

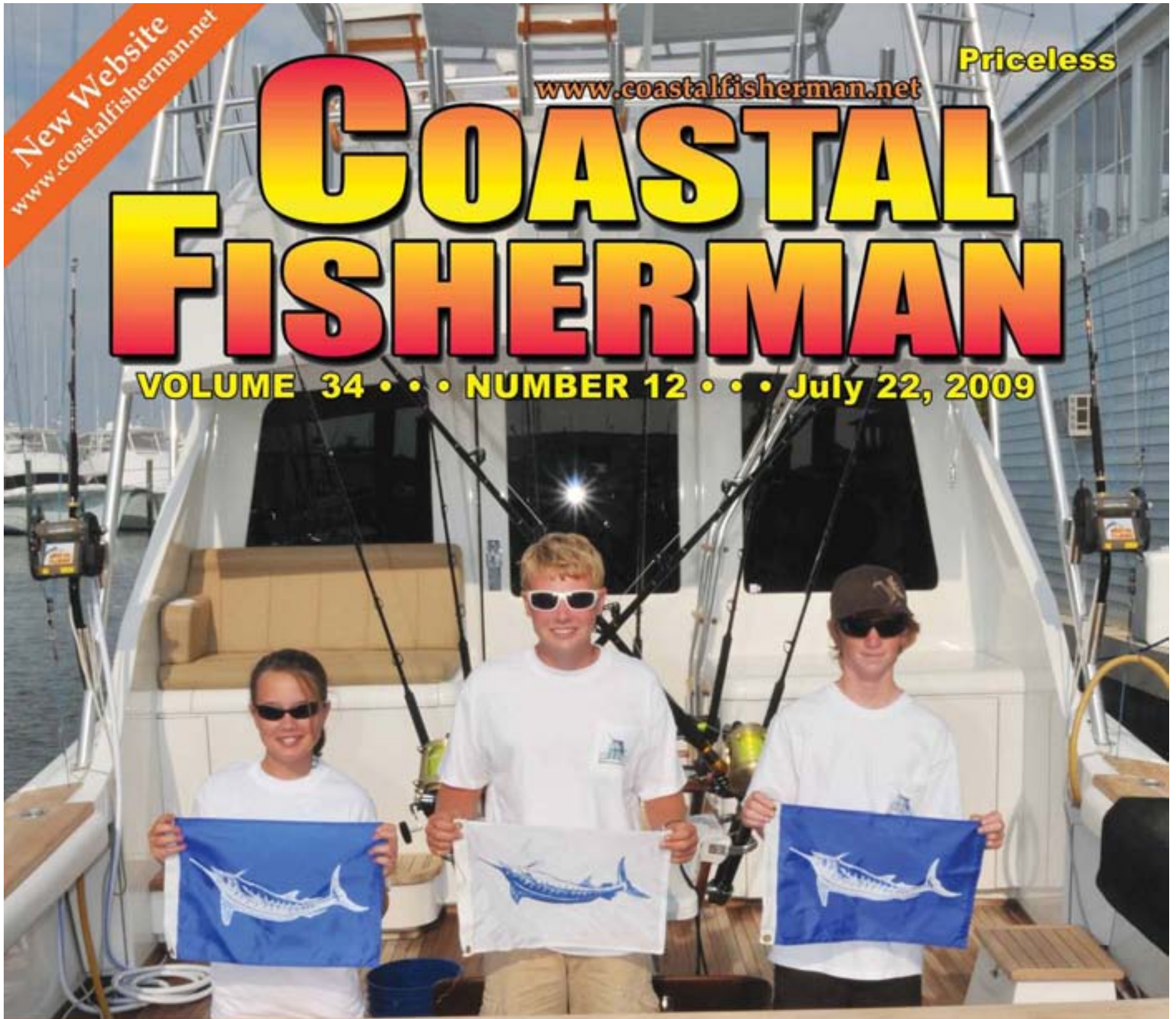
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REEL JOY
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The 5th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic was held over the weekend with more than 380 youth anglers participating. On the final day of the tournament, the team on the "Reel Joy", with Capt. Dale Gurgo and Mate Andy Helms, won top honors in the Billfish Release Division with 350 points. Spencer Cropper of West Ocean City, MD released a blue marlin and Taylor McCart of Ocean City, MD and Parker Kreppel of Berlin, MD each released a white marlin while trolling ballyhoo between the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons. Spencer's blue marlin was estimated at 350-400 lbs. Pictured in the slip at Sunset Marina. Complete Kid's Club Tournament coverage begins on page 22.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



Those of you who live along the Delmarva coast all the time and spend any time around the water have probably noticed that we have been having unusually high tides, beginning in the spring and extending into the summer months. Several times I have noticed water levels up over the docks at the West Ocean City boat ramps, and it has even reached the tops of the finger piers in some of the local marinas. An interesting article by Scott Harper on this subject was published recently in the Virginian-Pilot newspaper. The article says that scientists are aware of the high tides along the entire east coast, and especially in the mid-Atlantic area, where "average daily levels are running between 6 inches and 2 feet above predicted norms." The article quotes scientist John

Boon, from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, who said he "suspects the trend could be the beginning of a decade-long phenomenon of high water caused by an El Niño-like effect in the Atlantic." According to the article, "Boon, a professor emeritus of marine science who has studied tides most of his career, described how Atlantic wind patterns and currents can subtly shift, often without explanation. The shift, in turn, pushes more water onto East Coast beaches, marshes and coastline through higher tides." The article further states that the extreme tides have occurred before and "can last, on and off, for years at a time before suddenly changing back to normal." According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in Baltimore in mid-

June the agency documented tides two feet above predicted levels.

The article further states that "El Niño occurs every seven or eight years on average, affecting weather patterns along the Pacific Ocean. Similarly on the Atlantic, quirky shifts in atmospheric pressure and winds, known as the North Atlantic Oscillation, contribute to weather variability—and might be at play now," said Larry Atkinson, an oceanographer at Old Dominion University in Norfolk." Atkinson also said these tides "might become the norm in 30 or 40 years due to sea level rise."

Besides creating problems with your dock lines, extreme high tides can affect fish and fishermen in more ways than you might imagine. It can push bait such as minnows and finger mullet much further up into marshes and creeks than you would normally expect to find them, and sometimes that will mean that predator species such as flounder, trout, puppy drum, etc. will also be "out of

place." Likewise, shallow water "flats" can become much more productive, especially when tide levels never reach their normal depths on low tide. This is especially true with flounder, especially when the water is cool like it has been this summer. Extreme high tides can also affect the salinity of normally brackish water areas, which can be bad for some species in the food chain that rely on lower salt levels to survive. Of course, I guess there could be similar benefits like better "flushing" of some areas, which might help get rid of certain types of algae caused by runoff from lawns, farms, golf courses, etc. One of the biggest dangers of higher than normal tides, of course, would be if a bad storm coincides with a period of high water. This happened with the March storm in 1962. It was bad enough then, when the area wasn't nearly as populated. I can't imagine what it will be like the next time...



Another phenomenon that
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After receiving an Assateague Tackle Deadly Double flounder rig, Steve "Capt. Kangaroo" Hoffman put it to the test and came up with this 7 lb., 26-inch flounder. Steve tipped the rig with bunker and caught it while drifting just off of Gudelsky Park. It now looks like Steve has taken a commanding lead as "Top Flounder Fisherman" in the Hoffman family.



Laura Wells, Lisa Moore, Erin Wiggins, Amy Chandler, Lindsay Moore and Holly Worthington, all from Salisbury, MD along with Rachel Schaeffer from Edgewater, MD, teamed up to land 2 bluefin tuna, measuring 40 and 51-inches, while fishing on the "I-Cart-Er" with Capt. Allen Carter and Mate Brian Riley. The bluefins were both caught on trolled ballyhoo at the Lumpy Bottom. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina in West Ocean City.

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Double Lines continued: can seriously change fishing productivity is temperature, especially “fingers” of warm or cold water. Last week I asked George Henning, who works at the Ocean City Fishing Center and is an avid ocean flounder fisherman, to try a new rig I have been experimenting with for ocean flounder jigging. George, who fishes with Capt. Monty Hawkins on the “Morning Star”, told me that on the day he used the rigs the flounder had all but shut down. George said the anglers on the boat who were strictly fishing for sea bass were still catching fish, but the bass were extremely cold to the touch when they came up. He said Capt. Monty surmised that cold water had moved into the bottom, even though surface water temps appeared normal. The drop in water temperature apparently caused the flounder to just stop feeding. George said he missed one nice bite that he thinks was a big flounder, and he did catch a 4-pound sea bass on a strip bait meant for fluke,

but that even Capt. Monty and other experienced flounder fishermen were skunked on that particular day. The water on the bottom, of course, is normally colder than surface water, and sometimes after a bad storm or a long period of strong southwest winds, we have what is called a “thermal inversion” and the warm and cold waters kind of flip flop or “turn over.” All over the ocean, however, there are “fingers” of unusually cold or unusually warm water. Many times these fingers break off from either the Gulf Stream or even the cold Labrador Current and travel long distances before they finally dissipate and blend into the surrounding water temperatures. Cold water, of course, usually sinks to the bottom, while warm water rises to the surface. Several years ago, in early August, we had a cold water finger move into the coast. It was during the White Marlin Open, and boat captains coming in from offshore reported a dramatic change and drop in surface temperature

beginning several miles off. With the phenomenon, however, came some fantastic striper fishing around the inlet jetties, and we pictured many rockfish in the 40 to 46 inch range, which is definitely unusual in August. I guess the point of all of this is that as a fisherman you have to be aware of what is happening in the marine environment, and take advantage of what Mother Nature happens to be offering at the time...




Many of the successful anglers that I know are regular “stomach lookers.” When they clean their fish, they examine stomach contents to see just what that particular species has been eating, and it may give them a clue as to what bait to use. In the spring, for example, local flounder were full of shrimp, and many anglers scored with artificial Gulp! shrimp. A few weeks back, flounder were stuffed with small crabs, and Capt. Jason Mumford of the “Lucky Break” told me one day his anglers

caught three keeper flounder on pieces of the one peeler crab he happened to have on the boat. On the other hand, a lot of other predators eat small flounder. I once saw a striper with 14 small flounder in its stomach, and I have seen them in trout and even cobia. I once watched a 150-pound class bluefin tuna being cleaned that had a stomach full of sea horses, meaning of course that the fish had probably been feeding on the bottom or along a weed line. Another time a big weakfish had a whole small dog shark in its stomach, while a white marlin had a complete skeleton of a baby sailfish and a big bull dolphin had eaten a small white marlin. The list goes on and on—if you aren’t a “stomach looker,” you are missing an interesting and informative aspect of fishing...



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Pete and Matt O'Malley from Baltimore, MD boated these 2 bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Jade II" with Ned McNeely of Charleston, SC, Hank Keeney of Baltimore, MD, Capt. Ed Kaufman and Mate Gary Hall. Pete landed the 64-incher while Matt caught a 40-incher, both on trolled ballyhoo at the Hambone. The anglers also released 7 bluefins during the trip. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



For most of the week, we experienced windy conditions that either kept anglers at the dock or closer to shore than they wanted to be.

The highlight of the weekend was the 5th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Kid's Classic. This tournament has turned into one of the top events in the area with 381 kids participating this year. The Marlin Club and all of the volunteers do a very good job showing the young anglers a good time, both at the weigh-ins and at the banquet on Sunday evening. This year, due to a generous donation from Val Lynch on the "Cyntinory", every angler who participated in the tournament received a plaque, which was a very nice touch.

A lot of fish were weighed in the tournament, and I'm not just talking about the 275 spot that weighed .2 pounds (the folks at the weigh station are chuckling right now). The heaviest tuna weighed 150.6 lbs., which was more than angler Justin Layer weighed himself.

Another highlight was the crew on the "Reel Joy" coming back on Sunday after releasing a



Howard Agnew of Salisbury, MD (second from left) landed an 8 lb. 6 oz. flounder while fishing on the "Angler" with Todd Hudson of Bobcaygeon, Ontario, Nicole Sawyer and Clay Gessner, both from Mifflinburg, PA, Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mates Dean Lo and Matt Temple. The anglers also returned with additional flounder and sea bass after fishing at a ocean reef. Pictured at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.

blue marlin and 2 white marlin. They just nudged the anglers on the "Cyntinory" out of 1st place who released 3 white marlin, also on Sunday.

Overall, there were a lot of

smiling faces at the scales over the weekend and it really put in perspective what our great sport is all about. It's all about having fun!

WAHOO

We have only seen a couple of wahoo this year, and this weekend we saw the heaviest one caught of the year. On Saturday, Keith Wolf on the "Gerri Lynn" caught a 53 pounder while trolling a

ballyhoo / red & white flounder combination outside the Hambone in 30 fathoms.

For those of you who enjoy wahoo fishing, don't forget about the Wahoo Rodeo on September 11th-13th.

FLOUNDER

As it seems like every summer, flounder fishing in the bay was much better during the week than it was over the weekend. Most attribute this to the increase in boat traffic. With a good number of spot in the bay, anglers are spending time loading up before heading out to flounder fish. If you don't want to catch or purchase live spot, we are still seeing a good number of flatties being caught on Gulp! Alive artificial baits.

The Assateague Tackle Double Trouble flounder rig has taken the area by storm, with nice catches coming in every week on this rig. Steve Hoffman recently picked one up, and headed right outside the cut at the Ocean City Fishing Center where he snagged a 7 pounder.

Most of the action in the bay continues to center around the East Channel and Harbour Island, although anglers who found clean water along the banks also found some flounder stacked up as well. We also saw a good bite in the water behind Bahia Marina. You still need to weed through an incredible number of throwbacks to find your keeper.

Anglers fishing on the ocean wrecks and reefs snagged a few really nice fish, and none were larger this week than the 8 lb. 6 oz. flattie caught by Howard Agnew while fishing on the "Angler". The fish was caught on bunker at an artificial

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BLUEFIN TUNA

It's "deja vu all over again" (thanks Yogi) with bluefins continuing to be caught by anglers trolling around the Hambone and the Chicken Bone. A few were also caught around the Lumpy Bottom. Quite a few boats are returning with their over and under fish, with most of the big fish ranging between 60 and 66-inches.

The majority of the bluefins we have seen have been hooked on trolled ballyhoo in back of blue and white Ilanders.

BILLFISH

We saw some white marlin and a blue marlin caught on Sunday in the stretch of water that has been moving between the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons. The "Cyntinory" snagged 3 whites in this area while the "Reel Joy" had a blue marlin and 2 whites. Also in the Kid's Classic, the "Predator" had 2 white marlin.

Other whites were caught by anglers on the "Fortune

Cookie" in 40 fathoms on the 195 line and a private boat in 200 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon. There was also a blue marlin released by Tony Burch in the Poor Man's Canyon in the middle of the week.

There was a decent bite on Friday and Saturday, 30 miles south of the Norfolk Canyon where some Virginia anglers had 6 to 7 white marlin bites. Some reports had the fish heading our way, but one boat returned to their "hot" spot the very next day and got into them again.

A reminder to all billfishermen. The first Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin tournament is this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Sunset Marina. See the ad in this issue or call 410-213-9600 for more information.

CROAKER

We saw an incredible number of croaker caught over the weekend by anglers in the Kid's Classic. Fish were caught anywhere between Harbour Island and the Assateague

Bridge. Gulp!, Fishbites or squid all producing good numbers of fish. This is a great fishery for kids since the action can be fast and furious when you get into a school of croakers.

Most of the fish are small, under 1 pound. Croakers have a 9-inch minimum and you are allowed to keep 25 per person.

BLUEFISH

Bluefish have shown up in the surf and continue to be caught by anglers fishing off of, or near, the Rt. 50 Bridge. Live bait, shiny lures or even live eels have produced catches of gators.

IN THE SURF

According to Sue Foster at Oyster Bay Tackle, "The surf finally saw some snapper blues, Norfolk spot and croakers along with the sharks, skates and rays.

A couple of kingfish were reported."

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July 22, 2009 Coastal Fisherman Page 9 and wrecks off our coast. Recently, we have seen a good number of flounder, sea bass and triggerfish being caught on the rubble.

YELLOWFIN TUNA

The yellowfin bite has been consistent again this year, consistently poor. A couple were caught over the weekend around the Hot Dog and also down near the Lumpy Bottom.

STRIPED BASS

Stripers are being caught around the South Jetty and by anglers drifting near the Rt. 50 Bridge. The fish around the South Jetty are very tight to the rocks. Most anglers are using spot for bait although some linesiders have been caught on bucktails tipped with bunker.

As mentioned early, this weekend is the 1st Annual Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament. Weigh-ins are at Sunset Marina from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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Paul and Ian Dominick from Severn, MD caught their limit of flounder (4 pictured) while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder. The flounder were caught on strip baits on an artificial reef. The heaviest flattie tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 9 oz. and was actually caught by both anglers at the same time. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Karen Messick-Atkins of Bear, DE muscled in a 63-inch bluefin tuna during a trip aboard the "Mak-Atak" with Mike Joswick of Elsmere, DE, John Joswick from Newport, DE, Blake Rohm from Wilmington, DE, Larry Rohm of Hockessin, DE, Marty Glynn from Wilmington, DE, Capt. Chad Meeks and Mate Rusty Reddish. The big bluefin, along with a 44-inch bluefin and a dolphin were caught on trolled ballyhoo near the Hambone. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Tracy Thatcher from Frederick, MD, Wayne Mull from Bernville, PA, Matthew West of Gumboro, DE and Chase Felton from Colorado Springs, CO brought back some nice sea bass after a day spent fishing on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mates Dean Lo and Matt Temple. Tracy took heaviest fish honors with his 3 pounder, caught on a sea robin fillet outside the Great Eastern Reef. Pictured at Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.



Matt Jones of Slatington, PA caught this 6 lb. 8 oz. spadefish while drifting a live spot near the Rt. 50 Bridge aboard the "Stress Reliever".



Chuck Bartholme of Edward's Marine, Ronnie Hall from Edgewater, MD and Curt Coffin of Salisbury, MD took advantage of the recent bluefin bite at the Hambone, boating this 61-incher on a trolled ballyhoo aboard the "First & More". Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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On Saturday, Keith Wolf of Baltimore, MD (far left) captured this 53 lb. wahoo and Scott Shaneybrook of Middle River, MD landed a 41-inch bluefin tuna, both while fishing on the "Gerri Lynn" with Brian Jones and Matt Benicewicz of Whitmarsh, MD, Capt. Will Otto and Capt. Mike Birmingham. The 63-inch wahoo was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo with a red and white Ilander in 30 fathoms east of the Hambone while the bluefin hit a ballyhoo with a blue and white Ilander. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Cory Reinoehl of York, PA was drifting a live minnow in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport when he hooked into this 23.75-inch, 5 lb. flounder. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



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Joe Young of Forest Hill, MD, Buck Norris from Bel Air, MD, Gary McQuitty from Rising Sun, MD and Rick Smith of Edgewood, MD teamed up to catch 2 bluefins and 3 dolphin while fishing on the "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and Mate John Griffith. The heaviest bluefin weighed 140 lbs. and was caught on a ballyhoo at the Hambone. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.



Dan Betz of York, PA caught three keepers for the day, with the heaviest being this 6 lb. 11 oz. flattie caught on a minnow and flounder belly in the East Channel.

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Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



"I'm going out in my boat and want to target flounder." What bait should I use for flounder?? What bait catches the largest flounder??"

Whether in a boat, or from the shore, flounder like live minnows hooked through the lips or frozen shiners hooked through the eyes. Always put one minnow on, but if you are using shiners, you can put more than one on a hook. I usually use two. Always buy extra minnows and shiners, and pick out the largest ones and use them first. Many anglers use what we call a sandwich bait to give them a bigger bait.

"Is it lunch time?"

Only for the fish! Sandwich baits present two baits on the same hook. Once the angler puts on the minnow or shiner bait, he or she may also add a strip of squid beside the minnow or shiner ON THE SAME HOOK.

"Which do you put on first?"

Always put the shiner or minnow on first. The squid strip will actually help keep the other bait from falling off the hook. But if you lose your

minnow or shiner bait, and the squid is still hanging on the hook, don't go to all the trouble of pulling off the squid to put the minnow on first. Just hook it on there! It's all about visual anyway. The flounder wants the minnow, but the squid strip trailing alongside it, helps the flounder to notice the bait and gives the appearance of a larger bait. Flounder are site feeders, and sometimes a bigger, (but attractive), bait will entice the keepers to your hook.

Squid isn't the only sandwich material to use with your minnow or shiner. It's like when you go to the Royal Farm Computer Screen to order a sub. You can have American, Swiss, or Provolone Cheese, mustard or mayo or both! So for a sandwich bait for flounder, you can use a squid strip, a Fish Bite bloodworm cut into a 1 1/2 to 2-inch piece, a strip of bluefish, flounder, or spot fillet, or you can put on a Berkley Gulp minnow or mullet grub or jerk shad.

"Wow!"

You can bring something along like finger mullet, and fillet the side off one and hang

it on the hook. A fresh bunker makes good strip bait. I usually wait until I catch something fresh like a small bluefish or croaker (make sure it's legal and keep the carcass). Scale and fillet it, and cut it into three inch long strips.

"Don't ignore the trash fish!"

Sea robins and lizardfish make great strips of bait for flounder. Again, flounder aren't crazy about scales, so knock them off first. Use a sharp knife and cut the strips into attractive tapered lengths. Some anglers totally skip the minnow or shiner and only fish with the strips. I like to keep all options open and fish with both!

"I heard live spot is good flounder bait?"



It's one of the best! Anglers can catch live spot with little size #8 to #10 hooks with bloodworm, Fish Bite Bloodworms, or night crawlers. Keep them in a live well or aerated bucket. Hook them in the mouth and out the hard part of their nose. There's usually a good amount of spot around the Rt. 90 Bridge in around 4-feet of water.

"I caught spot, but they are just too big! No good at all!"

Hold on now! A spot is a spot, and fresh spot is great bait! If it is too big to use live on the hook, fillet it and cut some strips out of the spot. This is great flounder bait!

"I keep hearing all the stuff about Berkley Gulp!. Is it really that good?"



We in the tackle stores can barely keep it on the shelves, and the Berkley Company can't make it fast enough, so I

would say, "It works!" But many people are using it in place of real bait, and it is working for many anglers without using real bait as well, as long as they keep it moving. But I like to cover all my bases and use it in combination with real bait to make the ultimate sandwich bait!

Anglers are using the grub type Gulps!, such as Gulp! minnow or mullet grubs, and sliding them on their hooks, just like putting a grub on a lead head for striper fishing. Once the grub is on the hook, you can add your minnow or shiner and/or a strip of squid or cut bait. Berkley Gulp! is smelly and it also has action, so you need to keep it moving like any other lure. Simply raising your rod tip and pulling your rig off the bottom and then letting it settle back down to the bottom is all the action you need.

Others like to fish the Gulp! lures on a lead head when fishing shallow water areas. They cast out, and work the Gulp! just like a lure across the bottom floor. Most anglers that use Gulp! prefer to use the live minnow over the frozen shiner because the action of the minnow also keeps the Gulp! moving.

"There are so many SMALL flounder out there!"

Some of the locals out there trying to catch dinner are using a very large bait to weed through the small flounder and only target the big ones. They are using the biggest Gulps that can get their hands on, like 5 to 7-inch jerk shads and even 8-inch grubs! Wow! Most of these anglers are using long strip baits along with the Gulp! to entice the big flatties.

Again, large baits such as live spot will always give you the best chance to catch keeper flounder.

We just heard this week that there are some small finger mullet in the bay. Anglers are casting their cast nets close to the sand bars in the bay and catching these and putting them in aerated buckets or live wells and catching nice

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flounder. You can also use dead or frozen finger mullet on your flounder rigs to catch big flounder.

When using a larger, dead, previously frozen finger mullet, I would stick to a single hook rig and hook it under the chin and up through both lips like a live minnow. Keep it moving a little bit by lifting the rod tip up off the bottom once in a while and give it some action. I've caught my share of big flounder on finger mullet, both dead and alive. When using finger mullet, I use it by itself and don't try to "sandwich" it with another bait. It's big enough on its own!

Anglers fishing from the shore are learning about larger baits, and capturing live bait. I see anglers throwing their cast nets all the time. Even the easily caught alewives or bunker make good flounder bait if you can keep them alive. You can usually see them flashing under the water in the canals early in the morning. Cast net a couple dozen, let the rest go, and keep them alive in an aerated bucket or live well. If you try to keep too many, they will all die! Hook them just like you would a live minnow.

Bigger bait, bigger fish? Not all the time, but a lot of the time. It's better than waiting around for "dumb luck."

Good fishing....

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

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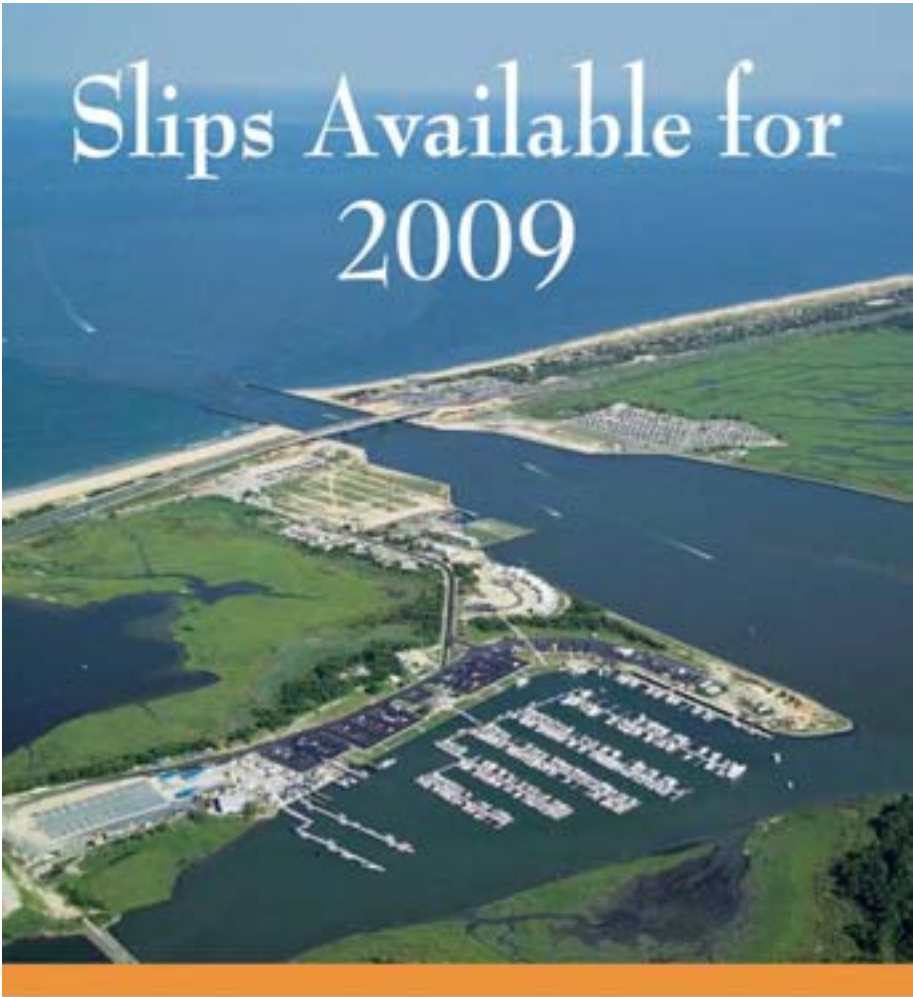
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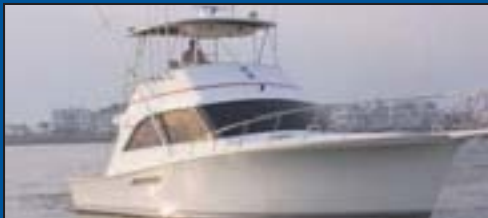
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2 poached eggs
2 oz. hollandaise sauce

Preheat grill over medium-high heat.

Season the shark fillets with salt and pepper to taste and place on the grill.

Cook until opaque and cooked through.

While the shark is cooking, heat the oil in a skillet over

medium-high heat.

Add the peppers, garlic, shallots, onions and potatoes.

Saute until onions are soft.

Add the barbecue sauce and cook for 1 minute.

Place the vegetable-potato saute on a plate topped with the grilled shark, poached eggs and cover the hollandaise.

Serves 4.

Grilled Tuna with Asian-Style Marinade

2 TBSP. honey
2 TBSP. orange juice
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
3 TBSP. soy sauce
1/4 cup green onions, chopped
2 tsp. ginger
1 tsp. minced garlic
1/4 tsp. black pepper

1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
1 1/2 lb. tuna steak

Combine marinade ingredients in a shallow bowl.

Add tuna and marinate 2 to 6 hrs. in the refrigerator.

Remove from refrigerator and let sit while grill preheats.

Place tuna directly over high heat on oiled rack.

After 5 minutes, baste with marinade and turn.

Remove from grill when meat thermometer reads 140 degrees.

Serves 4.

Tuna with Brown Sugar Mustard Glaze

1/3 cup brown sugar
2 1/2 TBSP. Dijon mustard
Juice of 1/2 lemon
Salt and pepper
Four 7 oz. tuna fillets
2 tsp. vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a small bowl, whisk together the brown sugar, mustard, lemon juice and 1/2 tsp. pepper.

Heat a large ovenproof skillet over high heat.

Rub the tuna with the oil, season with salt and pepper and coat the tuna with the brown sugar mixture.

Place in skillet.

Transfer the skillet to the oven and bake until the glaze caramelizes and the fish is cooked through.

Serves 4.

Flounder with Orange Sauce

2 lbs. flounder fillets
1/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. pepper
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 TBSP. butter
3 TBSP. orange juice
1 tsp. grated orange peel

Orange sauce:

1 garlic clove, peeled
2 TBSP. butter
3 TBSP. orange juice
1/8 tsp. ground ginger
2 TBSP. minced parsley

Place the fish in a single layer in a 13 x 9 baking dish

coated with non-stick cooking spray; sprinkle with salt and pepper.

In a small saucepan over medium heat, cook the garlic in butter for 1 minute; pour over fish.

Drizzle with orange juice; sprinkle with orange peel.

Bake uncovered at 400 degrees for 10-15 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

In a small saucepan over medium heat, cook garlic in butter for 2-3 minutes or until golden brown; discard garlic.

Stir orange juice and ginger into butter; heat through.

Cut fish into serving pieces; drizzle with orange juice and sprinkle with parsley.

Serves 6.

Grilled Tuna and Asparagus with Balsamic Butter

1/2 cup balsamic vinegar
1 TBSP. honey
1 TBSP. butter
Salt and pepper
1 lb. asparagus, trimmed
3 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil
Four 6 oz. tuna fillets

Preheat a grill to medium-high.

In a small saucepan, bring the vinegar and honey to a boil, whisking occasionally, and cook until reduced by half, about 3 minutes.

Remove from heat, whisk in the butter and season with salt and pepper; cover to keep warm.

Toss the asparagus with 1 1/2 TBSP. of olive oil and season with salt and pepper.

Grill, covered and turning once, until tender and grill marks appear, about 9 minutes.

Meanwhile, rub the remaining 1 1/2 TBSP. of olive oil on the tuna and season with salt and pepper.

Place the tuna on the grill, cover and cook, turning once, for 6 minutes for medium rare.

Transfer the asparagus and tuna to a platter and drizzle with the balsamic butter.

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Justin Layer, age 11, from Barnegat, NJ caught this 150.6 lb. bluefin tuna to win 1st place in the Tuna Division of the 5th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Justin was fishing on the "Riptide" with Tom Over, Chuck Layer, Capt. Ray Fanner and Mate Tommy Over. The bluefin hit a ballyhoo/Ilander combination 2 miles south of the Hambone. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



On the first day of the Kid's Classic, Ben Hild of Pasadena, MD (far right) muscled in an 18.6 lb. dolphin to win 1st place in the Dolphin Division. Ben was fishing on the "Espadon" with Britt Collins, Caden Cote, Jonathan Matta, Capt. Sylvain Cote and Mate Karl Bieberich. The dolphin, along with Caden's 14.8 lb. dolphin and Britt's 48.6 lb. bluefin tuna were caught at the Parking Lot. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On the final day of the 5th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Lainey Atkins of Severna Park, MD captured this 13.4 lb. rockfish to win 1st place in the Rockfish Division. Lainey was fishing on the "Get Sum" with Will Tinkler, Sam Tinkler, Ben Tinkler, Charlie Atkins, A.J. Atkins, Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. The rockfish, along with a 3 lb. flounder, were caught on live spot in the East Channel. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



First place in the Flounder Division of the 5th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic was won by Tyler Stierhoff with a 5.4 lb. flattie caught while fishing on the "Moe Trouble" with Drake Cropper, Dylan Peterson, Ethan Peterson, Mark Rohrer, Moe Cropper and Capt. David Peterson. The winning flounder was caught while drifting a live minnow in the East Channel. Weighed at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City.

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"Predator"
200 points

DOLPHIN DIVISION

1st Place
Ben Hild
"Espadon"
18.6 lbs.

2nd Place
Michael Murray
"Pumpin' Hard 66"
17.8 lbs.

3rd Place
Frank Mattes, Jr.
"Playmate"
17.2 lbs.

BLUEFISH DIVISION

1st Place
Parker Kreppel
"Reel Joy"
9.2 lbs.

2nd Place
Parker Kreppel
"Reel Joy"
3.6 lbs.

3rd Place (tie)
Noah Good
"Good Four Pop"
Brody Fields
"Git-R-Done"
2.6 lbs.

TUNA DIVISION

1st Place
Justin Layer
"Riptide"
150.6 lb. Bluefin

2nd Place
Jacquelyn Barnett
"Crush Em"
142.4 lb. Bluefin

3rd Place
Team Effort
"Predator"
54.8 lb. Bluefin

FLOUNDER DIVISION

1st Place
Tyler Stierhoff
"Moe Trouble"
5.4 lbs.

2nd Place
Kaitlyn Kennington Wendler
"Señor Cigars"
4.6 lbs.

3rd Place
Caroline Kennington
"Señor Cigars"
4.2 lbs.

UNUSUAL CATCH

1st Place
Wyatt Richins
"Magic"
3 lb. triggerfish

2nd Place (tie)
Sean Hemphill
"Morning Star"
Frank Mattes, Jr.
"Playmate"
2.6 lb. triggerfish

3rd Place
Garrett Richardson
"Tuna Box"
2.4 lb. triggerfish

SEA BASS DIVISION

1st Place
Sean Hemphill
"Morning Star"
2.6 lbs.

2nd Place
Michael Rutka
"Fishin' Permission"
2.0 lbs.

3rd Place (tie)
Ava Usavage
"Angler"
Hailey Shea
Caught from Shore
1.0 lbs.

CROAKER DIVISION

1st Place (tie)
Graham McCabe
"Double Trouble"
Jack & Alec Burbage
"Lucky Break"
1.0 lbs.

2nd Place (tie)
Bryce Larsen
Blake Howell
Jack & Alec Burbage
.8 lbs.

3rd Place (tie)
Hank Dippel, Luke
Dippel, Nicole Gia,
JoJo Herring, Tyler
Herring, Emily Miller,
Daniel Melamerson,
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Billy Donahue
.6 lbs.

MACKEREL DIVISION

1st Place
Nicholas Roy
"Bill\$ 4 Bills"
8.6 lbs.

SPOT DIVISION

1st Place (tie)
Parker Harllee,
Taylor McCart,
Dalton Warren,
Jack & Alec
Burbage, Amy
Ewen, Courtney
Grady, Chelsea
Ireland, Caroline
Kennington, Voom
Team, Dawson
Fields, Hailey Shea,
Danny Brennan
.4 lbs.

2nd Place (tie)
Paige Kreppel,
Preson Harllee,
Noah Good, Jake
Good, Avery Lorah,
Emily Miller, Taylor
Jendrick, Jack &
Alec Burbage,
Caroline
Kennington, Mason
Staehle, Voom
Team, Hailey Shea,
Jackson Lucido
.2 lbs.

ROCKFISH DIVISION

1st Place
Lainey Atkins
"Get Sum"
13.4 lbs.

TAUTOG DIVISION

1st Place
Sam Heimer
"Tuna Box"
4.0 lbs.

2nd Place
Noah Good
"Good Four Pop"
3.2 lbs.

3rd Place
Gracie Heimer
"Tuna Box"
3.0 lbs.

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Graham McCabe caught a 1 lb. croaker to tie for 1st place in the Croaker Division of the 5th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Graham was fishing on the "Double Trouble" with Jackson Lucido, Andrew Bradshaw, Thomas Lucido, Gavin McCabe, Graham Hammond, Hunter Hammond and Capt. Kevin McCabe. The croaker was caught while drifting in the Thorofare. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



Jack and Alec Burbage of Ocean View, DE were fishing in the bay behind Assateague Island aboard the "Lucky Break" with Capt. Corey Harrington and Mate John Burbage (pictured) and returned with a 1 lb. croaker to tie for 1st place in the Croaker Division of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



Nicholas Roy of Elkridge, MD caught this 8.6 lb. king mackerel to win 1st place in the Mackerel Division of the Kid's Classic. Nicholas was fishing on the "Bill\$ 4 Bills" with Brandi Conner, Jenna Kliemisch, Capt. Mike Conner and Mates Matt Husman and Mike Moss. The mackerel was caught at the Twin Wrecks and weighed at Sunset Marina.



Sean Hemphill of Waterford, VA took top honors in the Sea Bass Division of the 5th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic. Sean was fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins when he landed this 2.6 lb. sea bass along with a 2.6 lb. triggerfish that was good enough for 2nd place in the Unusual Catch Division.



Sam Heimer caught a 4 lb. tautog to win 1st place in the Tog Division of the Marlin Club Kid's Classic held over the weekend. Sam caught the tog while fishing on the "Tuna Box" with Garrett Richardson, Grace Heimer, Gage Reynolds, Grady Reynolds, Madison Forrest and Capt. Shane Heimer. The anglers also caught a 3 lb. tog, a 4.2 lb. dolphin and a 2.4 lb. triggerfish during the trip. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



First place in the Most Unusual Fish Division of the 5th Annual Kid's Classic was won by Wyatt Richins for a 3 lb. triggerfish caught while fishing on the "Magic" with Nate Abercrombie, Marlin Steen, Kyle Wilson, Dalton Warren, Capt. Greg Steen and Mate Richie Baldwin. The triggerfish was caught on a strip of squid at Russell's Reef. Weighed at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City.



In the Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Parker Harlllee and Taylor McCart each tied for 1st place in the Spot Division with .4 lb. fish while Parker Kreppel took 1st Place in the Bluefish Division with a 9.2 lb. chopper and 2nd place with a 3.6 lb. bluefish. Also fishing on the "Little Reel Joy" were Spencer Cropper (pictured) and Paige Kreppel. The fish were caught in the East Channel between the Rt. 50 Bridge and Harbour Island. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



On the final day of the 5th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic, Neil Villanueva of Baltimore, MD, Gavin Gray of Salisbury, MD and Serena O'Connell of Goldsboro, MD each caught and released a white marlin, scoring 300 points, good enough to win 2nd place in the Billfish Release Division. The anglers caught the white marlin while fishing in 85-110 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon aboard the "Cyntinory" with Capt. Rick Carney and Mate Joe Bonvetti. The trip was awarded to each angler for winning categories in the 2008 Maryland Fishing Challenge and were filmed by a crew from Maryland Public Television for an episode of "Outdoors Maryland" to air this fall. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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Tom Sears reeled in this 167 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Wrangler" with Paul Andrews, Capt. Craig Mercier, Capt. Al Van Wormer and Mates Tommy Zapf and Jason Sears. The big bluefin hit a trolled ballyhoo at the Hot Dog. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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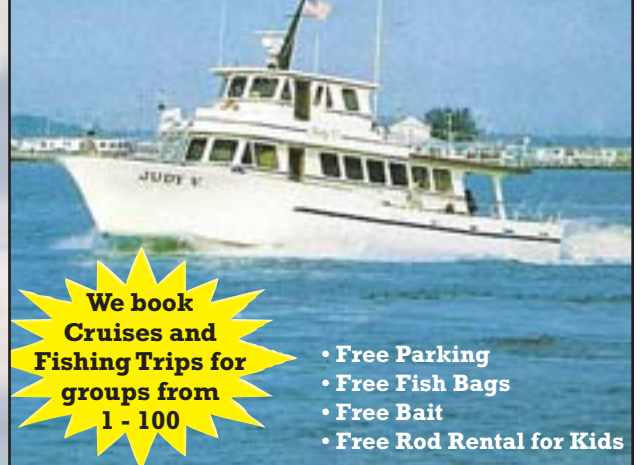
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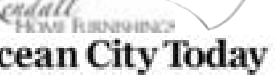
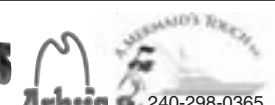
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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks! Fishing remains steady with fair catches of flounder in the Indian River Inlet and the back bays.

When the flounder are not cooperating, you can count on the croakers to keep the rod tip bouncing. The number of croaker coming in have all been high and the sizes have varied. Some folks reported several small fish, while others said most are of nice size.

In the ocean, the areas ranging from the "DB" Buoy to the "DA" Buoy, as well as the Old Grounds, have been giving up flounder and sea bass. The areas from the Lightship east and south have been offering dolphin, bluefish and bluefin tuna.

Some of the weigh-ins at the store included a very nice flounder from the Indian River



This 165 lb. bluefin tuna was caught by Tom Moran of Lewes, DE while trolling a ballyhoo skirted with a blue and white Ilander at the Hambone. The bluefin measured 66-inches and was weighed at Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE.

Inlet that weighed in at 11 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 31 ½ inches. The doormat was caught by Jody McCullough of New Providence, PA while he was fishing a live spot aboard the "Harry Herr". James Downey and Ed Holland fished the "DB" Buoy area using squid and minnow to produce a nice catch of 8 flounder ranging from

2 lbs. to 6 lbs. 10 oz. Tony Dambro towed his boat to Wachapreague, VA to head to the 21 Mile Hill in order for angler Kenny McNulty to troll up a 40 lb. bluefin and some dolphin.

Ten-year-old Hunter Culver of Milford, DE fished with his dad Donnie, John Ratliff, Mike Ratliff, David Smith and Steve Smith east of the Hot Dog. The group had a doubleheader white marlin bite. Both fish were caught and released with the largest estimated at 80 pounds. The group also caught 7 gaffer dolphin. A few days later, the same group fished inside the Poorman's Canyon and caught 3 yellowfin up to 55 lbs. and a gaffer dolphin.

Rattle & Reel Sporting Center on Long Neck Road. tells us that flounder fishing remains steady in the back bays with plenty of throwbacks and some real nice keepers. He also reported lots and lots of croakers around Gull Island. The "DB" Buoy area is producing 23 to 28-inch

flounder.

Dan at Henlopen Bait and Tackle on Savannah Road. in Lewes, DE reported plentiful spot and a few bluefish being caught off the beaches. Croaker fishing remains good, but most fish are on the small side. Dan said that it is typical summertime fishing.

Hook'em & Cook'em Bait and Tackle at North Shore Marina reported flounder to 5 lbs. in the Inlet. Blues are in and out but will hit anything thrown at them. A few stripers were taken on spot and Tsunami lures. In the surf it is spot, kingfish and a few blues with the usual sharks and skates.

Offshore action has dolphin and small bluefin biting from the Lightship to the 20 fathom line. The yellowfin action is great at Poorman's, as long as the angler is at the right place at the right time.

Bill's Sport Shop on Rte. 1 in Lewes, DE, reported plenty of action. Todd Buchanan caught a 110 lb. mako at the 20 Fathom Fingers on a m a c k e r e l / b u n k e r combination. John Troiani and Mike Alden fished 2 miles out of the Indian River Inlet and caught 3 keeper flounder up to 22-inches on green bucktails with squid and minnows. Aaron Bromer caught a 15" tog at the Indian River Inlet on sand fleas, and also caught 4 undersized tog which were released. He also released 14 shorts this past Wednesday and two on Thursday.

Kenny G., Skip Mosiej, John Don, and Joey on the "Just Right IV" caught a 58 lb. bluefin and released a smaller one trolling ballyhoo northeast of the 19 Fathom Lump. Bluefin to 80 lbs. have been reported at Massey's Canyon. Capt. Scott Reed, Randy Gooner and Kendal fished the "Ta Dah" at the Outer Wall and boated 1 trigger fish and 2 tog at 15 and 20-inches. The trio then drifted the canal and hooked several throw back flounder and had one keeper at 19 ½-inches. Louie Satori,

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Capt. Roy and the crew on the “Outrageous” out of the Indian River Inlet caught 8 dolphin to 20 lbs. and had 2 white marlin releases trolling ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon.

The Langdon family called to report that they boated two 70 lb. bluefin at the 19 Fathom Line and Mary Beth Langdon caught her first one. All were fooled by ballyhoo. Will Geppert, age 10, landed a couple of largemouth bass and some very large sunfish at Burton’s Pond. Chuck from Bill’s Sport Shop reports that he was fishing at Massey’s Pier and lost a huge flounder. While he was there, he also saw 3 keeper flatties and 3 triggerfish being landed.

Gene from Cedar Creek Marina stopped in to say he and his buddy Jim Kris were fishing Sites 6 and 7 and had 7 flounder with 3 keepers using cut bluefish and minnows. Capt. Paul Henninger of the “Amethyst” out of Indian River Marina was fishing

south of the Tea Cup headed toward the Hot Dog when he had a huge run off. He also caught blues at the Five Fathom Bank and a bonita at the Old Grounds. The “Reliable II” is fishing daily from Bowers Beach. They reported a “croaker catching frenzy”. Other fish that are coming over the rail are flounder, weakies, blues and sea bass.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said flounder action remained steady. Artificial structures at Brown Shoal gave up nice flatfish like Larry Coyle’s 7.0 and 6.76 pounders. Larry’s fish were caught using Gulp! Sand Eels. Tony Zdrojewski and Tony Zdrojewski, Jr. had seven keeper flounder to 4.47 lbs. at reef site #6 on Friday. Flatties came from the Star reef site as well. Boaters casting to the rocks of the inner and outer breakwaters and the ferry jetty found fluke too. Shad darts tipped with minnows or Gulp! Swimming Mulletts were

effective. Steven Grove got a 6.57 lb. flounder at the mouth of Roosevelt Inlet. Todd Manning was surprised when a 3.67 lb. sea trout grabbed a Gulp! he was tossing to the inner wall. Flounder also hung out around the piers inside Cape Henlopen.

In the ocean, reef site #10 was productive. Ken Teufel took a 6.8 pounder from the rubble there aboard “Lil’ Angler II”. Groups fishing on the “Grizzly” enjoyed good catches at the ocean reef sites as well. Frank Pogue used a Spro jig to tempt an 8 ½ lb. doormat out of the junk. Jim Skyman scored a 6 lb. 14 oz. flounder. Alex Lewantowsky landed and released a monster 16 lb. 4 oz. tautog. The Old Grounds between the “DB” and “DA” Buoys held fluke. Chris Dispoto and family returned with 7 nice keepers from there Saturday. Lots of sea bass were mixed in, but few were of legal size. Anglers fishing from shore at Roosevelt Inlet caught flounder, croakers,

July 22, 2009 Coastal Fisherman Page 31 spot, snapper blues and stripers. Guys fishing eels around the Lewes Canal drawbridge and railroad bridge hooked slot-size stripers. On the tuna front, big bluefins came from structures between twenty and thirty fathoms. Wes and Shane Olson teamed up for a 112.4 pounder at Massey’s Canyon. That bruiser ate a sardine on the bottom. Christopher Harmon was trolling ballyhoo at the Hambone aboard the “Tranquilla” when he boated a 135.4 lb. bluefin. Trollers also encountered nice dolphin. The Davis family had a half dozen gaffers at Massey’s Canyon on the “Skipjack”, including a 16.4 pounder for Alan Davis, and a 17.5 lb. mahi for Clay Davis.

‘Til next week, have fun and be safe!

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With big flounder still coming in from Delaware Bay reefs, Capt. Larry Coyle took advantage of the bite, landing these 2 flatties weighing 6 lbs. 12 oz. and 7 lbs. while fishing at Brown Shoal. The flounder hit on Gulp! artificial baits and were weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Spearfishing at Winter Quarter Shoal

by Tassos Argyros

As we eased out of the fog to our destination, the faint outline of a boat appeared. Darn, somebody beat us to it. "Pull up, let's talk to them." As we got closer I realized that they were not hooked up yet. "Are you going to do some diving?" the other boat calls out as they watch me putting on my wet suit. "Oh yeah", I replied. "We're going to try it too." "Sounds good," I responded. Seconds later, I observed one of the passengers suiting up in an orange and pink O'Neil surfing wet suit. This should be interesting, I told my uncle. We proceeded to hookup on the Winter Quarter Shoal wreck approximately 23 miles south of the Ocean City Inlet. This happens to be one of the best spots around Ocean City, MD for the novice spearfisherman. The combination of shallow depth, warmer water and an abundance of fish make it the perfect place to take up this exciting sport.

As I entered the water, my first thoughts were that the visibility looked decent, approximately twelve to fifteen feet on the surface. My next thoughts were Mama will be eating well tonight and the fish are in trouble. The first dive put me twenty-six feet down on the sand. Two more thoughts crossed my mind, the visibility on the bottom was not as good, but still around 10-feet and plenty good enough to fill the cooler.

I returned to the surface and immediately oriented myself to where our boat was anchored. We must be anchored to the side of the wreck I thought. No problem, I thought to myself. The other boat was anchored parallel to ours so I swam toward the other boat and stopped midway. I rested on



the surface for a few seconds to lower my heart rate, and then I took two or three deep breaths and dove down to the bottom. As I made my way down to twenty feet I saw the sandy bottom. It was covered with small mussels and I realized that I still had not found my mark. I kicked hard twice on the bottom and the wreck came into view. The tautog were everywhere and the phrase "teaming with life" was the only way to describe it. Perfect. I eased my way to the surface without spooking the fish and oriented myself to the boats. Then I checked to see where the

new guy was. There were other spots on the wreck that I could hunt if I needed to. The new guy will definitely spook the fish I thought to myself. Not a problem if you are just trying to shoot a few tog, but if you are looking for the ten pounders they will hole up and the sheepshead will take off also.

My next few dives were on the wreck, but uneventful. I observed a few small tog in the 4 to 5 pound range. They were not what I was looking for. I looked at my dive watch and quickly realized the problem. My heart was still racing too hard and my dive times had only been around 35 seconds. Good enough to shoot a four pound tog, but you won't see a sheepshead. I proceeded to spend a little more time on the surface to breath-up. Breathing-up is a process which helps to slow your heart rate and oxygenate your blood allowing you to increase your dive times.

On my next dive, I dropped down on a school of tog. When I reached the bottom I froze. The tog stopped fleeing and circled to investigate me. I scanned the school and picked out the largest one. I slowly raised my speargun and gently squeezed the trigger. The shaft rocketed forward and impaled the fish. As I swam back to the boat, I got the feeling that someone was watching me. "Nice tog", someone screamed out, "thanks", I called back. I flopped the 7 pounder on the boat and my uncle said, "Why did you shoot that minnow?" "I don't know, the water makes them look bigger," I responded.


Alright, where are they, I thought to myself? The reason why I ran 23 miles through the fog was to spear some sheepshead. I headed back to the spot.

On my next dive, I gently glided to the bottom and came to rest next to a piece of the wreck that concealed me nicely. Perfect now just relax, I thought to myself. Once again the tog

initially scattered, and then came toward me for a closer look. A few more seconds went by and then it happened. The distinct silhouette of a sheepshead formed in the distant murk. Then the black and white stripes became visible and several more sheepshead appeared. As the contractions began in my abdomen, I strained my eyes to pick out the biggest fish in the school. That's the one, I thought to myself. I slowly raise my gun, aim and squeeze off the shot. The shaft raced off and found its mark. The sheepshead raced off out of view and I kicked hard to the surface responding to the urge to breath that had been steadily building over the course of the last minute. I broke the surface and took two deep recovery breaths. All the while I was fighting the fish that was on the shooting line and gently worked it to the surface. I was also enjoying the feeling of success that many hunters out there can relate too. I got the fish to the surface and swam it back to the boat. What kind of fish is that? Someone shouted. "Sheepshead", I responded.

Over the next thirty minutes, the same scenario replayed itself three or four more times and then they were gone. Ok, the sheepshead are spooked, let me check on the new guy and move to another part of the wreck, I thought to myself.

I swam over toward the new guy and asked, "How's it going?" "Ok I guess, I haven't gotten one yet," he responded. "Just drop down on the wreck and wait for the fish to turn and come back towards you" I said. "That's the problem, by the time I get down to the wreck, it's time to come back up." he replied. As I observe him kicking fairly hard to stay on the surface, my mind wonders back to when I was first learning to spearfish and realized that I had made the same mistake many years ago.



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He was wearing too much weight which was causing him to kick hard in order to stay on top of the water. The kicking elevates your heart rate and shortens your dive times.

I swam over to the other area of the wreck. I dropped down on a part that comes up off the sand about twelve feet. As I observed a school of tautog, I glanced down at the wreck and an oval doormat outline caught my eye. Closer inspection confirmed the perfectly camouflaged flounder. I slowly eased back to the surface and thought through my plan of attack. I had two options. I could have shot the flounder on an angle or scared it and tried to shoot it as it swam away. If I shot it perpendicularly, there was a chance that the spear shaft would hit the wreck under the fish and the spear will not go through the fish. If I scared it up, it would have been a difficult shot because of the angle. I decided to drop down on it and make a decision after I surveyed it again. I decided to shoot it on an angle because it

looked like it was just lying on sand after all. My shaft penetrated deep enough and I surfaced with the flounder.

I shot a few more tog, gave one to the other boat and decided to call it a day. Total catch for the day was four tautog, five sheepshead, one flounder, and one triggerfish.

Breath-hold spearfishing is all about relaxation. This is much easier said than done in our neck of the woods. The combination of murky water, colder water temperatures and ocean currents make it less than an ideal place to learn how to spear fish. On the bright side, there is an abundance of fish and a few shallow wrecks where you can begin to hone your skills. Tautog are the most prevalent, but there are many other species to hunt. Some of the less common fish that show up during the summer months include sheepshead, cobia, amberjack and barracuda.

Authors disclaimer: Breath-hold spearfishing is a dangerous sport. The author is in no way encouraging anyone to pursue or attempt.



Glen Cave, Brad Cave and Hunter Selby caught these flounder, a triggerfish and a tautog while fishing near "B" Buoy. The heaviest flounder weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 8 lbs.

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Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



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Hopefully you've never experienced a day offshore when you had to abandon your boat or you were "dead in the water" with no one else in sight. If you have, then you know how bad that can feel. There are a few things that can be a great help if you ever find yourself in that situation. The survival raft has been around for quite a while but more recent years have given us the device known generally as the Position Indicating Radio Beacon. Earlier models depended on overhead aircraft for relaying information about a vessel in distress. Today's units make use of satellites.

The EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio

Beacon) is a portable device containing a high power, five-year shelf life battery that, when activated, provides a distress signal via radio waves which helps rescue personnel locate your position. Each EPIRB has a unique electronic serial number that is transmitted by the unit. For the system to work as designed, it is critical that you send in your registration form to NOAA. This registration identifies the owner, the vessel and the unique serial number of the EPIRB. It also notifies NOAA of those persons you identify as the ones to contact first if your vessel is reporting a distress signal. In addition, you need to update your registration information periodically. This can quickly be done via the Internet at the Coast Guard website

<http://www.sarsat.noaa.gov/beacon.html>.

The signal from the 406 MHZ EPIRB is received by satellites and transmitted to Local Use Terminals on land that decipher the code and match it to the database of names that have been registered. That data is relayed to a Mission Control Center and a Rescue Coordination Center is contacted. Local Search and Rescue forces are alerted and rescue craft are dispatched to the emergency site. A high intensity xenon strobe light on the unit and a 121.5 MHz radio transmitter aid in the short-range stages of location. This all happens very quickly.

Similar to the EPIRB is a device called the GPIRB (Global Position Indicating Radio Beacon). It is very close in design and purpose to the EPIRB except that it is able to give more precise location information. This is accomplished by the addition of a GPS receiver inside the device. When activated, its internal GPS finds its own position, just like an onboard GPS. Having located itself, it broadcasts its identity and position on 406MHz. It will then shut down for 20 minutes to conserve power, and repeat the process of locating itself and broadcasting. It will continue to update its position every 20 minutes as long as it is active. Once the information is

transmitted, the procedure for rescue is the same as with the EPIRB.

Naturally, finding the vessel in distress should be faster with the GPIRB. With both units, some things are critical to remember, however. First and foremost is the importance of registering your unit so that a "hit" from your device will be known to come from your boat. Also keep in mind that the device is designed to assist the rescuer in finding "it". Therefore, you must have the unit strapped to your boat or your raft or wherever YOU are. It serves little purpose for the rescue team to find the device if you are not with it. Better units are equipped with a hydrostatic float free release that activates itself when subjected to water pressure. Once free from the release bracket, the device will automatically turn itself on when the water sensors get wet. For this to work, the unit must be set to the "ready" or "armed" position. They can, of course, be deployed manually at any time.

The GPIRB units are about the same size as the EPIRB devices, but their cost is somewhat higher. Either unit will provide an excellent safety measure for you in case of an emergency when time is critical.

More recently, manufacturers have added a device called the PLB (personal locator beacon). It is smaller than the above units and is designed to be attached to you. It has a built in GPS to give your accurate position. The main drawback is the shorter battery life of 24 hours. Remember that they will direct rescue to the person wearing the PLB. If you are on a boat and more than one person has gone overboard, the one wearing the PLB is the one who will be found.

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Chum Lines

by Mark Sampson



Even when we're trying to catch the same fish, it's amazing how different we fishermen can sometimes be in our tackle and tactics. This diversity among fishermen might be just a matter of personal preferences to do things "this way" rather than "that way" and very often the different approach still has the desired result of catching fish.

But many times the

differences come not so much by design as by a lack of experience, and along the way anglers sometimes pick up bad habits that just don't go away even after they've made the transition from rank beginner to somewhat experienced fisherman.

Mistakes made by anglers are many, but after 23-years of running a charter boat and fishing alongside of how-ever-many-thousands of different anglers, I've definitely noticed a few bad habits that frequently seem to pop up among our ranks.

A common mistake I see anglers make is using terminal tackle (everything from the end of the line to the hook) that is too big and bulky. Either fish these days are getting smarter, or we've caught all the dummies and only the clever ones are left. Whatever the case may be, on the average I'd say that it's more difficult these days to fool a fish into hitting a bait or lure than it was a bunch of years ago. That's why so many anglers have switched to using invisible fluorocarbon leaders and thin braided lines. But making a stealthy presentation to a fish is obviously not something every fisherman is concerned about as there are still a lot of anglers who insist on using much more terminal gear than they need.

Perhaps the best example of this is when folks are bottom fishing. Sure there are times when anglers can tie on a big-old wire top-and-bottom rig adorned with two snelled hooks and a pyramid sinker and still catch a seabass or flounder, but all that extra "jewelry" at the end of the line is not only a waste of money, it's also not going to do the angler any favors on the all

too common days when the fish are being persnickety. Both offshore and inshore anglers need to keep it simple and show the fish no more terminal tackle than they must to get the job done, and the "job" is to put a bait or lure in front of the fish that it will eat and that will hold up to the struggle until the fish is to the boat. If a wire leader is needed, then use as light a wire as possible. If sinkers are needed then use no more weight than necessary, and if some kind of two hook bottom rig is required then learn how to tie one up using dropper loops and as light a monofilament line as possible. Anglers will always catch more fish if they KEEP TERMINAL TACKLE LIGHT AND SIMPLE!

Speaking of terminal tackle, regardless of what type of fishing they're doing, some anglers will always have a snap swivel tied to the end of their line to which they then snap whatever kind of rig or leader they'll be using. In many cases this practice is 100% necessary as it allows anglers to quickly and easily make changes to what's on the end of their line without having to cut and retie. But swivels themselves can be quite visible to fish and particularly when anglers are casting lures or jigging, having an ugly inch-long snap swivel bouncing around at the end of the leader and in front of the lure can sometimes prove to be too much for a fish to accept. Anglers will have a better chance for success if they tie their leaders directly to lines and lures straight to their leaders. **ONLY USE SWIVELS WHEN NECESSARY!**

By the way, when swivels are needed, anglers should opt for a good quality black swivel that is no larger than necessary. Way too often I see anglers with great big shiny gold color swivels tied to the end of their line. I don't wish to hurt anyone's feeling here

but those gold snap swivels are usually the cheapest ones in the tackle shop and only someone who doesn't know what they're doing would consider tying one on their line and having it be a link between them and whatever fish they hope to catch! **ONLY USE QUALITY SWIVELS!**

Another problem I see a lot is when bottom fishermen allow their rods to rest on the gunwale or railing of a boat. Bottom fishing is all about "feeling the bite" so that you know just the right time to set the hook. Even when using super-sensitive braided line, if you're holding the rod, but somewhere between your hands and the tip the rod is resting on the boat, then much of the feel is going to be lost and you simply will not catch as many fish as the guy next to you who is properly holding his rod and "in tune" with what's happening down below. **DON'T LET YOUR ROD TOUCH ANYTHING BUT YOU!**

Everyone knows that fresh bait is better than old bait, fresh bait is also better than "washed-out" bait which has been in the water so long that much of the scent has left it. Most anglers have probably experienced times when one person on the boat seems to be catching all the fish even though everyone aboard is using the same type of rig and bait. This can be because every time they bring in a fish they have to put on a new bait, therefore, they're constantly sending down a fresh bait while everyone else is fishing with baits that have been soaking untouched so long that they have lost much of their effectiveness. Too often anglers make the mistake of checking their bait and concluding that as long as it "looks good" there's no need to replace it, particularly if someone else aboard is catching fish and you aren't. **DON'T GET LAZY - CHANGE YOUR BAIT!**

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Sea Bass 	March 6, 2009 Noah Fowler Bow Mariner 7 lbs.	February 25, 2009 Paul Twilley Wilmington Canyon 7 lbs. 5 oz.	Mako Shark 	June 20, 2009 Jim Hughes Washington Canyon 876 lbs.	July 1, 2009 Rick Sank Poor Man's Canyon 170 lbs.
Tautog 	March 15, 2009 Capt. Kane Bounds "Judith M" 19 lbs. 8 oz.	May 3, 2009 Bill Gable "#1 Hooker" 14 lbs. 10 oz.	Thresher Shark 	June 19, 2009 Brent Applegit Fingers 642 lbs.	July 1, 2009 John Kazem "B" Buoy 376 lbs.
Striped Bass 	May 17, 2009 Donald Hatfield Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 8 oz.	May 13, 2009 Derek Bair Indian River Inlet 35 lbs. 6 oz.	Cobia 	July 4, 2009 Tassos Argyros Ocean Wreck 60 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Weakfish 	May 16, 2009 Chris Tilghman Rt. 90 Bridge 7 lbs. 8 oz.	May 24, 2009 Isaiah Ross Broadkill River 6 lbs. 8 oz.	Bluefin Tuna  	July 13, 2009 Giuseppe Ferrarelli "That's Right" 170 lbs.	June 28, 2009 Collin Johnson "MEGA-BITE" 180 lbs.
Speckled Trout 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna  	June 8, 2009 Brian Eder "Marli" 53 lbs.	July 11, 2009 Walt Murphy "MEGA-BITE" 62 lbs.
Flounder  	June 11, 2009 Avak Khachadorian "Morning Star" 9 lbs. 2 oz.	July 19, 2009 Jody McCullough Indian River Inlet 11 lbs. 10 oz.	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefish 	June 27, 2009 Mike Osifat Poor Man's Canyon 13 lbs.	May 24, 2009 Troy Schifflett 12 Fathom Lump 13 lbs. 13 oz.	Bigeye Tuna 	June 27, 2009 Scott Pringle "Press Time" 210 lbs.	June 21, 2009 Doug Rinicker Poor Man's Canyon 102 lbs.
Sheepshead 	June 11, 2009 Tassos Argyros Barn's Table Wreck 11 lbs. 4 oz.	No Weights Reported	Dolphin 	May 21, 2009 Chuck Dammann "Restless Lady" 30 lbs.	May 24, 2009 Ron Frank "Da Chief" 19.6 lbs.
Black Drum 	No Weights Reported	May 22, 2009 Anthony Lano Coral Beds 82.3 lbs.	Wahoo  	July 18, 2009 Keith Wolf Hambone 53 lbs.	No Weights Reported

For a copy of this page or to report your catch, call the Coastal Fisherman at 410-213-2200



Bert Campbell of Dagsboro, DE caught his limit of flounder while fishing in the Indian River Inlet with a Spro bucktail tipped with a pink Berkley Gulp! artificial bait. Bert's largest flattie weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. at Hook'em & Cook'em Outfitters.



Jake Louer from Elizabethtown, PA caught this 150 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "All In" with Jordan Louer, Collin Macomber, Josh Louer, Colby Macomber and Capt. Chad Meeks. The fish was caught at the Hambone and was weighed at Sunset Marina.

Chum Lines continued:

Last but certainly not least is the mistake anglers often make when they crank the handle of the reel while the drag is slipping and a fish is pulling out line. This usually occurs with anglers who have little or no experience catching fish large enough to pull drag. When fighting larger fish anglers must stay calm, pay attention to their spool of line, and always know if line is coming in or going out. It might seem silly to even have to say that, but it is so common to watch someone hooked up to a big fish and cranking for all they're worth, while line is

steadily streaming out from the reel. If line is going out there is NEVER a reason to be turning the handle of the reel, at best it will just help to wear out the angler faster than the fish, at worst (if a spinning reel is being used) it will twist the line up so badly that the reel will not be able to be used again until all the line is untwisted by dragging it behind the boat. If line is going out DON'T CRANK!

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

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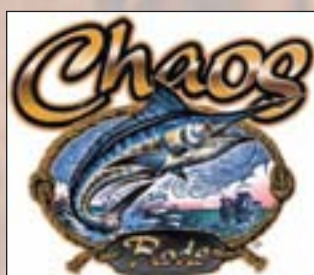
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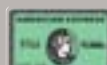
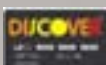
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Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball



It is difficult to decide what to fish for right now since so much is available. Inshore, the summer flounder scene is worth the effort, with more and larger flatfish becoming more common. The bigger fish are still coming from live bait offered along varying bottom structures toward the lower part of the bay. The Cell, Back River Reef, the CBBT structure, and inshore wrecks are just a few of the best flounder hot-

spots lately. Drifters are also having good luck with strip baits near buoy 42 and the Thimble Shoal Channel near Cape Henry. Judy Isak of Virginia Beach scored with a nice 8 lb., 8 oz. flattie while working a live spot along the structure of the CBBT this week.

There are plenty of 3 to 7 lb. spadefish ganging up on suspended clam near the Bay Bridge Tunnel islands, with the 4th island providing the larger fish this week. The Chesapeake Light Tower, Tower Reef area, and near shore wrecks are also providing similar action. The biggest fish are still available at the Cell, but action is slow.

Sheepshead are faring well, with most of these structure-oriented fish coming from the Bay Bridge Tunnel proper. Clams and fiddler crabs are the best bait. Tautog will also take your offering in the same areas, along with triggerfish. Triggers are numerous again this year. These aggressive little fish will hit most any bait.

The cobia scene is still going strong in lower Bay waters. Sight casters are cleaning up, with big fish pushing up to around 80 lbs.

Chummers are also finding steady action on the Latimer and the Nine-Foot Shoal areas. Barry Smith of Aylett, Virginia took a nice 77-pounder while chumming on Latimer Shoal using cut bait this week. Folks are also hooking red drum in these same areas. Black drum are continuing to offer results to casters targeting these massive fish around all four islands of the CBBT.

Croaker are biting around the CBBT, the HRBT, the Hampton Bar, and the Cell, where hardheads can range to over 2 lbs. lately. The back waters of Oyster are giving up daily coolers full of medium-sized croaker. Nice spot are also available around the Concrete ships, with smaller spot making a showing in Rudee Inlet. Puppy drum are taking baits within both Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets.

The excellent Spanish mackerel bite happening in lower bay waters and along the oceanfront is still a crowd pleaser. Captain Jake Hiles aboard the "Matador" out of Rudee Inlet reports that he is getting limits of good size Spanish averaging 21 to 22-inches and larger. With the

frequent easterly winds lately, the king mackerel bite could take off soon.

Virginia tarpon made their debut on the Eastern Shore, but they have all but vanished over the last two weeks. Chris at Chris' Bait and Tackle theorizes that the cooler weather lately has caused the water temperature to drop. Silver kings are very sensitive to water temperature, making the tarpon fishery questionable for the season.

Inshore wrecks are holding some decent keeper-sized seabass and triggerfish. Deep droppers are still pulling in good numbers of tilefish, rosefish and grouper, along with a smattering of seabass and white hake. Captain Skip Feller, aboard the "Rudee Angler", reports that his crew caught several nice golden tilefish, blueline tilefish, and large blackbellied rosefish on this week's long range deep drop trip out of The Virginia Beach Fishing Center.

Amberjack are ready for action on the local wrecks and at the South Tower. Jigs and live bait work well for these powerful fighters.

Offshore, the billfish bite is heating up, with multiple white marlin flags flying over the past week. The best action is coming from east of the Cigar area, with some nice gaffer dolphin in the mix. Yellowfin tuna are a little hard to come by, but the bluefin tuna are filling in. Good bluefin action is coming from the inshore lumps, with the Fingers and 26 Mile Hill providing solid action. Some of these fish are weighing up to over 100-pounds. Russell Mall of Lurey, Virginia boated a 135-pounder, which helped the crew of the "Ocean Pearl" skippered by Captain Steve Wray secure 2nd place in the Virginia Beach Tuna Tournament this week.

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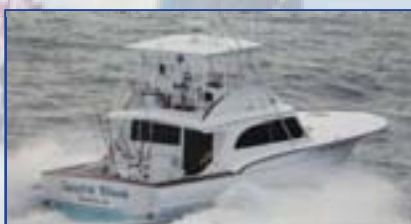
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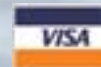
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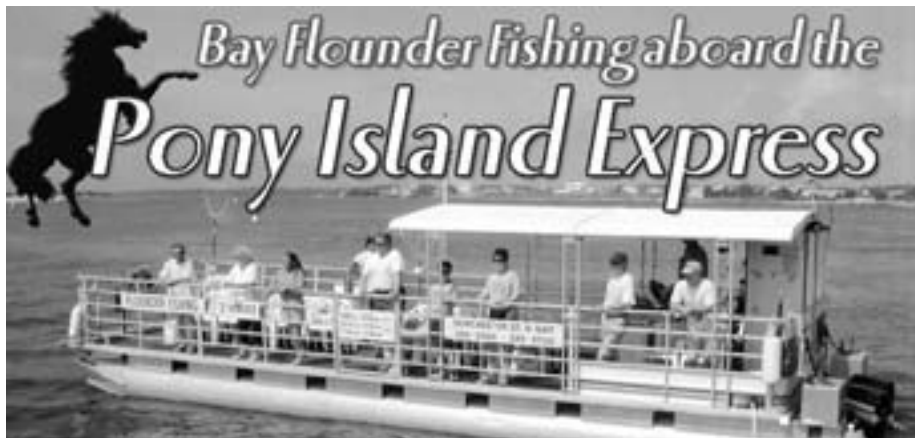
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John and Debbie Ehrat of York, PA joined Keith and Kathy Shoff of Red Lion, PA for a trip on the “Marli” with Capt. Mark Hoos and Mate Mark Hoos, Jr. The anglers ended their day with a 62-inch bluefin and a 42.5-inch bluefin in the box. The larger bluefin weighed 136 lbs. and was caught at the Hambone. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Michael Young of Tully, NY outfished his brother, Matt Temple catching 3 nice flounder while fishing on the “Angler” with Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mate Dean Lo. Matt gave it a gallant effort, landing 3 sea bass but couldn’t top Michael’s heaviest flounder that tipped the scales at an even 4 lbs. Pictured at Capt. Bill Bunting’s Angler Dock.



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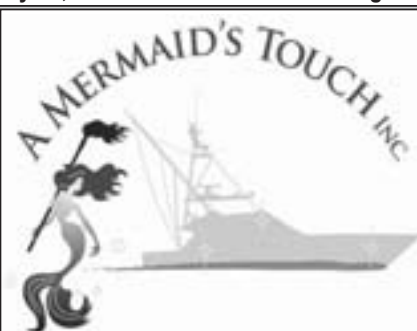
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Toni DiPietro is all smiles after catching this 6 lb. 3 oz. flounder while fishing with minnows off Slaughter Beach. Weighed at Henlopen Tackle.



Mason Vischer of San Antonio, TX caught this 20.5-inch flounder on a live minnow near the Rt. 50 Bridge. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Giuseppe Ferrarelli, Francesco Gaeta, Marcello Caruso, Ignazio Caruso, Sandro Mazzola, Piero Carcioppolo, Sergio Calcagno and Mike Wier, all from Lancaster, PA teamed up to land this 170 lb. bluefin along with a 42-inch bluefin while fishing on the "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and Mate John Griffith. Both fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo near the Hambone and were weighed at Fisherman's Marina.



Maxwell Rosenthal of North Potomac, MD caught this 31-inch striper while fishing on the "Get Sum" with Gary Rosenthal, Colin Campbell, Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. The 11.5 lb. striper hit a live spot near the Rt. 50 Bridge and was weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



"Hurricane" Murray Adams from Baltimore, MD caught a 20-inch flounder, while Terry Koshi of Ocean City, MD landed herself a 19-incher, both while fishing in the bay near Harbour Island on the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Bob Gowar. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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	<u>MD</u>	<u>DE</u>
Tuna:		
Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lbs.
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Bigeye ***	60"	75 lbs.
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Yellowfin ***	50"	75 lbs.
Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-
Bluefish	34"	14 lbs.
Cobia	44"	-
Croaker	18"	3 lbs.
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs.
Black Drum	48"	50 lbs.
Red Drum *	any size	-
Flounder	24"	7 lbs.
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs.
Blue Marlin **	any size	any size
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	<u>MD</u>	<u>DE</u>
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb.
Striped Bass	40"	20 lbs.
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Blue Shark *	any size	100 lbs.
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Speckled Trout	24"	-
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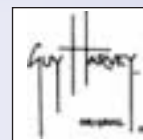
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Ben Smith and Chris Spalding of Orlando, FL along with Matt Ford and John Layton, both from Elmira, NY returned to the dock with a 65-inch bluefin tuna and a dolphin, caught while fishing on the "M.R. Ducks" with Capt. John Runkel and Mate David Walker. The bluefin weighed 140 lbs. on the scales at the Talbot Street Pier.

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Diana McLean of Chicago, IL caught 2 flounder (1 pictured) and 5 triggerfish during a trip aboard the "Morning Star" with her dad, Dr. Jack McLean, Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Tucker Colquhoun and Rich Silvani. The fish were caught on an ocean wreck with the flounder hitting strips of squid and the triggerfish hooked on clams. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.




Jonathon Dior of Wilmington, DE released a white marlin while fishing on the "Jo Jo" with Marshall Freng of Elkton, MD, Kelly Watkowski of Ocean City, MD, Kory Pringle of Newark, DE, Capt. Chris Watkowski and Mate Tony Congaldi. The anglers also landed 3 yellowfins and 4 dolphin, all on ballyhoo and spreader bars on the 800/800. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.




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Gene Hatfield, right, was fishing at the Old Grounds when he hooked into a 7 lb. 5 oz. flounder, held by his son, Jeff. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Rob Karpovich was drifting a squid and shiner combination near Reefsites #10 when he hooked into these 2 flounder weighing 5 lbs. 4 oz. and 6 lbs. 8 oz. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Dakota Bittner landed this 29-inch, 7 lb. 8 oz. striper while drifting in the bay behind Ocean City. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Mary Phylis Gear of Orlando, FL was fishing on the "Judith M" with her uncle, Ed Pilecki of Ocean City, MD, Capt. Kane Bounds and Mate Anton Postnikov when she landed this 7 lb. 8 oz. flounder on an artificial reef. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



Bernie McKeever, Jr. of Fairfax Station, VA caught a 47-inch bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Jade II" with Bernie McKeever, Sr., of Fairfax Station, VA, Jimbo Colonel, Ant Purcell and Matt Midgett, all from Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Barry and Matt Davis from Waldorf, MD, Kyle McKeever of Los Angeles, CA, Capt. Butch Brooks and Mate Gary Hall. The anglers also caught 6 dolphin on trolled ballyhoo at the Parking Lot. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Tyler Ilgen from Spring Mills, PA muscled in this 41.4-inch striper while fishing in the Indian River Inlet. The striper weighed 21 lbs. 1 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.



James Hammond and Rick Janne took the trip down from Baltimore, MD and caught these 4 flounder, measuring between 19.75 and 22-inches. All four flatties were caught in the bay near Harbour Island.



Matt Boyle of Bel Air, MD caught this 21-inch flounder on a shiner and squid combination in the bay near Harbour Island. Matt was fishing on the "Our Compromise" and is pictured with his mom at Capt. Mac's Bait & Tackle in Fenwick Island, DE.



Michael Fuhr was trolling in the Poor Man's Canyon when he hooked into this 17 lb. 11 oz. dolphin while fishing on the "Makai" with Capt. Larry Coyle. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Damon Deppe of Ocean City, MD reeled in this 61.5-inch bluefin tuna while chunking with butterfish at the Hambone. Damon was fishing on the "Amberjack" with John Knoll and Alex Rodriguez, both from Pittsville, MD. Pictured at Ake Marine.

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West Ocean City

Ocean City Marlin Club
Wockenfuss Candies
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Rhode River Boat Sales
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Marlin Market

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TIDES & MOON PHASES

OCEAN CITY INLET

Wed. July 22	Low 02:28 am Low 02:25 pm	High 08:36 am High 09:10 pm
Thurs. July 23	Low 03:17 am Low 03:20 pm	High 09:31 am High 10:01 pm
Fri. July 24	Low 04:05 am Low 04:14 pm	High 10:24 am High 10:51 pm
Sat. July 25	Low 04:53 am Low 05:10 pm	High 11:16 am High 11:39 pm
Sun. July 26	Low 05:41 am Low 06:08 pm	High ----- High 12:09 pm
Mon. July 27	Low 06:30 am Low 07:07 pm	High 12:27 am High 01:02 pm
Tues. July 28	Low 07:19 am Low 08:09 pm	High 01:18 am High 01:58 pm
Wed. July 29	Low 08:10 am Low 09:13 pm	High 02:11 am High 02:58 pm

These are Ocean City, MD tides at the Ocean City Inlet.

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.

Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to 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.

Pick Up Your Coastal Fisherman at These Delaware Locations

Rehoboth / Lewes / Milford, DE

Casapulla's • Lewes Harbour Marina • Henlopen Tackle
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Captain Mac's Bait & Tackle • Fenwick Bait & Tackle
Uncle Willies • Mini Mart • Mancini's Italian Restaurant
Harris Teeter • North Bay Marina

Indian River, DE

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Hocker's Deli • Hocker's Supermarket • G&E Hardware
Giant Supermarket • Bethany Auto Parts & Marine Supplies
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UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

~ JULY ~

Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament

July 24 - 26 • Sunset Marina
410-255-5535

1st Annual Marlin Club Ladies Tournament

July 30 - August 1 • OC Marlin Club
410-213-1613

~ AUGUST ~

2nd Annual Ocean Pines Summer Flounder Tournament

August 1 • Ocean Pines Yacht Club
410-641-5306

36th Annual White Marlin Open

August 3 - 7 • Harbour Island Marina
410-289-9229

16th Annual Capt. Steve Harman Poor Girl's Open

August 13 - 15 • Bahia Marina
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Mid-Atlantic \$500,000

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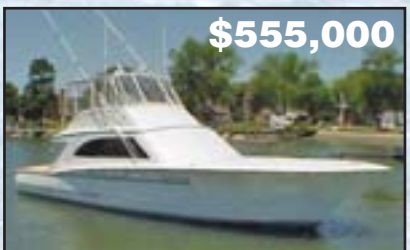
\$1,050,000

Masada ~ 58' Dean Johnson 2005. CAT 1015 hp C-18s. 3/2 w/satin finish cherry interior. Watermaker, Eskimo Ice machine, Release chairs, underwater lights. Call Jimmy



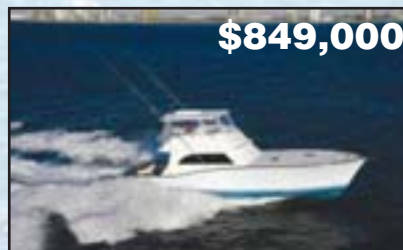
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Hattitude ~ 55' Custom Carolina. Twin C-12 2007 CATs, 26 kts @ 1900 rpm, 12kw gen. Mezzanine style seating, spacious cockpit. Rigged to fish and well maintained. Call Jimmy



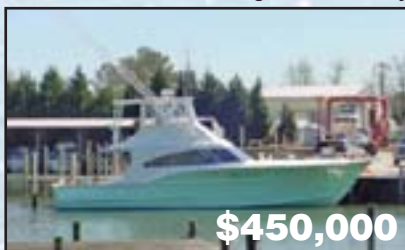
\$555,000

Low Profile ~ 55' 2000 Gwaltney. 3406 CATs. Very clean excellent maintenance. Spacious cockpit, rigged to fish. Call Jimmy



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Olivia Grace ~ 54' 2006 Vicem Sportfish. 1050 hp MANs, bow thruster. 3/2 layout. Luxurious mahogany interior. Loaded. Call Jimmy



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Reliance ~ 51' 2004 Custom Crown. Single 12 cyl MAN, great fuel economy. Good electronics, rigged to fish. Proven charter boat. Call Jimmy \$450,000



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Justified ~ 48' 1988 Ocean. Proven fish raiser. Constant maintenance program. Motivated seller. Call Jimmy



45' Rampage 2005 C-12 CATs
Like new, super clean. Full Furuno NavNet, loaded. Ready to fish the canyons. Call Steve



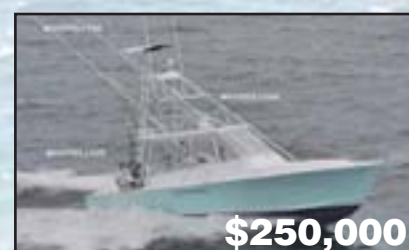
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The Natural ~ 47' 1962 Daytona Detroit GMITI 330 hp engines. Mahogany trim by Rybovich. PB style controls. Super clean. Call Jimmy



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Current Obsession ~ 33' 1979 Bertram Conv - Twin gas 502. Full tower, upper controls, good electronics. Rigged to fish. Call Steve \$49,900



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Darlin ~ Stolper 38 Express. Cummins 6CTA 420hp 350hrs SMOH, CAC new 2006. Many 2006 upgrades. Call Steve



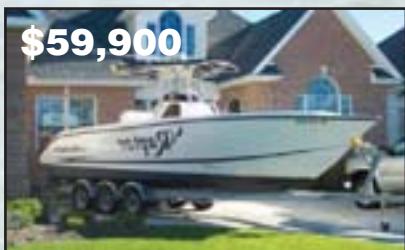
\$529,000

Why Not ~ 45' Scarborough Express 1992. Cummins QSM11 625 hp engines. New tower, riggers, interior, fresh paint and more in 2006. Call Jimmy



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Judy-Judy ~ 31' 2001 Sportcraft3010 HT. Twin Merc 350 MAG, marlin tower w/controls, good electronics. Call Steve



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Raptor ~ 30' 1999 Hydra-Sports Vector. '05 Twin Yamaha 250 4-stroke, new wiring & triple axle trailer. Call Steve



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