

On the second day of the 2015 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament, the crew on "Hook'n Tail" ventured out to just inside the Fingers where Jeff Green hooked this 500 lb. thresher shark and held on to win 1st place in the Thresher Division and a check for \$2,760. Jeff was fishing with Matt Magathy, Andy Cuttitta, Capt. Felipe Ordona and mate Steve Magathy when the shark ate a whole mackerel and took 2 hours and 40 minutes to get to the boat. The anglers couldn't get the big thresher into their 26-foot boat, so they had to tow it the 20 miles back to Bahia Marina.











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Jeff Pinca from Lincoln University, PA joined his dad, Jack Pinca from Thornton, PA for a day of flounder fishing on the "About Time" and the duo ended up with 6 nice flatties in the cooler. All of the fish were caught on Gulp! Swimming Mullets in the Thorofare with Jack's 19-incher giving him the title of "Top Angler" in the Pinca family. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.



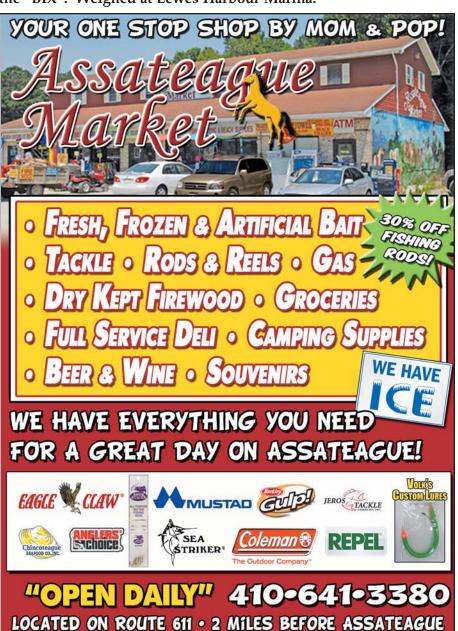
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Corey Crout fooled this 32.1 lb. golden tilefish with a deep jig while drifting the edge of the Poor Man's Canyon with Jon Bixler on the "BIX". Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





















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Before the recent stretch of bad weather, this group of anglers on the "Last \$" took a trip to the Baltimore Canyon where they went 5 for 6 on yellowfins with most of the bites coming on green machine spreader bars, ballyhoo dressed up with blue and white Ilanders and a blue and white Joe Shute lure. All were caught in 68-degree water. Pictured are Larry Cheyney from Clarksville, DE, Greg Petters from Ocean View, DE, Greg Macherison from Ocean View, DE, Damion Marcinizyn from Clarksville, DE, Jay Gray from Frankford, DE and Capt. Rodney Meyers. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.





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Cheryl Davis caught her very first flounder and quickly mastered the Lewes Harbour Stretch when showing off the 21-incher she caught while drifting minnows in the Lewes Canal. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.







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For the better part of the week bad weather kept everyone indoors. Wind and horrible rain created conditions in the bay and offshore. Unfortunately, the NOAA weather forecast for the weekend was incorrect with rough conditions predicted for the entire weekend. Friday ended up being rough but Saturday and Sunday were more than fishable according to those who ventured out.

Mako Mania Tournament

This year, 37 boats and 168 anglers entered Bahia Marina's Mako Mania Shark Tournament. It's a shame that NOAA got the forecast so wrong because they probably would have had another dozen boats entered. Organizers told me that a lot of smaller boats got scared off and rightfully so with the forecast presented.

On Friday, despite rough seas, 33 boats ventured outside the Inlet and the first boat that arrived to the scale was the always dangerous charter boat, "Marli" with a 281.6 lb. mako on board. Joe Stein landed the monster after hooking it on a whole mackerel at the Hot Dog and the fish ended up holding onto first place in the Mako "Talkin' Trash" Division. arrived close behind with a 183.3 lb. mako caught in 30 fathoms on a whole mackerel when the crew stopped short of the Washington Canyon. The make took over second place in the Mako Division and that is where it ended up on Sunday. The "Reelentless" brought in a nice 146.5 lb. mako, caught outside the Fingers, to sit in 3rd place in the Mako Division as the scales came to a close on Friday. In the Release Division, "Keep Er' Wet" and "Kylee's World" each released 6 makos, but "Keep Er' Wet" held 1st place honors based upon the time of their last release.



Anglers fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" had some really good trips last week including this one on Sunday morning when Patrick O'Neill from Washington, DC and Ben Johns from Alexandria, VA caught 9 flatties with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. Capt. Nick found a honey hole on the outside of the South Jetty and the anglers tore it up while dropping 5-inch Gulp! Swimming Mullets. Their largest flounder measured 20-inches. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

On Saturday, 34 boats fished and it was an exciting day to be at Bahia Marina. "Port-A-Bella" out of Lewes, DE weighed a 212.1 lb. thresher shark that was caught on a false albacore fillet close to Site 11. Although the fish took the early lead in the Thresher Division, it wasn't long before it fell into 3rd place. "Reel Vibrations" had the crowd on it's feet when they showed up with a 465.7 lb. thresher shark that was caught on a bunker fillet at the Fingers. Most people thought that this fish had a lock on first place until the "Hook'n Tail" arrived with a monster 500 pounder caught on a whole mackerel, 3 miles inside the Fingers where angler Jeff Green fought the shark for 2 hours and 40 minutes. Capt. Felipe Ordono and his crew were fishing in a 26-foot Mako so there was no way they were going to get the big fish in the

boat. Around noon, they ended up towing the thresher 20 miles back to the dock while traveling at a mere 7 knots.

In the Mako Division, the only movement on the leaderboard came with Mike Mongiello on the "No Limits" showed up with a 173.9 pounder caught on a bluefish fillet in 34 fathoms outside the Hot Dog. Mike's mako ended the tournament in 3rd place in the Mako Division.

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Finally, a bluefish showed up to the scale, caught by Mike Cromwell on the "Lisa". The 10 lb. chopper took the early lead in the Bluefish Division and never looked back.

In the Release Division, "Reel Vibrations" took over the lead with 7 make sharks released during their 2 days of fishing.

With only 7 boats fishing on the final day of the tournament, the action at the scale was understandably quiet with only a couple of smaller makos weighed and 3 snapper bluefish. One of the bluefish did weigh 1.3 lbs. and ended the tournament in second place. This fish won the crew on the "M Keli Jeane" \$1,764 in award money, or \$1,357 per pound.

Tuna

Before the bad weather rolled in, yellowfins and mahi were caught in the Washington Canyon. Early in the week, the "Marli" returned with a half dozen and the "Boss Hogg" had 6 on Monday and 5 on Tuesday.

We also saw a few bigeye tuna at the scales last week. On Monday, the "All In" caught 2 bigeyes, weighing 77 lbs. and 178 lbs., while trolling at the Bigeye Hole. The following day, Capt. Josh Rusky and mate Will Wangel on the "Sea Slammer" were bringing the boat up from North Carolina on Monday and ended up catching a pair of nice size bigeye tuna in the Norfolk Canyon. The fish weighed 181 and 184 lbs. gutted.

Flounder

With most of the week

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being a washout, we didn't see any good catches of flatties until Saturday when the charter boat, "Get Sum" returned with 12 keepers on their morning trip and another 7 in the afternoon. Capt. Nick had his anglers dropping 5inch Gulp! Swimming Mullets in a honey hole on the outside of the South Jetty which is where the "Get Sum" headed out to again on Sunday and returned with 9 flounder in the morning and 11 in the afternoon.

The "Happy Hooker" and "Calico Jack" took a group out on Saturday and fished all over the bay before returning with 8 keepers caught on squid and shiners.

Also on Saturday, Jeff Pinca and his dad, Jack fished in the Thorofare and ended up with 6 keepers up to 19-inches.

On Sunday, Bob Telford caught a pair of nice flounder on an ocean wreck (probably the Great Eastern) during a trip aboard the headboat, "Angler". Bob's fish weighed 3 and 4 lbs.

Sea Bass

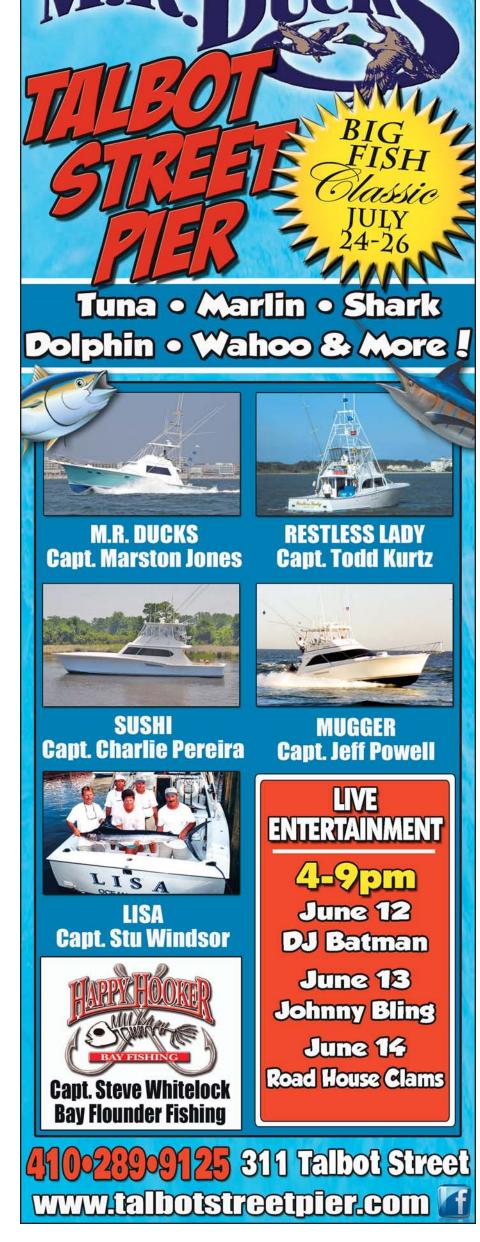
Sea bass fishing has been rough, but anglers have been able to offset it with some cod and tautog. Early in the week, the charter boat, "Fish Bound" had a boat limit of 12 tog at Kelly's Reef.

Upcoming Tournament

There are no tournaments on the schedule this weekend. M.S.S.A's Tuna-Ment will be held on June 19th, 20th and 21st. There are few weigh stations scattered along the coast, including Sunset Marina and Indian River Marina. On June 20th and 21st, the Ocean City Marlin Club will hold their 36th Annual Small Boat Tournament with weigh-ins each day at Sunset Marina.

In the meantime, if you have a catch that you would like to have a picture taken of, don't hesitate to stop by our office or give us a call at 410-213-2200 and we will meet you at a local tackle shop or marina.

See you at the scales.





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On Sunday morning, Jodi Lutz from York, PA was fishing on the "Just Fish" with her husband, Mike Lutz when she fooled this 22-inch flounder with a squid and shiner combination in the West Channel off Martha's Landing.

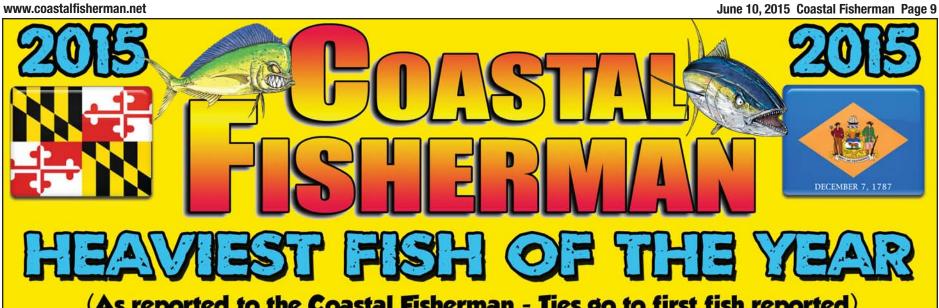
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Jen Dittman from Dover, DE caught a 9 lb. 10 oz. bluefish while fishing in the Indian River Inlet with a bucktail tipped with white worms. The chopper was the first fish Jen ever caught and was weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.







(As reported to the Coastal Fisherman - Ties go to first fish reported)

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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
Sea Bass NEV	June 7, 2015 Gary King "Morning Star" 4 lbs. 15 oz.	May 30, 2015 Mike Surowiec "Katydid" 3 lbs. 3 oz.	Mako Shark 100 lb. minimum	June 5, 2015 Joe Stein "Marli" 281.6 lbs.	May 31, 2015 Mike Moss Baltimore Canyon 193 lbs.
Tautog	January 2, 2015 Ken Westerfeld "Fish Bound" 28.8 lbs.	February 7, 2015 Shawn McCulley Ocean Wreck 15 lbs. 2 oz.	Thresher Shark	June 6, 2015 Jeff Green Fingers 500 lbs.	June 7, 2015 "Indian" Crew "DB" Buoy 509.5 lbs.
Striped Bass	May 16, 2015 Phillip Gray Ocean City Surf 42 lbs. 8 oz.	May 4, 2015 Noulack Mouyniuong Indian River Inlet 43 lbs. 2 oz.	Bluefin Tuna	May 17, 2015 Mike Hiemenz "Boss Hogg" 84 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Weakfish	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna	May 17, 2015 Mike Runk "Boss Hogg" 55 lbs.	May 16, 2015 William Wildbergh Wilmington Canyon 70 lbs.
Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder	May 10, 2015 Scott Peters Rt. 90 Bridge 7 lbs. 4 oz.	April 30, 2015 Bill Ream VFW Slough 9 lbs. 10 oz.	Bigeye Tuna	May 29, 2015 Cookie Halle Norfolk Canyon 212 lbs.	May 24, 2015 Howard Gaughtry Baltimore Canyon 115.7 lbs.
Bluefish	May 14, 2015 Matt Peel East Channel 13 lbs. 9 oz.	May 6, 2015 Bob Hilton Indian River Inlet 19 lbs. 8 oz.	Dolphin	May 29, 2015 Steve Spindler Washington Canyon 20 lbs.	May 30, 2015 Matthew Gessler Washington Canyon 16.4 lbs.
Sheepshead	May 25, 2015 Hugh Cropper South Jetty 4 lbs.	No Weights Reported	Wahoo	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Black Drum	April 17, 2015 Tom Nelson Assateague Surf 20 lbs.	May 25, 2015 Kyle Moore Coral Beds 71 lbs.	White Marlin	Most Release May 24, 2015 "Got R Done" 1 release	es in One Day May 30, 2015 "Not Right" 1 release

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Mary Lou Kachel from Temple, PA used a strip of squid to fool this 3 lb. 13 oz. flounder while drifting at the VFW Slough. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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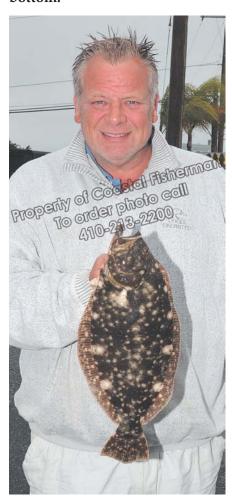
Bruce Koppel from Manassas, VA landed a 28-inch striped bass and a 37-inch bluefish while soaking bunker in the suds off Ocean City. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.







Trevor Lawrence from Atlanta, GA, who has been given the title, "Angler Extraordinaire" by Capt. Monty Hawkins on the headboat, "Morning Star", shows off the pair of sea bass he caught while fishing with clams. One was caught on an ocean wreck with the other one hooked on natural bottom.



We had some nasty weather last week in Ocean City, but that didn't stop die hard fisherman, Mike Matthews of Hunt Valley, MD from landing this 18 1/2-inch flounder while drifting minnows in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge.







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Right before the storms blew in on Saturday afternoon, Joe and Jason Skidmore from Harford County, MD put 7 keeper flounder in the box of the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. The fish were caught on white 5-inch Gulp! Swimming Mullets at the South Jetty where Capt. Nick reported water temperatures at 58-degrees. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Will Shahan, Jimmy Yeager and Lynsie Grant, all from Middletown, DE caught these bluefish in the Indian River Inlet while fishing with bucktails. Their largest fish weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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CFUM LINES BY CAPT. MARK SAMPSON

A few weeks ago we hooked a large thresher shark in it's "fin," and to say the least, the resulting fight was long and anything but routine. We hooked the fish at about 9:30 in the morning on a beautiful calm and sunny day and at first everything went just fine. The shark took a bait under a float and after making a short run it came up to the surface just long enough for us to identify what we were dealing with, but then it just kept going and going and going! With the 50-pound tackle making no noticeable dent in it's progress, we knew that we'd have to start-up and go after the thresher or risk being spooled. So we tied a float to our chum bucket and cast it from the boat and off we went.

An hour later when another glimpse of the shark revealed that the hook was not in the mouth but in the base of the right pectoral fin, we realized that the fight was going to be more challenging than we originally thought. Hoping to get the fish to the boat "sooner" than "later" to facilitate a healthy release, we elected to push the drag up to

full and put as much pressure on it as we thought the tackle could withstand – and that's when things started to go south!

About two hours into the fight, the handle broke off the reel, leaving absolutely no way to recover line. Try as I might, I was not able to reattach the handle and it was obvious that our only chance of getting the shark was to switch the line (and the fish) over to another rod. So we stripped about 100yards from the reel of a second rod, cut the line going to the fish, and retied it with a very quick blood knot to the new rod. With that mission completed we thought we were good-to-go - then a guide on the new rod broke and the shattered frame began to badly chafe the line which required us to, again, pause the fight long enough to cut the broken parts away.

Without that one guide the line was chafing on the rod whenever it would flex so that the angler was no longer able to pull back and apply the needed pressure on the fish to bring the fight to an end. So I had little option but to have my mate gently hand-over-

hand the line in as the angler worked the rod as best he could. To those of you who are shaking your heads right now and grumping about the fact that our tactics weren't in line **IGFA** sportfishing guidelines, I'll remind you that those rules went off the boat back when we tried to fix the reel. At this point we were just trying to get that sucker to the boat anyway possible so we could get our tag attached and send the shark on it's merry way - to heck with fair chase!

Anyway, the hand-overhand thing ended up applying just enough extra pressure to turn the tide on the shark and in short order we had it along side the boat, tag in place, hook removed and off it went – finally!

The lesson from that little episode is that anglers should always be ready to deal with the unexpected problems that can pop up during the heat of a battle with any fish. Anything can happen and there's really no way to prepare for all the possibilities. You just have to work through them as they come along.

For instance, particularly for those who drive inboard vessels, it's not uncommon to have a hooked fish make a pass under the boat and get the line wrapped around the rudder or prop. Unless you're really lucky, it's almost impossible to clear such a fouled line by

sticking the rod tip down in the water and sweeping it to the stern. There are, however, other options anglers can use if they are able to react quickly enough. Once they know they're fouled, the first thing an angler should do is to loosen the drag so the line can run freely across the snag without being cut, this will buy them some time to get the line cleared one way or the other. From there, one option is for someone to literally jump into the water, swim under the boat and clear the line. Of course this option should only be considered if safety issues like cold water or rough seas are not present. Another option is to try and catch the line on the fish-side of the snag with a gaff or boat hook and then lightly hand-line the fish in, or cut the line on both sides of the snag

Something else anglers sometimes find themselves confronting is what to do if they are about to get spooled by a fish. It doesn't matter if you're fishing with an ultra light spinning reel or a huge conventional reel, there is always the chance of hooking a mega-size "something" that's bent on putting much distance between you and it in the shortest time possible. Usually, anglers can simply start their engines and run after a fish before it get all their line. But it's not always that easy. Those

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fishing from an anchored boat are not always able to get underway in time before the line is all gone and neither are those fishing from the shore or from a bridge or pier. More than once, just before being spooled, I had to snap the line from one rod to the reel of another and throw the first rod in the water and fight it on the second rod until the fish tires and we could get the first rod back aboard. It sounds a little crazy but it works. Just make sure that the second rod has thicker line than the first to minimize the chance of losing the fish AND the rod!

I was once given a reel from a new tackle company to fieldtest for them. For a few weeks it was working pretty well until one day when a client was fighting a tuna, the foot that connects reel to rod separated from the reel leaving the angler holding the rod in one hand and the reel in the other. The tuna wouldn't hold still long enough for us to cut and tie the line to another rod, so two crew members had to help by one holding the reel while the other one cranked and the angler just held the rod. Yea it was a pretty goofy way to land a fish but it worked. Needless to say, the new reel didn't exactly pass the field test!

It doesn't matter if it's a blue marlin or a bluefish, if it's on the line for more than just a few minutes it's going to tax the strength and reliability of your rod, reel, line, leader, hook, swivel and every knot between you and the fish, and things can happen that will require a fast solution to a problem you could never have anticipated. But "where there's a will there's a way". Anglers who can think things through and are willing to get a little creative can often find a solution to even the most obscure problems that come along.

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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Mark Wheatley from Princess Anne, MD, Harry Nield from Deal Island, MD, Tyler Bennett from Annapolis, MD, Jeff Wade from Salisbury, MD, Dave Schauber from Hoopers Island, MD and Kevin Silvaggio from Queenstown, MD returned with a great catch after fishing on the charter boat, "All In" with Capt. Chad Meeks and mate Rusty Reddish. The group ventured down towards the Washington Canyon and stopped at the Bigeye Hole where they caught 2 bigeye tuna weighing 77 lbs. and 178 lbs., 6 yellowfin tuna and 6 small mahi. All of the fish were caught while trolling ballyhoo, spreaderbars and cedar plugs. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.







Bronley Diehl from York, PA, Tom Hubicki from Quakertown, PA, Chris Hope from Easton, MD Bob Trento from Magnolia, DE, Ashleigh Johnson from Centreville, MD and Michelle Pfeiffer from Baltimore, MD had a great day cod and sea bass fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. Although the guys are showing off some nice cod, it was the lady anglers who trounced the men in the "sea bass only" competition. All of the fish were caught on squid and clams on ocean structure.







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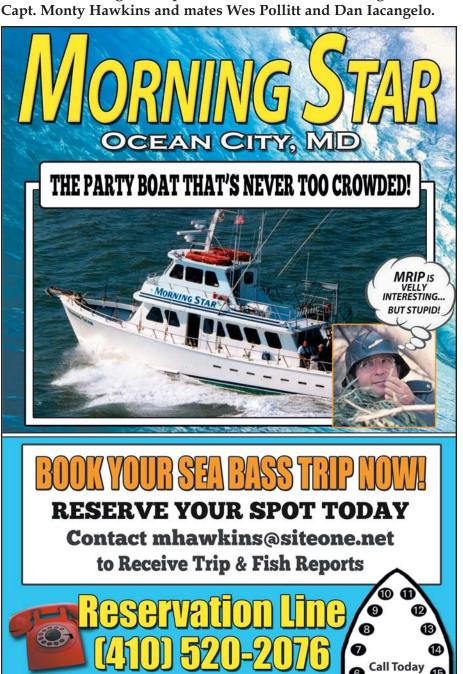
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Gary King from Germantown, MD captured this 4 lb. 15 oz. sea bass while fishing with squid on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Wes Pollitt and Dan Iacangelo.



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This season has been a good one for cod fishing as shown by the 23-incher caught by Mark Swynehart from Pitman, PA. Mark was fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt when he hooked the cod while baiting with clams on natural bottom. Mark also released 8 other cod during the trip.



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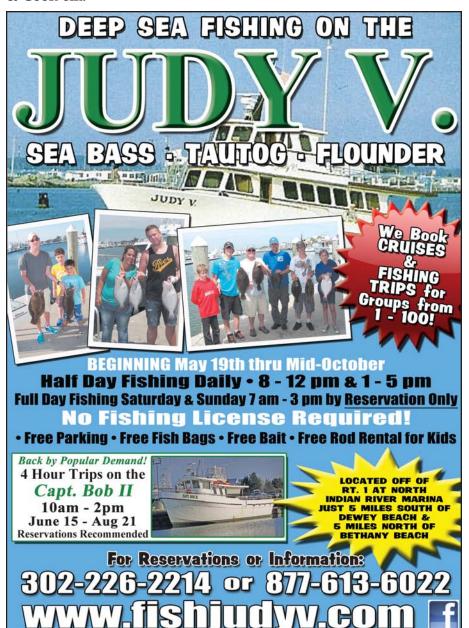


Scott Ayars and Liz Short each caught identical sized flounder while fishing on the headboat, "Judy V" out of the Indian River Marina. The anglers 4 lb. 8 oz. flatties, in addition to Liz's smaller flounder, were caught while drifting across ocean structure. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.





This 9.3 lb. golden tilefish was caught by Herb Jenkins during a deep dropping trip in the Baltimore Canyon. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.







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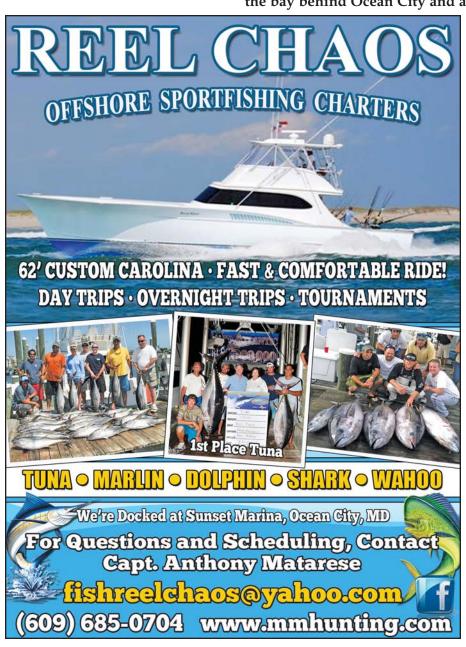


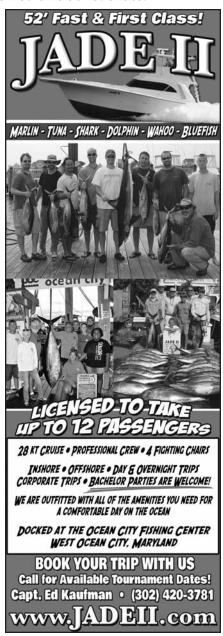
On opening day of the Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Jim Galloway from Mullica Hill, NJ caught this 107.2 lb. mako shark during a trip aboard the "No Limits" with Rich Kelley, Jason Yakim, Raymond Vravlic, Cory Borhman, Mike Mongiello, Capt. Steve Gladwin and mates Tom Perry and Keith Gilbert. The mako ate a bluefish fillet outside the Hotdog. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Due to bad weather, they couldn't head offshore so Austin Ensor, Jordan Bosse and Mark Ensor (not pictured) did some bowfishing in the bay behind Ocean City and arrowed this 50 lb. skate.











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Eric Mihaly from Ocean City, MD, Eric Ansel from Ocean City, MD, Hank Draper from Prime Hook, DE and Dave Nornes from Berlin, MD caught 7 yellowfin tuna while fishing in 50 to 100 fathoms north of the Poor Man's Canyon. The yellowfins were fooled with ballyhoo and Squidnation's Flippy Floppy Thing.



Roberto Campitelli and Mark Maggs had a fight on their hands when these black drum attacked the croaker rigs they were fishing on light tackle at the Star Site. The fish, weighing 30 and 40 lbs., were caught during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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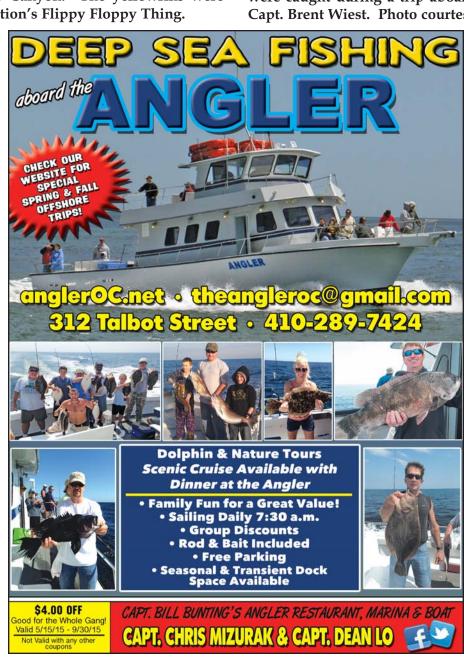
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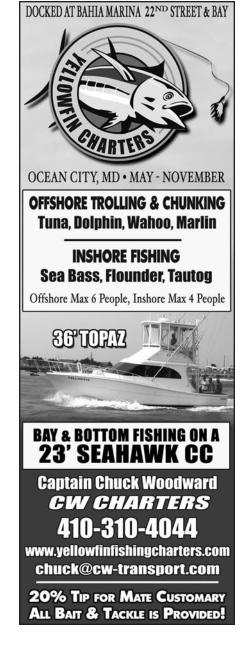
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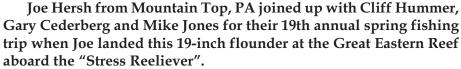




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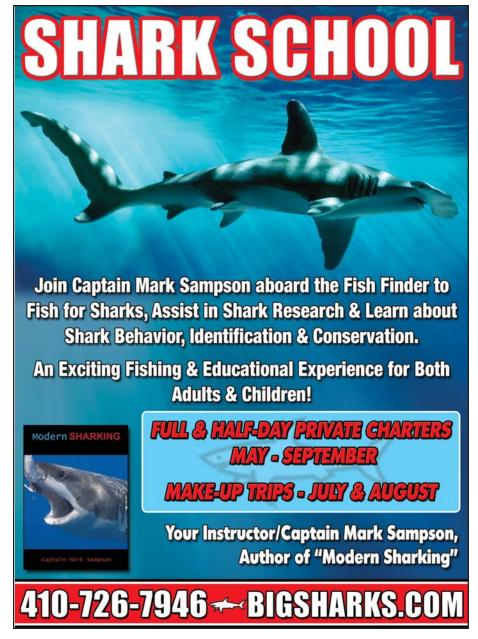






Steven and Vixen Whang from Fairfax, VA caught some nice sea bass while fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. Their largest sea bass was estimated at around 3 lbs. Their group hooked 63 knotheads and 14 tautog on clams and Gulp! artificial baits.









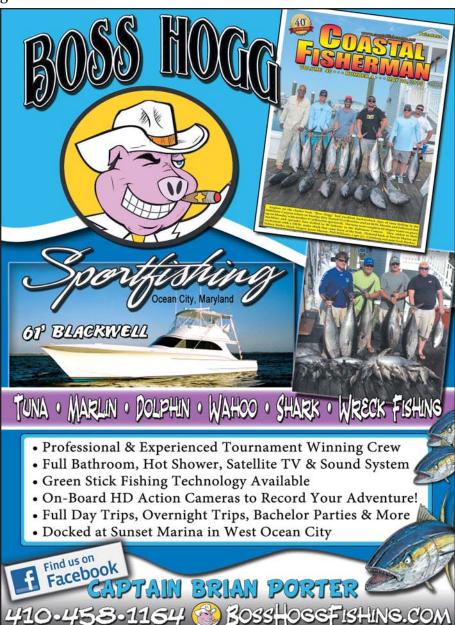
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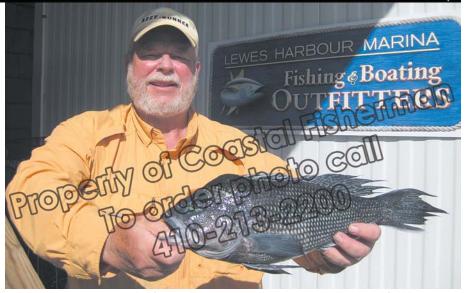
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Capt. Josh Ruskey and mate Will Wangel were bringing the "Sea Slammer" up to Ocean City, MD from North Carolina and decided to put the spread out in the Norfolk Canyon where they captured this pair of bigeye tuna. The eyeballs weighed 181 and 184 lbs. gutted. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





Mike Surowiec's fat 3 lb. 3 oz. sea bass was one of the many caught on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest while fishing at Site 11. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.





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While aboard the "Cindy Sue II", Stan Smith, Jeff Griffin and Jesse Cruickshank took an overnight trip to the Baltimore Canyon where they caught a 109 lb. make shark and their limit of 9 yellowfins. Seven of the yellowfins were caught on Saturday with the remaining pair hitting the cooler on Sunday morning. The anglers also released another make shark and a blue shark during their trip. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.





Lee Savage of Berlin, MD took a trip with Mark Hudson to a Virginia barrier islandwhere he caught and released this 46-inch red drum. Lee hooked the beauty on a peeler crab.







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On Saturday, Sherrill Munn from Sunderland, MD joined up with Stacia, Jon and Maddox Munn from Boise, ID for a morning trip aboard the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. The anglers ended up with 12 keeper flounder in the cooler and released another 13 after hooking them on minnows and 5-inch Gulp! Swimming Mullets. A couple of the keepers were caught in the East Channel with the rest coming from outside the South Jetty. Their their largest measured 19 3/4-inches. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.









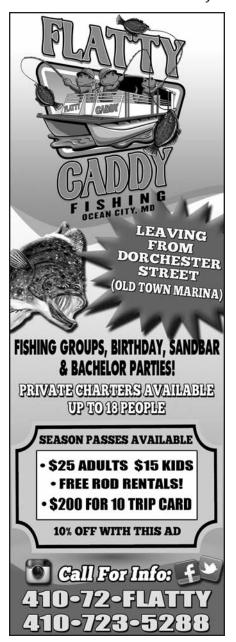


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PAY FISHING CHARTERS !



A group from Lobar Construction chartered the headboats, "Happy Hooker" and "Calico Jack" on Saturday and returned with 8 flounder after fishing in the bay behind Ocean City, MD. Pictured are Rick Laughman, Mike Sanders, Mike Griffie, Rich Love, Alan Witmer, Travis Myers and Steve Diller. All of the fish, including Steve's 23-inch flattie that was the largest of the trip, were caught on squid and shiners. Capt. Steve Whitelock and mate John Lewis took care of the group on the "Happy Hooker" while Capt. Mike Giardina and mate Cody Smith assisted those on the "Calico Jack". Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.









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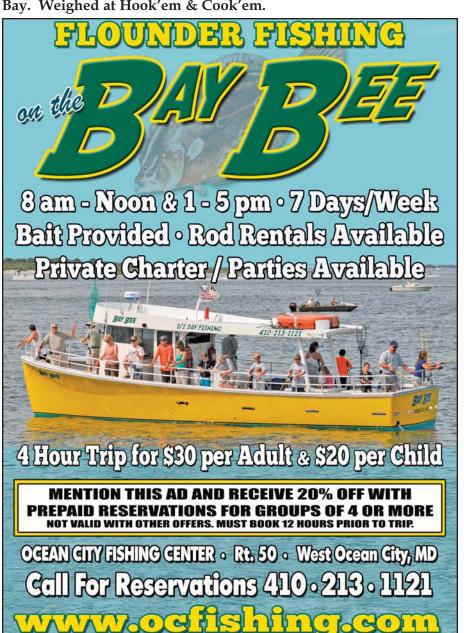
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Lynn Ceritano from Frankford, DE muscled in a 53.6 lb. black drum and Tommy Cline from Millsboro, DE captured a 21 pounder, both while fishing with clams off Fowler's Beach in the Delaware Bay. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Ashton King, age 8, from White Marsh, MD caught this 20 1/2-inch flounder while drifting in the Indian River Bay on the "Crack of Dawn".











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NOAA Fisheries Announces Emergency Action for Blueline Tilefish in Greater Atlantic Region

NOAA Fisheries announced emergency management measures for the blueline tilefish fishery in the Greater Atlantic Region at the recommendation of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. The purpose of this emergency action is to limit fishing mortality on unregulated blueline tilefish.

The measures, which go into effect Thursday, June 4, 2015 for vessels fishing north of the Virginia/North Carolina border, are:

- •Commercial possession limit of 300 pounds whole weight per trip
- Recreational limit of 7 fish per person, per trip
- Requirement that commercial and charter/party vessels must hold a valid open access golden tilefish permits to land blueline tilefish.

This temporary rule will be in place for 6 months, and may be extended for an additional 6 months, while the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic Councils develop a long-term management plan for the stock.

Calcuttas Added to White Marlin Open Line-up

The first full week of August, locally known as White Marlin Open Week, is quickly approaching and locals and visitors alike are anxiously awaiting the chance to catch a glimpse of a million dollar marlin, thousand pound blue marlin, or giant tuna.

Hundreds of boats and thousands of anglers from up and down the East Coast and Southern United States will be vying for over \$3 million in prize money. Each boat will pick three out of five days to fish, all hoping to land a big money fish. Last year the winning white marlin was worth over \$1.29 million in

prize money!

Tournament organizers expect an increase in both participating boats and prize money this year, with the addition of two new addedentry skill levels. New "Heaviest White Marlin Winner Take All" and "Daily Tuna" categories are sure to add even more excitement to the event. Weigh-ins will take place nightly from August 3rd to August 7th at Harbour Island Marina, 14th Street & Bay, from 4:00 pm to 9:15 pm.

Participants can enter the tournament now. For more information on becoming a participant or spectator, please visit the white marlin open website at www.whitemarlinopen.com or call 410-289-9229.

Piping plover chicks popping out all over at Cape Henlopen

As of June 1, no fewer than nine piping plover chicks were being shepherded around the

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Point at Cape Henlopen by their parents, Division of Fish & Wildlife beach-nesting monitors reported – with two piping plover nests on the Point still being incubated in hopes of more chicks to come in Delaware for the federally-threatened species.

Meanwhile, the most recent hatchlings were only two days old and had already made their way about 500 feet from their nest site at beck and call of the adults and out into the tall dunes between the nest and the tidal flats on the Point's bay side.

"We've had indication that another pair of plovers may have taken up residence on the Point, so we'll be watching closely to see if there's a sixth nest on the way," said Wildlife Biologist Matthew Bailey, Division of Fish & Wildlife.

Meanwhile, at Gordons Pond, one pair of piping plovers is incubating a nest which is expected to hatch by mid-June, Bailey added.





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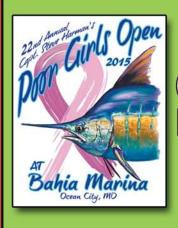
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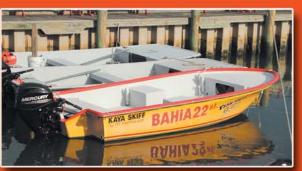
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Last Sunday, Bob Telford from Pocomoke City, MD caught a pair of flounder, weighing 3 lbs. and 4 lbs., while fishing on an ocean wreck aboard the headboat "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mate Rich Fouts. Bob also landed a 4 lb. cod during the trip.

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On the first day of the 2015 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament, the crew on the "Reelentless" definitely had the most interesting weigh-in of the tournament when they arrived with a 146.5 lb. mako shark caught by Tim Campbell (pink Speedo). Tim hooked the mako on a whole bluefish just outside the Fingers while fishing with Mike George, Mike Jones, Capt. Brian Shulman (patriotic Speedo) and mates Chris Daugherty and Matt Franz. The mako is clearly embarrassed!



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Although his flounder isn't huge, Mike Matthews from Hunt Valley, MD gets all the credit in the world for flounder fishing in absolutely miserable weather last Wednesday. Mike was drifting minnows in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge when he muscled in this 16 1/2-inch flattie.

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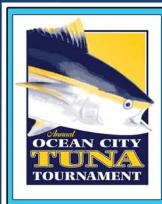
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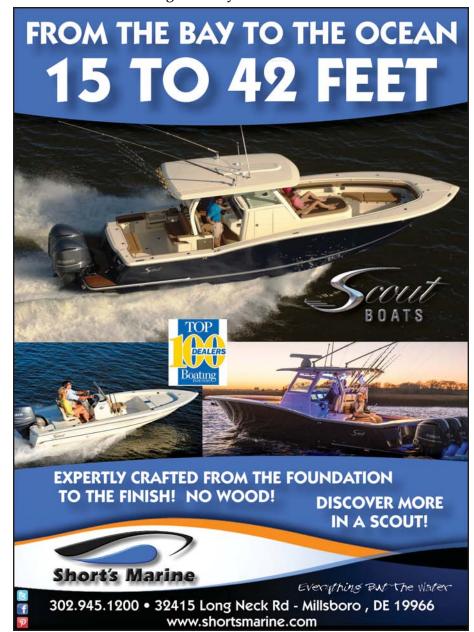


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Luke Schmitt captured his first mahi and first tuna, both while fishing on the "Matetrix II" with Josh Ensor, Corbin Ensor and Jeff Rosenkilde. The guys caught 6 yellowfins and a mahi in 100 fathoms in the Washington Canyon.





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Ian Beiser found a break in the windy weather to go fishing near the South Jetty where he captured this 20-inch flounder on a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet.





Mark Hudson of Selbyville, DE released this 46-inch red drum after hooking it on a peeler crab off a Virginia Barrier Island. Mark was fishing with Lee Savage of Berlin, MD.



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Only a "radio guy" would pose with the smallest bluefish of the day. Fran Seaver of WXDE 105.9 is all smiles after hooking 14 bluefish, keeping 6, while fishing with bucktails in the Indian River Inlet.







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Todd Buchanan and Colin Shuman from Shillington, PA lured this 145 lb. make shark with Hook'em & Cook'em Special Shark Blend chum before hooking it on a bluefish fillet at Massey's Canyon. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Tom Stachorowski was flounder fishing when this 28 1/2-inch striper attacked the fluke killer and squid combo he was drifting in the Lewes Canal. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Robyn Sutter from Saint Johns County, FL was drifting minnows iin the Thorofare last week when she hooked into this fat 23-inch, 4 lb. 14 oz. flounder.





Brian Webster from Rehoboth Beach, DE caught this 34-inch, 11 lb. 11 oz. chopper bluefish while tossing lures in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.





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John Drocella of Bishopville, MD caught this 116.5 lb. mako shark on the final day of the 2015 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament while fishing on the "Mako Madness" with his dad, Steve Drocella and Dylan Drew. The mako ate a whole mackerel at the Hot Dog and took 20 minutes to get to the boat. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



Eric Murphy of Ocean View, DE was surf fishing at Fenwick Island State Park when he hooked this 36-inch, 14 lb. striper on a chunk of mullet. Weighed at Bahia Marina.







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What a horrible week of weather. Rain, wind during the week and incorrect weather forecasts over the weekend really put a damper on fishing. The weekend was forecasted to be horrible, but ended up being much better than predicted.

At Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina, Capt. Bert Adams said that flounder are starting to show up in the Indian River Inlet. Short stripers with an occasional keeper are also being caught. Unfortunately, temperatures unseasonable cold, hovering around the 59-degree mark.

Anglers on the headboat, "Judy V" are catching a few flounder, but like everyone else, are finding sea bass hard come by. Water temperatures on the bottom are frigid with reports of hooked fish coming up ice cold. Scott Ayers and Liz Short did catch a pair of twin 4.5 lb. flatties while drifting ocean structure on the "Judy V" last week.

Bluefish have vanished in the Indian River Inlet but small snappers are still being found in nets set in the back bays.

Capt. Bert said that there isn't really anything to report from the surf due to bad



Mark and Mitchell Butler, Dan McCoy, Michelle Ballance, Chris Huk and Cameron Powell teamed up with Capt. Ted Moulinier to land this 509.5 lb. thresher shark after it ate a mackerel fillet while drifting the channel north of "DB" Buoy. The fish was too heavy to get into the "Indian", so it had to be towed along side the boat. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

weather and rough sea conditions for the better part of last week.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said crappy weather put a crimp in fishing activity most of the week. It was fishable in the Delaware Bay on Monday, and boats that ventured out found a mix of croakers, kingfish and blowfish in the Broadkill The Slough. best concentration of fish was

www.coastalfisherman.net found on Reef Site 5. Patrons aboard the "Angler" had good catches of hardheads on Monday, and then again when the weather let up on Saturday and Sunday.

Some flatfish activity has started in the Delaware Bay as well. Flukers aboard the "Martha Marie" returned with 7 keepers to 24 inches, after drifting Bay structure on Saturday. Small boats were able to fish in the Lewes Canal and Broadkill River despite the weather. Some flounder were pulled from waterways at the end of flood tide and the first of ebb, when the water was clean. Nick's Rigs tipped with shiners and minnows, or Gulp! on a jighead were popular offerings. John Mitchell stopped by Monday with his limit of 4 keeper Canal flatties taken with Nick's Rigs. Joe Pergeorelis pulled a 5.7 pound fluke from the Canal on Friday.

Canal anglers also found some stripers around the bridges. Casting RatLTraps, Storm Shads or Zara Spooks at the top of flood tide generated rockfish bites. Bottom fishing with clams or cut bunker in the evenings also produced stripers. When striped bass aficionados made it to the Outer Wall at dawn or dusk, they connected with keeper and short rock by casting Bomber plugs.

Prior to all the wind, action with sea bass and cod was decent at Site 11. Some flounder have begun to bite



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Offshore bottom bouncers targeting tilefish should be aware of regulations changes that went into effect June 4th. MAFMC implemented emergency measure temporarily constrain fishing effort and reduce mortality on blueline tilefish, while a long term management plan is established. Through December 1, 2015 in waters north of the Virginia/North border, Carolina possession limit for anglers on private or charter and party boats will be 7 blueline tilefish per person per trip. The possession limit for Golden Tilefish remains at eight per person per trip. Recreational fishermen returning Delaware ports through State Waters may retain a limit of species per trip. each However, Maryland and Virginia may have different regulations regarding combination of the two, so it would be best to check with enforcement agencies in those states before landing a catch.

Sharking has been pretty good. Herb Guest and the "Port-A-Bella" guys on drifted a depression near Site 11 on Saturday to tangle with a 212.5 lb. thresher during the Mako Mania Tournament. Captain Ted Moulinier's sharkers aboard the "Indian" returned with the largest thresher seen in quite some time. Mark and Mitchell Butler, Dan McCoy and Michelle Ballance, Cameron Powell and Chris Huk teamed up to tame a 509.5 pound monster along the channel edge north of "DB" Buoy. The big whiptail ate a mackerel fillet and was brought to the boat an hour and a half later. It took awhile to get home since the shark had to be towed alongside, because the crew wasn't able to muscle the massive critter over the rail and into the boat.

Until next week, tight lines!







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Jeremy Snap of Wilmington, DE recorded the first white marlin release on an Indian River Marina boat while fishing on the "Not Right" in the Washington Canyon. In addition to the white marlin release, Jeremy and the crew returned with 8 yellowfin tuna and 3 mahi during their trip. Also fishing on the "Not Right" were Jim Short of Rehoboth, DE, Phil Young of New Castle, DE, John Hazzard of Georgetown, DE and John Mancuso of Lewes, DE. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.







John Mitchell was drifting a Nick's Rig tipped with a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the Lewes Canal when he hooked into this 4 lb. flounder. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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On the final day of the 2015 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Sonny Snodgrass of Elkridge, MD landed this 118.7 lb. mako after hooking it on a mackerel fillet outside the Sausages. Sonny was fishing on the "M Keli Jeane" with Fred Crickenberger (pictured), Capt. Phil Rothchild and mate Verne Rothchild. They also caught 3 small bluefish, and their 1.3 pounder was good enough to win 2nd place in the Bluefish division worth \$1,764.





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Lemon-Garlic Flounder with Spinach

4 flounder fillets Salt and pepper

1/4 cup flour

6 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil

4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced

3/4 cup low-sodium chicken broth

1/2 cup dry white wine Grated zest and juice of 1

1 TBSP. unsalted butter

1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley

1 (5 oz.) package baby spinach

Pat the fillets dry with paper towels and season with salt and pepper.

Spread the flour on a plate;

dredge the flounder in the flour, tapping off the excess.

Heat 2 TBSP. olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Add the fillets; cook until golden brown, 3 minutes per side.

Transfer to a plate; tent with foil.

Wipe out skillet.

Heat 3 TBSP. olive oil in the skillet over medium heat.

Add the garlic cook, stirring, about 2 minutes.

Add the chicken broth, wine, lemon zest and juice.

Increase the heat to high, bring to a boil and cook until the liquid is reduced by half.

Season with salt and pepper.

Add the butter and wisk until slightly thickened.

Stir in the parsley.

Toss the spinach with the

remaining 1 TBSP. of oil and a few grinds of pepper.

Divide among plates, top with the fillets and drizzle with some pan sauce.

Serve with lemon wedges. Serves 4.

Fried Shark Appetizer

2 shark steaks
Dash salt and pepper
Dash garlic powder
Dash paprika
1/2 cup flour
1/2 cup vegetable oil

Cut the shark steaks into 8 pieces.

Sprinkle with salt, pepper, garlic powder and paprika.

Coat with the flour.

In a skillet, heat the oil to medium-high heat.

Fry the pieces, turning occasionally until golden brown, being careful not to burn the fish.

Serves 8.

Grilled Tuna Steak with Jalapeno Pineapple Salsa

Salsa

1 cup diced cantelope

2 tsp. minced jalapeno pepper

2 1/2 TBSP. lime juice Salt

1/4 cup chopped cilantro 1/2 cup diced pineapple

1/2 cup diced red onion

Pepper Paste

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2 TBSP. dark brown sugar 2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive www.coastalfisherman.net

oil

2 TBSP. soy sauce

6 tuna steaks 3/4 to 1-inch

1/4 cup black pepper

1/4 tsp. garlic salt

3/4 tsp. apple cider vinegar

Combine the salsa ingredients in a medium bowl and toss until well mixed.

Add salt to taste.

Serve at room temperature or place in refrigerator until ready to use.

In a small bowl, add the pepper paste ingredients and blend until mixture forms a paste.

Coat the tuna steaks evenly with the paste.

Wrap each steak individually with plastic wrap and refrigerate 30 minutes.

Heat grill to high.

Apply a light coat of oil to the hot grill.

Remove plastic wrap from the steaks and place on grill directly over the heat.

Grill 3 minutes on each side or to your liking.

To serve, slice tuna into 1/4-inch strips and top with a generous amount of salsa.

Serves 6.

Baked Stuffed Striper

2 whole striped bass, gutted

10 slices bread

6 TBSP. butter

6 TBSP. chopped parsley

3/8 tsp.thyme

3/8 tsp. sage

6 TBSP. chopped tomato





Tabasco sauce

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Saute minced celery in butter over low heat.

Add chopped tomato, a few dashes of Tabasco, parsley, thyme, salt, sage and bread which has been soaked in cold water, then squeezed dry.

Blend all in a skillet and stuff into fish cavity.

Skewer opening closed.

Bake, uncovered in oven, basting often with basting sauce.

Allow 10 minutes per pound of fish.

Sauce for Basting

3/4 cup oil

3 TBSP. melted butter

Juice of 1 1/2 lemons

11/2 tsp. salt

3 TBSP. Worcestershire

sauce

Tabasco sauce

Blend butter, lemon juice, salt Worcestershire sauce and Tabasco.

Add oil a little at a time.

Pour over fish when placed in the oven; baste often with the drippings from the bottom of the pan.

Serves 4.

Sweet Corn Soup with Crab

2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil, divided

1 vidalia onion, chopped

5 cups fresh corn kernels

3/8 tsp. salt

1/4 tsp. black pepper

2 cups water

1/3 cup half-and-half

1/4 cup fresh basil leaves, sliced very thin

1 lb. jumbo crabmeat, drained, picked clean

Heat a dutch oven over medium-high heat.

Add 1 TBSP. oil.

Add onion; saute 3 minutes.

Add corn, salt and pepper; saute 3 minutes.

Add 2 cups water; bring to a boil.



Mike Echart from Millsboro, DE caught this pair of bluefish while fishing in the Indian River Inlet. The largest chopper tipped the scale at 13 lbs. 11 oz. at Bill's Sport Shop.







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Wes Pollitt, mate on the headboat, "Morning Star" took matters into his own hands and hooked this 7 lb. 4 oz. tautog while dropping a Lucanus jig on ocean structure. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Reduce heat; simmer 6 minutes.

Place corn mixture and half-and-half in a blender.

Remove center piece of blender lid to allow steam to escape.

Secure blender lid on blender.

Blend until smooth.

In a small bowl, mix 1 TBSP. oil, basil and crab.

> Serve over soup. Serves 4.

Baked Flounder with Dill Sauce

4 flounder fillets Salt anf pepper to taste 1 TBSP. Cajun seasoning, or to taste 1 lemon, thinly sliced 1/4 cup mayonnaise 1/2 cup sour cream 1/8 tsp. garlic powder 1 tsp. fresh lemon juice 2 TBSP. chopped fresh dill

Preheat oven 350 degrees. Lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking pan.

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Season the fillets with salt, pepper and cajun seasoning on both sides.

Arrange the fillets in a single layer in the pan.

Place a layer of lemon slices over the fish fillets, covering most of the surface.

Bake uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes or until the fish flakes easily with a fork.

While the fish is baking, mix together the mayonnaise, sour cream, garlic powder, lemon juice and dill in a small

> Serve with the flounder. Serves 4.

Peppered Shrimp Alfredo

12 oz. penne pasta 1/4 cup butter 2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive 1 onion, diced

2 cloves garlic, minced

1 red bell pepper, diced 1/2 lb. portobello

mushrooms, diced 1 lb. medium shrimp,





peeled and deveined 1 (15 oz.) jar Alfredo sauce 1/2 cup grated Romano cheese

1/2 cup sour cream1 tsp. cayenne pepperSalt and pepper to taste1/4 cup chopped parsley

Cook pasta according to package directions.

Melt butter together with the olive oil in a saucepan over medium heat.

Stir in onion; cook until softened and translucent.

Stir in garlic, red pepper and mushrooms; cook until soft.

Stir in the shrimp and cook until firm and pink, then pour in Alfredo sauce, cheese and cream.

Bring to a simmer, stirring constantly, until thickened, about 5 minutes.

Season with cayenne, salt and pepper.

Stir drained pasta into the sauce and serve with chopped parsley.

Serves 6.

Grilled Striper with Watermelon Salsa

4 striper fillets

1 tsp. pepper

1 tsp. salt, divided

3 TBSP. olive oil, divided

2 cups chopped seedless watermelon

1/4 cup chopped pitted kalamata olives

1/2 English cucumber, chopped

1 small jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced

2 TBSP. minced red onion

2 TBSP. white balsamic vinegar

Preheat grill to 350 to 400 degree heat.

Sprinkle fish with pepper and 1/2 tsp. salt.

Drizzle with 2 TBSP. olive oil.

Grill fish, covered with grill lid, 3 to 4 minutes on each side or just until fish begins to flake when poked with the tip of a sharp knife and is opaque in center.

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Combine chopped watermelon and next ingredients and remaining 1/2 tsp. salt and 1 TBSP. olive oil.

> Serve with fish. Serves 4.

Spicy Broiled Flounder

1/2 cup panko bread crumbs

1/4 tsp. salt

1 TBSP. lemon zest

1/2 tsp. black pepper

5 tsp. olive oil

2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced

1/2 tsp. ground coriander

1/2 tsp. ground cumin

1/4 tsp. ground red pepper

1/4 tsp. salt

4 flounder fillets

2 TBSP. fresh lemon juice

Preheat broiler to high. Combine salt, panko, zest and black pepper in a bowl.

Heat oil and garlic in an ovenproof skillet 1 minute or until garlic is golden.

Remove garlic from pan with a slotted spoon; discard.

Add 2 tsp. oil from pan to panko mixture; toss to coat.

Return pan to mediumhigh heat.

Combine coriander, cumin, red pepper and 1/4 tsp. salt in

Sprinkle one side of fillets with spice mixture.

Add fillets, spice side down to remaining oil in pan; cook 3 minutes.

Turn fillets; top evenly with panko mixture. Add lemon juice to pan.

Place in oven; broil 90 seconds or until topping is golden and fillets are done.

Serves 4.

If you would like to share your favorite seafood recipe with readers of the Coastal Fisherman, simply email it maureenjock@comcast.net. Please include your name and town so we give you full credit.



This could be the first "selfie" ever submitted to the Coastal Fisherman. Ryan Ellerman used a spec rig to fool this 19-inch flounder while drifting in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport.





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NMFS Closes Southern Area Trophy Tuna Fishery

Effective, June 7, 2015, The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) closed the Atlantic bluefin tuna (BFT) Angling category fishery for large medium and giant "trophy" BFT (measuring 73" or greater) in the southern area through December 31, 2015. The southern area is the area south of 39°18'N (off Great Egg Inlet, NJ), outside the Gulf of Mexico.

Reported landings from the Automated Catch Reporting System and the North Carolina Tagging Program total approximately 2 metric tons and NMFS has determined that the Angling category southern area trophy BFT subquota has been reached and that a closure of the southern area trophy BFT fishery is warranted at this time. Retaining, possessing, or landing large medium or giant BFT south of 39°18' N. lat. and outside the Gulf of Mexico by persons aboard vessels permitted in the HMS Angling category and the Charter/Headboat **HMS** (when fishing category recreationally) must cease at 11:30 p.m. local time on June 7, 2015. The Angling category fishery for BFT measuring 27 to less than 73" is open except in the Gulf of Mexico. Catch-andrelease fishing is permissible as described below.

Who is affected?

This closure applies to vessels permitted in the HMS Angling category and the HMS Charter/Headboat category fishing in the southern area (defined in bold above).

Fishermen may catch and release or tag and release BFT of all sizes, subject to the requirements of HMS catch-and-release and tag-and-release programs. NMFS regulations require that all BFT that are released be handled in a manner that will maximize their survival, and without removing the fish from the water.

For additional information on safe handling, see the "Careful Catch and Release" brochure available at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/.







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Charlie Donohue from Philadelphia, PA was fishing at the Bass Grounds when he caught this 20-inch flounder on a minnow and Gulp! combination. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.



Tristen Metzinger of Redfield, SD and Gerry Buss from Newark, DE took a trip on the charter boat, "Gale Force" with Capt. Aaron Hurd and ended their day with 2 keeper flounder and a 16 lb. 8 oz. striper. The flounder were caught on Gulp! Swimming Mullets on both the north and south sides of the Indian River Inlet and the striper ate a bucktail by the Indian River Bridge. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.





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Nate Leader of Sudlerville, MD captured this 144.5 lb. mako shark on opening day of the 2015 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament while fishing on the "Keep Er' Wet" with Jeremiah Leader, Dylan Quatmann, Capt. Dave Sumpter and mate Brian Leader. The mako ate a whole bluefish at the Sausages and was weighed at Bahia Marina.

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Lamont Hilbert shows off the 33-inch striped bass he caught while fishing around the South Jetty.

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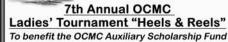
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To benefit the Wish-A-Fish Foundation
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Fishing Days: (2 of 3) September 4,5 & 6
Weigh Ins: September 4,5 & 6, 5:30-7:30pm
Awards Banquet: September 6, 6:30-9:00pm

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To benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Chairmen: Colin Campbell & Jeremy Blunt
Registration: December 4, 6:00pm
Fishing Days: (5 of 9) December 5-13
Weigh Ins: December 5-13, Time: 3:00-5:00pm
Awards Banquet: December 13, Time: 5:00-7:30pm

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BUCKTAILS TO BALLYHOO BY CAPT. LANCE SMITH

Let's face it, not everyone likes to go fishing. I know, I know, I have a tough time comprehending it too. When you are on vacation in Ocean City, there really is so much to do that it can be hard to accomplish it all in one week while still finding some time to fish, especially if you have children. I hear over and over from my nieces and nephews when they come to visit that they want to go to the beach, or play lacrosse, or football or waste away on their phones. Now, if you are anything like me, there is nothing worse than sitting on a hot crowded beach all day just knowing that the flounder are snapping. My exwife used to sucker me into this once in a while and I would be miserable, which is not what you want to be on vacation.

There is a way to avoid the hordes of oiled up zombies and burnt feet though. One of my favorite things to do during the summer is to gather everyone and their belongings and head to one of the islands in the bay. You don't have to search for parking, you don't have to carry a hundred pounds of accessories and best of all, you can even bring the dog! These islands, ever fluid in their composition, grow, shrink and change form every season and with every tide. Now that the bay has warmed up enough that you won't freeze to death, you can access these islands with even the smallest of boats and entertain the family.

When choosing an island for the day, first determine exactly what you intend to do and who you intend to do it with. Each island is different and each one may provide something that the other doesn't. The best way to pick which island you would like to spend some time on is to view one of the many aerial photographs available online. The first island on the list is the one that lies just off of Bahia Marina/Fish Tales on 21st Street. If you don't own your own boat and don't have too much time on your hands, this may be the best island to choose. The actual island (the name escapes me) is

several hundred yards from shore, is relatively small and is a bird sanctuary that you cannot step foot on. The sandbar which surrounds the island however, is huge and you are free to do as you please on it. As with any of these islands, the water will be shallower and more sand will be exposed at low tide than at high tide. At either tide extreme, there should be plenty of space for the wife (or husband!) to get a tan, and the children to swim and explore the sea life.

Perhaps the most important aspect of this island/sandbar is it's proximity to the marina. Bahia rents several different sized boats at different prices and for different lengths of time. So if you have never done this before and you are not quite sure how the family will react, this location is perfect. You can spend a few hours, the entire day or you can pack up and be back at your car in 5 minutes if it isn't your thing. The clamming on this island is excellent. Using a clam rake bought at any local tackle shop, or your feet as I do, you can easily fill a 5 gallon bucket with clams here. Sometimes they are in very shallow water, and sometimes you may wade up to your chest before you find them. The smaller clams that you dig up can be steamed and eaten whole. The medium ones you can use for clams casino and the largest ones are best for chowder or my favorite use, as bait.

The fishing off of this island is not quite as good as it is on the other two we are going to discuss later. The monster clams that you dig up though, make great bait for catching spot which can be had along the dropoff on the east and south sides of the sandbar. Live spot make excellent bait (a whole different column) for flounder, rockfish, seatrout, bluefish, tuna and mahi. Last year I even caught a swordfish on one! Those monster clams can last all vacation in a refrigerator and if you live on a canal in Ocean City you can keep them all summer in the water. I will separate all of the large clams out and drop them into the canal

right up against the bulkhead in a shallow, vacant boat slip. Whenever you need to catch spot for bait you can simply hop in the water, grab some clams and fish in the canal. I let the kids do it all for me. They think it's great fun and I can fix things on the boat while they catch me bait!

If you feel comfortable enough to leave your guests on the sandbar, there are some very good flounder holes adjacent to the area. I can't reveal exactly where, but suffice it to say, you should be able to see and hear your landlovers quite easily. If you have a depthfinder, use it. There are some surprisingly deep spots here. If you have a rental boat without a sounder, watch the other boats or fish where the current is strongest. Croaker love this area too.

The next two islands on the list are Skimmer Island and Horn Island. Both of these islands are just north of the Route 50 Bridge on the west side of the bay. Horn Island, just offshore of Hoopers Restaurant, is far and away the most popular island in the bay to "hang out." If it's beer drinking, barbecuing and socializing you crave, this is the island to come to. Remember, drinking and boating carries the same penalties as drinking and driving. Every year people get hurt or even killed in the bay by drunken boaters. Please designate a captain for the day if you are going to party.

The sheer amount of people and dogs here on a hot Saturday is reminiscent of spring break in Daytona Beach! Still, there are plenty of clams here and flounder can be caught along the edges. There are also terrific opportunities for flounder fishing from the boat within site of your peeps. Snapper bluefish also tend to invade the nearby channels when the tide is running hard. One drawback to this island is access. Everyone anchors off of the little channel on the west side of the sandbar that surrounds the island. Getting here the first time can be a bit tricky, especially in a larger boat. Follow someone else on your first visit or trim the motor up and go at high tide to get a feel for the place.

Skimmer Island and the little island/sandbar just north of it are my favorite of the bay Islands. It is not nearly as

crowded as the others but it also "disappears" at high tide. My three nieces have grown to call it "Haunted Island" because of this. True, there may not be any dry sand to place a chair and cooler on at higher tides, but during low tide it is an incredible place. Skimmer Island itself is a vegetated bird sanctuary like the island off of Bahia, and you are not allowed to go past the posted signs. The sandbar to the west of the actual island is where you anchor and spend your time. This sandbar runs for at least two hundred yards and on a very low tide, you can walk to within ten feet of the Route 50 Bridge! While there is some excellent flounder fishing to be had by boat on both the east and the west sides of this island, if you are a bit adventurous and willing to experiment, you need not leave the sandbar.

When viewed from above, the area surrounding Skimmer Island and the little island/sandbar just to the north is riddled with small channels, pools and flats. The water here is typically shallow and clean enough that you can actually wade around and site fish. Of course, you may not actually "see" any flounder lying on the bottom, but odds are you will probably step on one and there is a terrific chance to watch one actually follow and strike your bait or lure! As a side note, when doing this it is always a good idea to wear some type of water shoe or an old pair of sneakers because sting rays frequent these shallows as well. This is actually the first place I ever caught a flounder on a fly rod and is a great place to pretend you are in Bahamas Belize or the The bonefishing! snapper bluefish that roam the small channels while chasing shiners and peanut bunker are a blast on a fly rod.

One of the best tactics for catching flounder while wading in this area is to use a light or ultralight spinning rod rigged with a single leadhead and GULP! Swimming Mullet. I like to use the smallest possible bait/lure that I can cast and will usually use my ultralight trout fishing setup. Be careful though, saltwater can and will destroy your freshwater gear doing this. I prefer the smallest of PENN Spinfishers with 4 lb. test and a 10 lb. fluorocarbon leader.



Flounder can conceal themselves in some incredibly shallow water so don't be hesitant to cast into 2feet deep pools or flats surrounded by shallower water. Cast across these flats, into the smaller channels, or off the surrounding dropoff and impart a hopping motion to your jig. Don't be surprised to see a 24inch flattie follow your jig to your feet or explode on the surface while you are retrieving. Vary the speed of your retrieve and the height at which you hold your rod to insure that you are maintaining frequent contact with the bottom and not dragging along it or skimming across the surface. When small spot and mullet become available, I will tie a minnow bucket around my waste and free-line them with no weight.

Finally, if the family insists that there must be wave action during this trip, you can anchor up on the north end of Assateague Island. There isn't much clamming to be had here, but the famous ponies are usually nearby and you can cross the dunes to get to the beach and the surf. I've never tried surf fishing here but I'm sure that there are plenty of kingfish, flounder and bluefish available. If you are going to fish the surf, bring along a castable spinning rod as well as your surf rod. While your surf rod is waiting in it's holder for a bite, you can cast tandem GULP! Swimming Mullets into the surf and retrieve them. Many flounder are caught this way and don't be surprised how close to shore you can get bit. When the timing is right, the blackberries over there are delicious. Just be careful not to get carried away by mosquitoes!

If you don't have your own boat, and don't feel comfortable renting one, there are several charter boats listed in the Coastal Fisherman that can make this trip happen for you. In either case, this can be a great way to beat the crowded beaches, give everyone something to do and possibly bring home a few fish for dinner. Please keep in mind that these islands are very fragile ecosystems and tread lightly, pick up your trash and leave the birds alone so we can continue to have access to them.

Lance Smith is an outdoor writer and Captain of his family's boat, the "Longfin".

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Sam Sanders from Magnolia, DE caught an 11 lb. 11 oz. slammer bluefish that measured 36-inches while fishing with bucktails in the Indian River Inlet.

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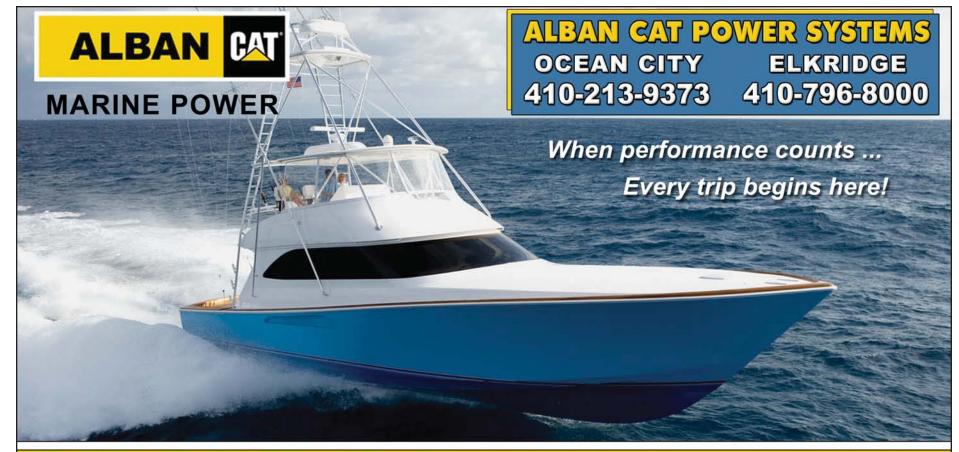
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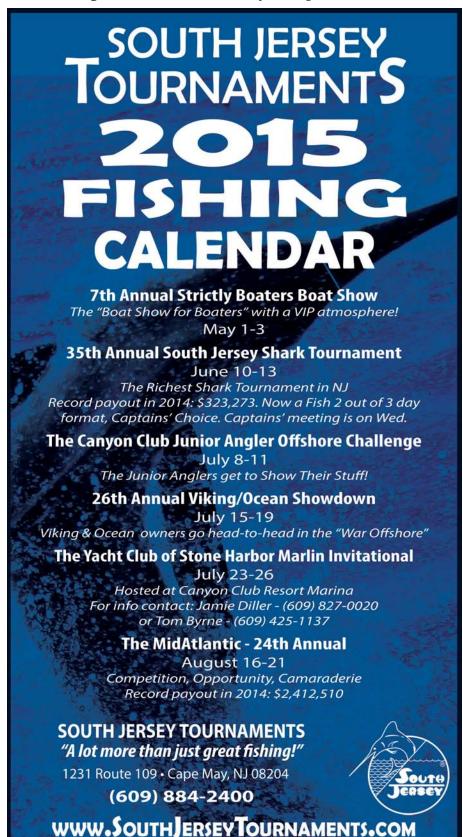


Bill Doherty from Newark, DE was fishing with Lucanus jigs on an ocean wreck and caught his limit of sea bass (2 pictured) and some cod (not pictured). Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.





Eric Mihaly from Ocean City, MD caught this 36-inch striped bass while casting a jig head tipped with a salt and pepper shad around the South Jetty with Charlie Jackson from North East, MD. The duo caught over 20 fish, with only 1 keeper in the batch.





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STEVE'S MARINE SERVICE

EPIRB's

An Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon, or EPIRB, is a critical piece of safety equipment for most coastal boaters. For those who read last week's column, the boaters activated their EPIRB to be sure rescue authorities knew who they were and where to find them.



An EPIRB is an electronic transmitter used to alert search and rescue services in the event of an emergency. It

does this by transmitting a message signal on the 406 MHz distress frequency to orbiting satellite(s) which communicate back down to earth stations.

Modern EPIRB's required to meet international standards and can be used around the world with global coverage. There is no cost to register your EPIRB and there is no "subscription" cost to ensure that your EPIRB transmission will be acted upon. The only costs involved purchase maintenance of your EPIRB.

When activated, an EPIRB transmits a signal that is received by satellites then transmitted back to earth and sent to both the country where the EPIRB is registered and to the country responsible for the search and rescue in that area. For most of our readers that is here in the USA. For those who travel in their boats to the Caribbean or Central America, the rescue may be under the authority of another country.

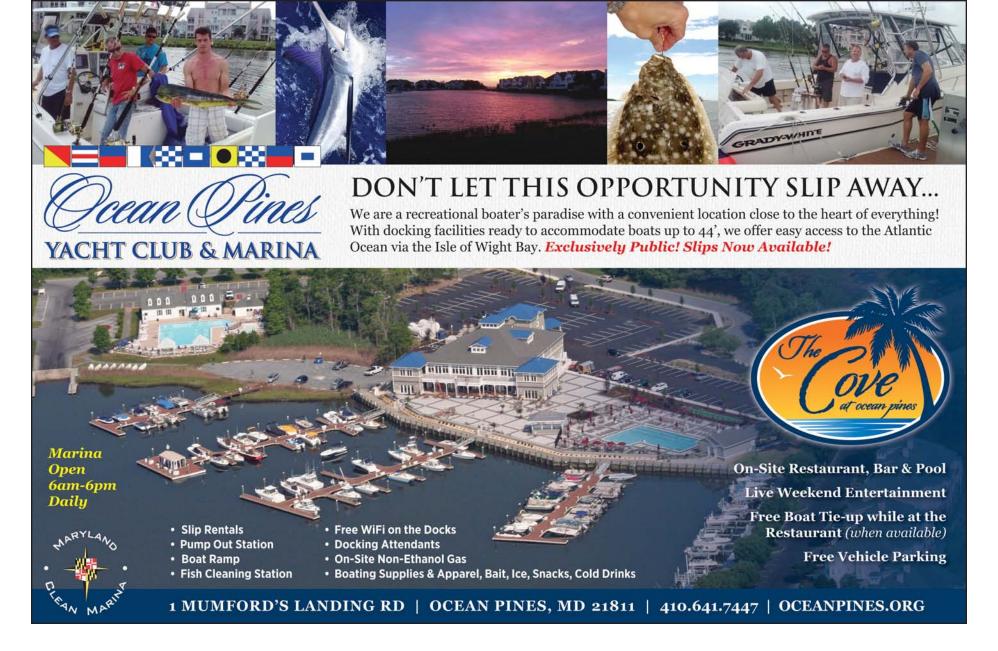
Every EPIRB must be registered in the corresponding country of registry of the boat to which it is fitted. This does not affect how or where the EPIRB operates, just who (what country) maintains the data for that EPIRB. If you purchase an EPIRB in the USA, it already has the USA code country programmed and no further programming is necessary. If you need to register a USA EPIRB in another country, you will need to get it reprogrammed. Many countries beside the USA, require that the EPIRB is programmed with the vessels MMSI number.

In the USA, every new or used EPIRB is federally required to be registered with **NOAA** (National Oceanographic Atmospheric Administration). If change any information on your registration, such as phone number, address, bought a new boat, etc., you must update the registration with NOAA. Also, if you sell your EPIRB please notify NOAA that you have done so and inform the buyer that they must register the beacon for themselves. Otherwise, you may be contacted by rescue authorities if it is activated. Registration with NOAA is easy, using either the internet or mailing a

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Just today, a customer asked me "What kind of EPIRB should I get"? What they meant wasn't the brand, color or size, but deployment style. There are two critical aspects of using an deployment EPIRB, activation. Deployment is how are you going to get the EPIRB? Activation is how are you going to turn it on?

registration form.



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Deployment can be automatic, such as a Category I EPIRB, which is stored inside plastic case with hydrostatic release. This is designed to be mounted on the exterior of a vessel in an unobstructed area that will allow the EPIRB to float free after it is submerged 10-15 feet underwater. Once the case's hydrostatic release opens the housing, the EPIRB will float to the surface of the water and begin transmitting automatically.

A Category II EPIRB is deployed manually. This type of EPIRB is usually mounted in a convenient location near the helm or some other easily accessible area where it can be located in an emergency. Some boaters store their EPIRB in a "ditch bag", but any location is good as long as you can quickly get to it in the event of an emergency.

All EPIRB's are required to activate automatically when

bracket will not or automatically activate. All EPIRB's also have an "on" switch, allowing you to manually activate the EPIRB.

The EPIRB antenna system is designed to use the water as part of its ground plane (antenna system) and works best when floating upright in the water. If needed due to sea conditions, the EPIRB can be brought aboard and held or secured upright, though you should keep your hands and body away from the antenna and do not let any objects touch the antenna in order to maximize the transmission signal. Once activated, do not turn it off (to save batteries until the etc) rescue authorities have arrived on scene. The signal from the EPIRB is used by satellites and local rescue assets, such as airplanes, helicopters and boats.

Now that we have covered a little about EPIRB's, we can

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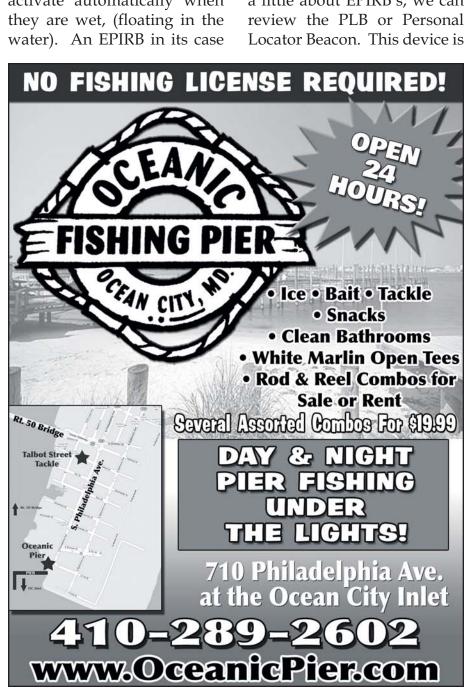
similar to an EPIRB since they access the same rescue network, but have a few different physical properties. They are designed for a minimum of 24 hours of transmission time compared to the minimum of 48 hours transmission time of an EPIRB.

A PLB is registered to a person, not a vessel, making it easy to take with you on different boats or adventures. A PLB is not required to float upright or even float at all! A PLB is not required to activate The PLB is when wet. designed to be carried by a person since they lack the construction robust

June 10, 2015 Coastal Fisherman Page 63 permanent-mounting capability of a full-sized EPIRB.

Either EPIRB or PLB, both are an important safety device for all boaters. Street prices begin at \$260 for a floating PLB and \$450 for an EPIRB with GPS. A worthwhile investment that you hope you never need.

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







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Joe and Drake Crowley had a great time catching chopper bluefish on flounder gear in the Broadkill River. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Ed Bachman from Smyrna, DE landed bluefish up to 32-inches and 11 lb. 8 oz. while fishing with bucktails in the Indian River Inlet. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.

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Blue Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size
Cobia	44"	-
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14 "	1 lb. or 13"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 36"
Red Drum *	36"	45"
Sailfish *	Any Size	-
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"
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Speckled Trout	24"	-
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* Only released fish are eligible in Maryland program *** Use curved-fork-length measurements

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

^{**} Only released fish are eligible in MD and DE programs





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Steve Spindler (pictured) and Joe Hurley stopped 10 miles short of the Washington Canyon where they found a floating log holding schools of dolphin, yellowfin tuna and triggerfish. The anglers ended up landing 8 dolphin on cut bonita, including Steve's 20 pounder along with a pair of yellowfins.









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On the second day of the 2015 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament, the crew on the "Reel Vibrations" had the crowd buzzing when they arrived at the scale with a 465.7 lb. thresher shark that temporarily took over 1st place in the Thresher Division. The 14'2" shark ended the tournament in 2nd place and earned the team \$10,899 in award money. Angler Brice Bogar hooked the thresher on a bunker fillet at the Fingers while fishing with Mason Howell, Dillard Howell, Scott Adams, Capt. Kurt Howell and mate Chris Cavanaugh. The crew capped off a great tournament by winning the W.W. Harman Award for recording the most mako shark releases (7) during the tournament, worth an additional \$1,000 in award money.



In the 2015 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament held over the weekend, the "Marli" showed why they are always a boat to keep an eye on, this year bringing in a 281.6 lb. mako on the first day of the tournament and holding on to win the Mako Division. Joe Stein of Marriottsville, MD muscled in the big shark after hooking it on a whole mackerel at the Hot Dog. Joe was fishing with John Schmitz, Carlos Martinez, Hugo Gonzalez, Victor Rios, Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. For their 1st place finish, the "Marli" team took home \$27,590 in award money.



With all the big bluefish we have seen this season, you would have thought that the Bluefish Division would have been a hot one in the 2015 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament, but that wasn't the case. Only 2 bluefish were weighed during the tournament and Mike Cromwell's 10 pounder took top honors and a check for \$4,776. Mike was fishing on the "Lisa" with Jeff Kessler, Dave Fry, Capt. Stu Winsor and mate Mike Winsor when he hooked the chopper on a whole mackerel at the Hambone. Second place in the Bluefish Division went to the crew on the "M Keli Jeane" with a 1.3 lb. snapper worth \$1.764 in award money.





On the first day of the 2015 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Adam Sutton from Pasadena, MD boated a 183.5 lb. mako shark and ended the tournament in 2nd place in the Mako Division. Adam was fishing on the "Talkin' Trash" with Rick Hubbard, Mark Magee, Nick Neary, Matt Wroten, Pete Weaver, Ron Issac, Capt. Chris Little and mate Brian Skillman. Adam fought the big make for 30 minutes after it ate a whole mackerel in 30 fathoms near the Washington Canyon. The "Talkin' Trash" crew won \$9,534 for their 2nd place finish.



Mike Mongiello of Moscow, PA muscled in this 173.9 lb. mako shark on the 2nd day of the 2015 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament and held on to win 3rd place in the Mako Division. Mike was fishing on the "No Limits" with Jim Galloway, Rich Kelley, Jason Yakim, Raymond Vravlic, Cory Borhman, Capt. Steve Gladwin and mates Tom Perry and Keith Gilbert. The make at a bluefish fillet in 34 fathoms outside the Hot Dog and took 35 minutes to get to the boat. The crew earned \$6,356 in award money for their 3rd place finish. Pictured at Bahia Marina.





In the 2015 Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament, Jeff Guest, Jr. from Kennett Square, PA captured this 212.1 lb. thesher shark while fishing on the "Port-A-Bella" and ended the tournament in 3rd place in the Thresher Division. Jeff caught the thresher while soaking a false albacore fillet near Site 11 and fought the fish for 30 minutes before getting it in the boat. Fishing with Jeff were Tim Hendrickson, Phil Eckman, Tom Smith, Capt. Herb Guest and mate Kevin Coolahan. For their 3rd place finish, the "Port-A-Bella" team won \$3,411 in award money. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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The summer fishing scene continues to pick up momentum, but the northeasterly blow this weekend could slow things up a little. But once anglers are able to get back on the water, the summer trend should continue.



Cobia are still the big news. Exceptional numbers of early season fish, with many pushing to over 50-pounds, are contributing to an excellent introduction to the fishing season. Although some cobia sightcasting experts are complaining that the fish are somewhat finicky right now, plenty of encounters are providing ample opportunity to score with some nice fish.

Boats using the chumming technique are also experiencing good results from the Buckroe area off Hampton, to the Inner Middle Grounds and the Nine-Foot Shoals closer to the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. Even local pier anglers are getting in on the action, with some smaller cobia landed this week.



The red drum bite is still good, as big reds continue to hit along the surf of the Eastern Shore barrier islands, and at Buoys 8 and 10 near Nautilus Shoal and the Ninefoot Shoal area. Blue crab is the best bait for bottom fishing for reds, while bunker and

mullet also work well. Some anglers are also finding decent trolling and topwater action as schools of big red drum cruise off the oceanfront.

A few black drum are still taking clams near Buoy 13 and 16 off the Eastern Shore, but the size of these fish is somewhat smaller than weeks past.



The flounder bite continues to evolve, with more anglers reporting limits of bigger fish from various areas in lower Bay waters. A few flatfish are taking drifted minnows and cut bait near the islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel and anglers

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jigging and working live bait along the pilings and over the tubes of the Bridge Tunnel are also scoring with scattered fish, with the 1st and 2nd Islands the most productive lately. Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets are giving up average numbers of keepers, with many flatties pushing to around 21-inches this past week. The Cell, Willoughby, Buckroe and Buoy 36A areas are giving up some decent catches recently, while the Bayside and seaside areas of Oyster on the Eastern Shore are still producing the largest and best numbers for drifters, with a few doormats mixed in.

Good quantities of decent puppy drum continue to come mostly from within Lynnhaven Inlet, while Rudee Inlet and Mobjack Bay are also reporting some catches of pups.

The croaker bite remains typical for this time of the year, with plenty of mediumsized fish keeping bottom bouncers and pier anglers







content. The Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, Hampton Bar, the Monitor-Merrimac, the James River Bridge and Little Creek are providing good action on a range of sizes of hardheads. Some decent sea mullet are also biting off the oceanfront and lower Bay piers.



The sheepshead bite is still heating up, with some big fish coming from the CBBT proper lately. Spadefish are circling the Chesapeake Light Tower, as well as responding over several inshore wrecks on clams. Although interest is low, some striped bass are still biting around the 3rd and 4th islands of the CBBT on topwater lures in the evenings, but be sure to review the new regulations.

Deep droppers are finding a good variety of blueline tilefish, nice golden tilefish, some big grouper, blackbellied rosefish and big sea bass near the Norfolk Canyon. A few boats are still targeting wrecks for sea bass, but that attraction is faltering as more species become available to target.



Offshore, very good catches of yellowfin tuna, along with some nice bigeye tuna and larger and abundant mahi are contributing to a great kick-off of Virginia's offshore season. Many boats are returning to the docks early with limits of fish, with most of the yellowfin tuna averaging around 40-pounds.

Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A. representative for Virginia Beach, VA. For more information, go to www.drjball.com.



Corey Stites from Grantville, PA was soaking cut bluefish behind the Coast Guard Station by Savage's Ditch when he hooked into this 32-inch, 10 lb. 5 oz. gator.



Last Friday was a chilly and dreary day, but that didn't stop Joe Pergeorelis from landing this 5 lb. 11 oz. flounder while drifting a squid and shiner combination in the Lewes Canal. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Pier Point Marina Lewes Harbour Marina Ice House Bait & Tackle Bill's Sport Shop Superfresh - Rt. 1

LONG NECK

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TIDES & MOON PHASES

OCEAN CITY INLET

Wed. June 10	Low 08:52 am Low 09:26 pm	High 02:42 am High 03:31 pm
Thurs. June 11	Low 09:48 am Low 10:33 pm	High 03:45 am High 04:39 pm
Fri. June 12	Low 10:44 am Low 11:37 am	High 04:46 am High 05:40 pm
Sat. June 13	Low 11:40 am Low	High 05:43 am High 06:36 pm
Sun. June 14	Low 12:37 am Low 12:33 pm	High 06:36 am High 07:29 pm
Mon. June 15	Low 01:31 am Low 01:22 pm	High 07:28 am High 08:20 pm
Tues. June 16 New Moon	Low 02:21 am Low 02:09 pm	High 08:19 am High 09:07 pm
Wed. June 17	Low 03:09 am Low 02:55 pm	High 09:07 am High 09:50 pm
Thurs. June 18	Low 03:55 am Low 03:40 pm	High 09:53 am High 10:29 pm
Fri. June 19	Low 04:41 am Low 04:25 am	High 10:36 am High 11:06 pm
Sat. June 20	Low 05:27 am Low 05:12 pm	High 11:20 am High 11:44 pm
Sun. June 21	Low 06:14 am Low 06:03 pm	High High 12:05 pm
Mon. June 22	Low 06:59 am Low 06:56 pm	High 12:25 am High 12:54 pm
Tues. June 23	Low 07:41 am Low 07:50 pm	High 01:08 am High 01:45 pm

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide
Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide
- subtract 45 minutes to low tide

Weshangered VA add 4 minutes for high 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.



•••• JUNE ••••

57th Annual Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament

Ladies Event - June 6 • Tournament - June 8-13

Morehead City, NC • 252-247-3575

35th Annual South Jersey Shark Tourn. *June 10-13 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400*

26th Annual MSSA Tuna-Ment

June 19-21 • Sunset Marina • 410-255-5535

36th Annual Marlin Club

Small Boat Tournament

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•••• JULY ••••

33rd Annual Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off *July 3-5 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613*

7th Annual Pier Point Marina Flounder Tourn.

July 3 - Aug 8 • Dewey Beach, DE • 302-227-2808

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July 10-12• OC Fishing Center • 410-213-1121

26th Annual Ocean/Viking Showdown *July 15-19 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400*

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2nd Annual Big Fish Classic *July 24-26 • Talbot Street Pier • 410-213-0325*

7th Annual Marlin Club Ladies Tournament *July 31 - Aug 1 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613*

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8th Annual Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament

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BOBCAT -1995 42' Liberty **Call Jeff James**



BLACK WIDOW - 1999 45' Ocean **Call Steve Trattner**



GALLANT LADY - 1988 36' Jersey



PEGASUS - 1998 48' Ocean **Call Gary Stamm**



8 LURES - 2006 41' Luhrs Convertible **Call Steve Trattner**



SEA NOTE - 2001 32' Luhrs Convertible **Call Steve Trattner**



PEZ VELA - 1971 36' Hatteras Convertible **Call Jeff James**



FIRST AND MORE - 2003 28' Carolina **Classic -Call Gary Stamm**



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