler	2 lb. 1 oz.
<b>SPOT</b>	Dawson Bachman	4 oz.
<b>TRIGGERFISH</b>	Nicky Niebauer	3 lb. 12 oz.
<b>TROUT</b>	Fayth Pauley	11.5 oz.
<b>TUNA</b>	Julia Dadisman	118 lb. 2 oz.
<b>UNUSUAL CATCH</b>		
	Brooke Bettinsoli	Ribbonfish 1 lb. 3 oz.



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It was nice to see triggerfish at the scales during the 6th Annual Indian River Marina Kids Catch All Tournament last weekend. Hope, Josh and Nicky Niebauer were fishing on the "Miss Ene III" with Capt. Ed Wagner when Nicky hooked a 3 lb. 12 oz. trigger on squid and secured 1st Place at the event. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop at the Indian River Marina.





Angler Zach of Selbyville, DE is one cool kid showing off the flounder, trigger fish and sea bass he caught during the 6th Annual Indian River Marina Kids Catch All Tournament. He took top honors in the Sea Bass Division for the 2 lb. 1 oz. knothead he caught using bunker and mullet at Fenwick Shoals while fishing on the "Casting and Blasting". Rounding out the crew were Capt. Bill Winkler, Zach Montague, Nathan Montague and Everett Hall. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop at the Indian River Marina.



The Bluefish Division of the 6th Annual Indian River Marina Kids Catch All Tournament was won by angler Morgan DeTemple for the 1 lb. 15 oz. fish she caught while on "Gale Force" charters with Gillian Sullivan at an inshore wreck. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop at the Indian River Marina.



Fayth Pauley from Milford, DE was first to the scales on day 2 of the 6th Annual Indian River Marina Kids Catch All Tournament with a triggerfish and weakfish she caught while fishing on the "Miss Ene III" with Capt. Ed Wagner! The sea trout fell for the squid & clams she was using as bait in the southeast Indian River Bay. Weighing in at 11.5 oz she slid into the top position for the Trout Division. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop at the Indian River Marina.



On the first day of the 2021 6th Annual Indian River Marina Kids Catch All Tournament, Payton Berger from Dagsboro, DE caught an 1 lb. 9 oz. mackerel she found at the Fenwick Shoal using a spoon and Gulp. This held on to take 1st Place in the Mackerel Division. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop at the Indian River Marina.



Top honors in the Croaker Division of the 6th Annual Indian River Marina Kids Catch All Tournament last weekend was taken by angler Pierce Whiz of New Castle, DE. He landed a 15 oz. croaker with squid in the Indian River Bay on the "Polish Falcon" with Capt. John Whiz. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop at the Indian River Marina.



Young Dawson Bachman's of Adamstown, PA was celebrating his 6th birthday and participating in the 6th Annual Indian River Marina Kids Catch All Tournament, they're both the same age! He came to the scales right as they opened and shared these two spot he caught with minnows and bloodworms. The total weight of 4 oz. kept Dawson in the top 'spot' winning 1st Place in the Division. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop at the Indian River Marina.

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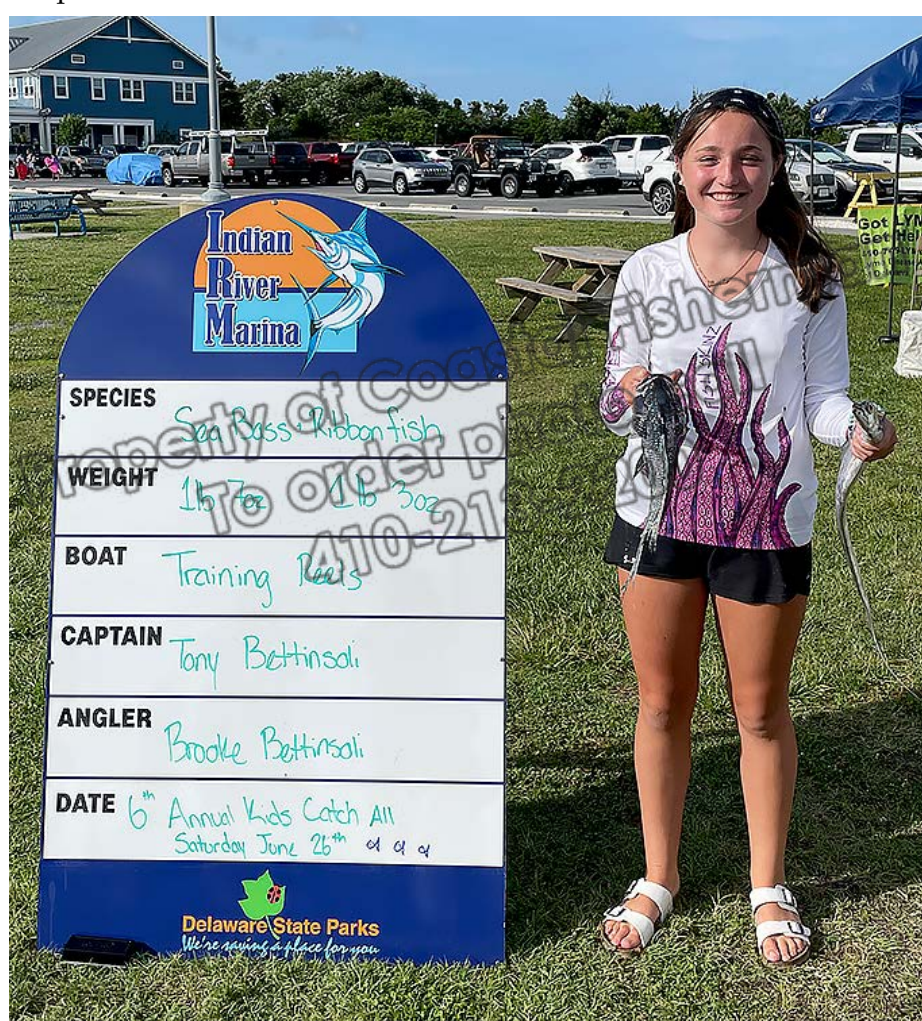
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The most Unusual Catch Division during the 2021 6th Annual Indian River Marina Kids Catch All Tournament was won by Brooke Bettinsoli for a 1.3 oz. ribbonfish. She found this one 26 miles off of Ocean City with sand fleas and squid while fishing on the "Training Reels" with her dad Tony Bettinsoli. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop at the Indian River Marina.

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Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE	Species	OCEAN CITY	DELAWARE
 <b>Bluefish</b>	June 9 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs. 3 oz.	May 8 Gavin Murray Gull Island 15.1 lbs.	 <b>Mako Shark</b>	May 28 Michael Eid Fingers 187 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Black Drum</b>	April 11 Emily Blume Assateague Island 48 lbs.	May 7 Adam Clarke Slaughter Beach 77.5 lbs.	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>	June 7 Roman Brady Fingers 542 lbs.	May 28 Wade Sartorial Fingers 309 lbs.
 <b>Cobia</b>	June 17 Shannon Pickens S. of OC Inlet 36 lbs.	No Weights Reported	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b> <span style="color:red">★</span>	June 27 Greg Eckard Washington Canyon 235 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Flounder</b>	May 8 Kevin Mcnelis Thorofare 4.2 lbs.	May 23 Heather Strickland Lewes Canal 4.08 lbs.	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b>	May 28 James Hammond Poor Man's 150 lbs.	No Weights Reported
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	June 5 William Londron Ocean Structure 3 lb. 3 oz.	May 28 Denise Eddinger Del Jersey Reef 4.1 lbs.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b> <span style="color:red">★</span>	June 18 Dianna Harris Norfolk Canyon 98 lbs.	June 26 Julia Dadisman Poor Man's 118 lbs.
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	May 6 Buddy Martin East Channel 17 lb. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	 <b>Dolphin</b> <span style="color:red">★</span>	June 11 Hunter Pfeiffer Rockpile 19 lbs.	June 26 Chad Starnier Poor Man's 18 lbs.
 <b>Tautog</b>	April 27 Kurtis Berry Ocean Structure 22.7 lbs.	April 19 Johnny Justison Ocean Structure 8.9 lbs.	 <b>Wahoo</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
 <b>Weakfish</b> <span style="color:red">★</span>	June 23 Doug Stewart OC Inlet 3.9 lbs.	June 9 Ron Beatty Indian River Inlet 3.6 lbs.	 <b>White Marlin</b>	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

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Rob Griggs of Berlin, MD got in on the early mahi action catching this gaffer mahi in the Poor Man's Canyon while fishing on his boat "Liberty". This one weighed 15 lbs. at the Ocean City Fishing Center scales.

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- 34th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament  
July 9 - 11 • Ocean City Fishing Center • 410-213-1613
- 17th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic  
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- Paradise Bay Flounder Tournament  
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- 7th Annual Big Fish Classic  
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- 20th Annual Ocean City Fishing Center Spot Tournament  
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This spearfish has a quick photo shoot with the boys from the "Five Eights" last weekend before being released. Angler Jon Horner from Georgetown, DE landed this one in the Poor Man's Canyon in 500 fathoms on a blue & white Ilander. While visually similar to white marlin, the spearfish has different scale patterns, markings and anal vent position that are used to classify it versus the white. Fishing with Jon were Rodney Workman and Jamie King of Georgetown, DE with John Wakefield from Lewes, DE.

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The 'Female Finatics' had a nice mixed bag of catches during the Inaugural Tuna & Tiaras Tournament and apparently a lot of fun! Dawn Hersey, Taylor Johnson, Taylor Lane, Holly Beth, Maria Flynn and Debbie Fulton went with Capt. Mark Malamphy and mate James Coates to the Washington Canyon and boated 3 yellowfin tuna up to 37 pounds, 2 mahi with the largest at 16 pounds and released a white marlin. A good day on the water!

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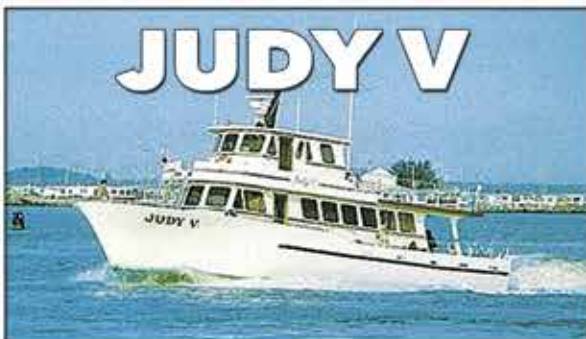
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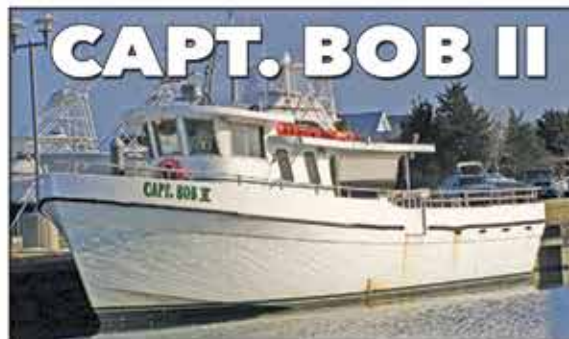
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DAY 1 (45 BOATS) DAY 2 (16 BOAT)



The scales were a little slow to start on the first day of the 42nd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament, but the crew from the "Tellum" changed that bringing this 74 lb. yellowfin tuna to the dock! Angler Mellisa Moore connected with the prize winning fish in the Poor Man's Canyon on a cedar plug. She shared it hurt to reel in, but she got it to the boat and it held on to 1st Place in the Tuna Calcutta earning \$9,293 for the boat. Rounding out the crew were Capt. Scott Wiley, mate Kevin Moore and anglers Brian Yanchetz, Rusty Mullan and Michael Dempsey.



The Dolphin Category during the 42nd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament proved to be exciting and rewarding! Only two qualifying mahi were brought to the scale and this 15 pounder from Justin Hager on the "Fishizzle" leapt to 1st Place and remained unchallenged earning the boat \$9,963! Capt. Chris Miller with other anglers Jesse Constantino, Tom Collins, Christopher Miller and Nick Miller were in the Washington Canyon in 300 fathoms when this fish hit on the troll, they also caught a 40.5 lb. yellowfin tuna.



Day 2 of the 42nd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament started early at the scales and saw some quick upsets in the rankings. Capt. Tommy Vaughn with Capt. Ted Cusimano and Capt. Randy Buttion fished at Site 10 getting their 3 man limit of sea bass and a total of 6 flounder. Picking the top three per species, they slid into both 1st Place in the Sea Bass Category with a 2.5 lb. knothead and tied for top flounder with a 3.5 lb. flatfish! Both of these held their positions and earned the crew a combined prize award of \$1,465 and bragging rights.



It was no surprise to see Big Bird Craig Cropper waiting for the scales to open on the second day of the 42nd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament. He and anglers Chuck and Lauri Maxwell hunted in several spots trying to find clear water, but could not. They returned to proven grounds at the Rt. 50 Bridge to catch two first place fish, a 3.5 lb. flounder caught on a Roy Rig (of course) and an 8.5 lb. bluefish putting them in the lead in both the Flounder and Bluefish categories at the time. Both held onto 1st Place, however there was a tie in the Flounder category at the end of the event. The fish earned a total of \$1,465 in prize money.

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The "Carol's Teakettle" slipped in at 6PM and was the last boat to the scales on day 2 of the 42nd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament and locked in for 1st Place in the Billfish Release Division. Angler Jim Blinker released a white marlin at 12:30pm in the Poor Man's Canyon. The crew of Tim, Tom, Mazie and Jim Blinker also weighed a 41 lb. yellowfin tuna.



The crew of the "Oppor-Tuna-Ty Too" had to smile bringing the first mahi to the scales during the 42nd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament! Capt. Ed Quick connected with the dolphin while trolling at the Rockpile, there was no flotsam so it was a surprise. The 13 pounder was only one of two qualifying fish weighed earning 2nd place and \$2,682 in prize money. Rounding out the crew were Capt. Ken Thompson, mate Adam Thomson, Ben Overholt, Scott Carstairs and Carl Alesi.

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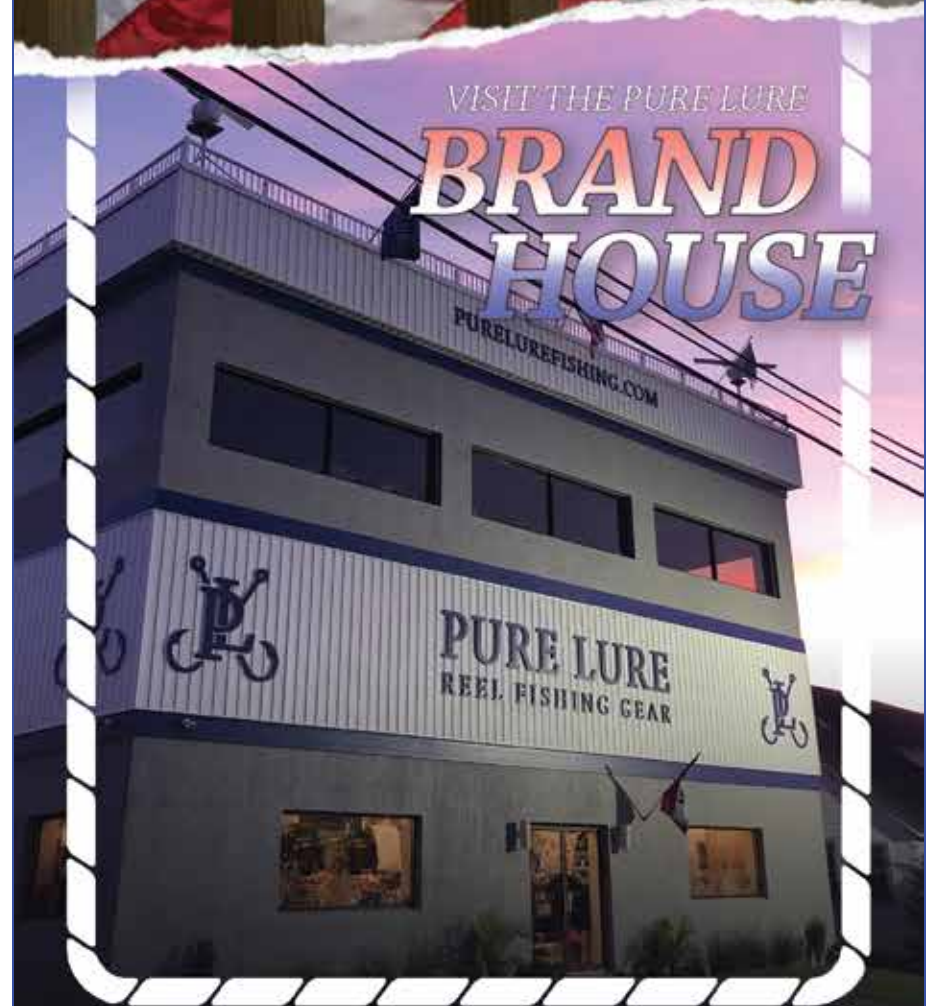
Capt. Todd Cannady on the "Four Eights" put his crew on the tuna during the first day of the 42nd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament. Working below the Washington Canyon anglers David Berdichevski and Chris Sanders with mate Brian Stewart picked 9 yellowfin tunas for the day, weighing 3 for the tournament. Their top fish at 71.5 lbs. hit on a brand new TD-50 and came right up, jumping the crew into 2nd Place and remaining there earning \$2,011 in awards.



The leaderboard for the Tuna Category during the 42nd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament saw several changes over the 2 day event including a late change on day 2 when the "Insured Game" of Fenwick Island, DE slid this 55 lb. yellowfin on the dock. Angler Zack Schulte connected with this one south of the Poor Man's Canyon on a spreader bar just before lines out. That late catch earned Zack and Capt. Scott Carey, Colby Hook and Reid Carey \$1,341 in award money!



The old adage is true, you have to play to win! The crew of the "Grady Lady" did not want to weigh the bluefish they caught during the 42nd Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament figuring that it was too small. After some convincing the 1/2 pound fish caught by the Rt. 50 Bridge was weighed and recorded (it's by the Marlin Club Seal in case you missed it!). Because the crew of Brian, Calab and Wendy Mindte got into all the Bluefish calcuttas, this little guy paid out \$630!



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It was a first for all four of the crew last Friday on the "Keep 'er' Wet" out of Sunset Marina! Linda Deems and Jenny Madden of Stevensville, MD with Ashley Leader from Owens, MD and Courtney Leader of Annapolis, MD headed out to the southern Poor Man's Canyon with Capt. David Sumpter and mate Brian Leader. There the ladies all caught their first tunas and catching 8 all together! They kept the 5 biggest and put the other 3 back for another day.



The Indian River Inlet is starting to produce some nice fish. Wayne McPartland was fishing there when he landed this perfectly sized 35 1/2" striper on a live minnow, just inside the 'slot'!

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