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The crew on the "Tail to Tale" surprised everyone at the Indian River Marina when they arrived with a 557 lb. blue marlin and a 78 lb. bigeye tuna after fishing in 500 fathoms between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons. The blue marlin was fooled with a ballyhoo dressed up with a glow-in-the-dark Joe Shute lure. Pictured are Ryan Janney from North East, MD, Jeremy Ruff from Newport, DE, Johnny Corridori from New Castle, DE, Mike Glenn from Cecil County, MD, Andrew Earle from Landenberg, PA and Capt. Jason Mendenhall. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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The largest flounder caught so far this year is a 28 1/2-inch, 9 lb. 8 oz. flattie boated by Mike Volz of Marydel, MD. Mike was fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Whisperer" with Capt. Rodney Jones when he hooked the flounder on cut bait and squid at "B" Buoy. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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Brad Taylor, David Hooker, Jon Benjamin and Jason Schwartz spent the day trolling in 50 to 200 fathoms between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons and caught 6 yellowfins weighing between 40 and 50 lbs. Jon also released a white marlin during the trip.





We haven't seen too many bluefin tuna arrive at the scales along the coast and the first one to be brought back this season to the Indian River Marina was this 65 pounder caught by Jake Smith of Wilmington, DE. Jake was fishing with Carter DiRado on the "Grace On" when he hooked the tuna on a trolled pink Joe Shute lure at the Hambone. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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The weatherman predicted horrendous weather last weekend, which postponed 2 tournaments and kept most boats at the dock. However, Sunday turned out to be much nicer than predicted and we saw fish come in from the bay, inshore structure and the canyons.

In the bay, flounder fishing definitely picked up with keepers mixed in with loads of throwbacks caught by anglers drifting in the bay behind Assateague Island from just south of the entrance down to around the bend past the Airport. The best action took place behind Castaway's anglers Campground for drifting white Gulp! Mullets and Swimming minnows around the beginning of the outgoing tide.

The best catch we saw all week came in from the charter boat, "Lucky Break" when they returned with 8 in the box on Tuesday morning and followed that up with 5 in the afternoon.

Elsewhere in the bay, anglers found striped bass around the Rt. 50 Bridge and good numbers of smaller linesiders around the South Jetty. Capt. Nick on the charter boat, "Get Sum" called in on Sunday night to report that all the stripers you wanted were around the rocks.

On ocean structure, area headboats have flipped from targeting black sea bass to



It might be a motley looking crew, but they brought some meat back to the dock after trolling in 100 fathoms below the Washington Canyon last Thursday. Harry Rey captured a 35 lb. wahoo on a spreader bar while fishing with Donald Bounds (not pictured), Steve Meadowcroft, Tom Hennessey, Greg Rittershofer, Capt. John Oughton and mate Mike Mason. The anglers also caught a yellowfin and a mahi, both on trolled cedar plugs.

flounder and their anglers are catching some good size flatties. We also saw some nice catches from private boats as well. If you want to make the long trip, the Old Grounds and the areas around "A" and "B" Buoys are producing some nice size fish, but closer to home you can also find them at the Bass Grounds, Fenwick Shoal and the African Queen. This bite should only get better, so do yourself a favor and join the Ocean City Reef Foundation. For only \$50 your membership entitles you to a book showing all of the reefs in their system,

including coordinates.

Besides the couple of days where bad weather kept them at the dock, offshore boats really had a some good days of fishing., not only returning with good size tuna in the box, but they also battled many throwbacks during their trip.

Early in the week, before the blow, yellowfins continued to be caught between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons. Anglers on the charter boat, "Marli" really smoked them on Tuesday, returning with 17 in the box after fishing in 150 fathoms. On Thursday, they returned to 500 fathoms below the Washington and caught 12 yellowfins on

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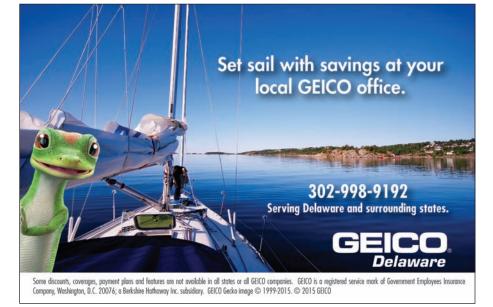
the troll in addition to over 30 releases. Most of the other boats had single digit catches. After the bad weather rolled through, boats started heading to the Baltimore Canyon where the yellowfin action was pretty good. "Talkin' Trash" ended their day on Sunday with 11 in the box and "Rhonda's Osprey" had 8. Interestingly, the "Talkin' Trash" had a bluefin on the line that was estimated at over 100-inches, but lost it during the fight.

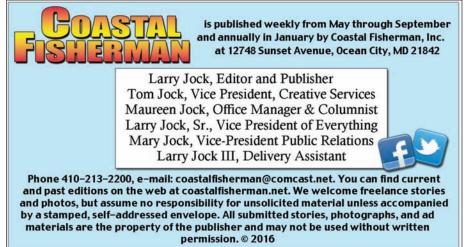
Several bigeye tuna were caught last week, highlighted by good catches on Sunday by anglers on the "Skattebol" and Right". "That's The "Skattebol" had 3 eyeballs, weighing 127, 128 and 138 lbs., after trolling in 200 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Capt. John Oughton on "That's Right" was in the same vicinity, just deeper in 400 fathoms, where his anglers went 3 for 4 on bigeyes. Their fish weighed 115, 130 and 220 lbs.. Earlier in the week, anglers on the "Always Something" caught 3 bigeves, in addition to 12 yellowfins and some mahi, during an overnight trip to the Norfolk Canyon.

After a long stretch of long runs to catch yellowfins in the Washington and Norfolk, I'm sure that some anglers are hoping for an appearance from bluefin tuna. Well, the only one we saw last week was a 65 pounder caught at the Hambone.

A few white marlin were released last week by boats trolling for yellowfins in 150 to 200 fathoms below the Washington Canyon.

Mixed in with the yellowfins and white marlin in







The weather calmed down on Sunday, so anglers aboard the "Skattebol" headed out to the Baltimore Canyon where they found bigeye tuna in 200 fathoms. With Charlene Aldrich at the wheel, anglers Sean Cope, Francois Aldrich and Tom Over muscled in the 127, 128 and 138 lb. eyeballs while trolling ballyhoo before returning to Sunset Marina at 10:00 PM.

the Washington and Norfolk Canyons were good size gaffer dolphin and we even saw a 35 lb. wahoo caught on Thursday by Harry Rey on the "That's Right".

**Upcoming Tournaments** 

Both the Marlin Club Small Boat Tournament and the M.S.S.A. Tuna-ment were rescheduled from last weekend to this weekend due to bad weather forecast. The M.S.S.A. Tournament is Friday through Sunday with weigh-ins at Atlantic Tackle. The Small Boat Tournament will be held on Saturday and Sunday with anglers fishing 1 of 2 days. Weigh-ins will be at Sunset Marina.

See you at the scales!

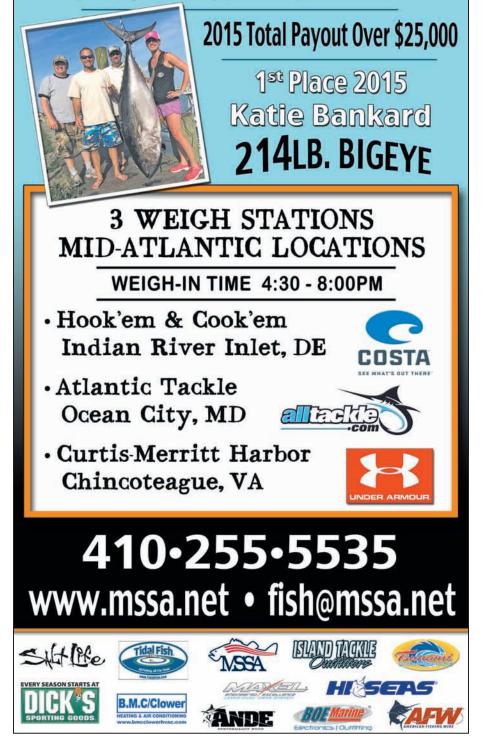


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Jim and Triston Rubush from Queenstown, MD, Tim Reed and Carl Lamb from Hanover, PA, Matt Fox from Pasadena, MD and Ben Wolod from Arnold, MD were fishing on the charter boat, "Rhonda's Osprey" with Capt. Joe Drosey and mate Eric Strauss when they captured 5 yellowfin tuna and a pair of bigeye tuna weighing 127 and 157 lbs. All were caught in the Washington Canyon on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





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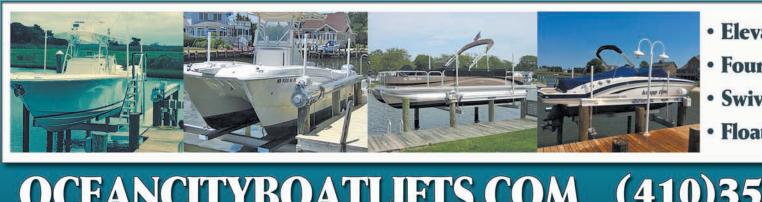
Flounder are being caught more often on ocean structure and on this day, Josh and Natalie Trappe of Lewes, DE hooked a pair of keepers with cut bait while fishing on the headboat, "Judy V" with Capt. Eddie Wheedleton. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.







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A while back, I had three fellows fishing with me who brought along and wore their own personal floatation devices (PFD's), but unlike normal lifejackets or vests, what they had resembled a set of wide suspenders. With the help of a CO2 cartridge, the device would automatically inflate if the wearer ended up in the water, or if they pulled a certain red plastic tab.

I certainly have no problem with anyone who chooses to take the extra steps to help ensure their personal safety. In fact, I applaud such actions and agree with safety statistics indicating that if all boaters would wear PFD's (even people who can swim) there would be a lot less fatalities on the water. Still, seeing three guys step boat aboard my and immediately don lifejackets had me wondering what kind confidence they had in me as a captain. Hey - I've got a good sound boat, with high enough sides that people just don't go falling overboard very easily and I'm happy to report that I've always managed to bring home every customer I've taken out. Of course some have come back a bit on the "pickled" side, and more than just a few have been burnt red like steamed crabs, but fortunately, all have arrived back at the dock alive and well, even despite the pleading by some of my seasick clients to just kill them right

there on the deck and put an end to their misery. Some things I just won't do – dead customers don't pay very well.

While my clients always seem to stay in the boat, I wish I could say the same about myself. I don't know if you spend enough time on the water, it's just bound to happen to you sooner or later, if it's a matter of getting older and clumsier or that I'm doing dumber things these days. I only know that I've found myself climbing back into boat more times in the last twentysome years than I have in my first thirty, and it's getting embarrassing!

The first in my string of splashdowns occurred while fishing by myself down in the Florida Keys. I was working a flat in about 3-feet of water, standing on the bow of a skiff casting to a bunch of barracuda. I hooked one of the toothy torpedoes and as it immediately headed towards the stern of the boat, I tried to follow by walking along the wet gunwale, which proved to be a lot slicker than I imagined. Barracuda are revered for their jumping ability when hooked, but they've got nothing on a 183 pound doofuss doing the two-step off a boat while trying not to break or lose an \$800 fly rod!

When I stood up in the waist-deep water, I was happy to find that the cuda was still hooked-up and slowly moving



Mike Smith from Middletown, DE caught this 18-inch weakfish while drifting a bucktail tipped with a 4-inch white Gulp! Swimming Mullet on the south side of the Indian River Inlet Jetty.

off into the current. Unfortunately, my boat was quickly moving off "with" the current, forcing me to wade after it at warp-speed. Of course, I wasn't wearing shoes to protect my feet from common wading hazards like coral, sea urchins and stingrays, after all I was supposed to be "in" the boat. I made haste, caught the boat and the fish, and later found that Soft Scrub works very well for taking human blood off a fiberglass deck.

The next time I took an unexpected plunge was also in the Keys. I had jury-rigged a poling platform on an old boat and it was the first time I tried to use it. In fact it was the first time I had ever tried poling a all, a deadly boat at combination from the start. I had two friends with me, one elected to get out and wade (he had shoes) while saying something about being in the water with barracuda and sharks might be safer than standing in front of me while I'm perched on an elevated platform wielding a 20-foot push pole. I wasn't about to argue with him. I've seen him cast and the thought of standing behind him on an elevated platform while he wings a fly rod around didn't seem too safe either. My push pole may be 20-



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feet long but it's only 2-inches in diameter, and not much to hide behind when someone's backcast goes wild!

Anyway, with one brave soul (and better caster) up on the bow, I pushed the boat around a flat, looking for potential targets. Spotting a couple of nice barracuda up ahead, I elected to stop the boat by staking-out and letting the angler make his casts. "Stakingout" is like anchoring except that instead of an anchor, once the boat is stopped, the push pole is jammed into the bottom and then tied to the boat via a short piece of rope. With my inexperience I didn't realize the importance of the "once the boat is stopped" part of the routine, and preceded to stake out while the boat was still moving ahead, propelled by both wind and current.

Keep in mind that, at the time, I was standing on a 2x3 foot platform, 4 feet off the water. As the boat drifted along, I suddenly realized that I would not be stopping the boat by holding onto the firmly planted and severely flexing pole. In fact, as I had not yet tied the two together, the pole and boat were connected by only one weak link – me!

As boat and pole separated, I had two decisions to make, either let go of the pole or get dragged off the platform. I'm going to blame the brain frying effects of the Florida sunshine on the fact that I chose the latter of the two options. I would like to say that it was kind of like pole-vaulting, but I wouldn't want to insult any real practitioners of the sport. It was actually a "snatch, fling and splash" that happened so quickly I barely had time to get "oh sheeooot" out of my mouth before I was gargling saltwater. In the brief time I sailed through the air, I do recall the look on my wading angler friend's face. No, he wasn't grinning from ear-to-ear. From fifty yards I could clearly make out that the corners of his mouth were easily touching both temples!

That day I learned that wading after a wind and current driven boat with a 20foot fiberglass pole in your hand is tougher than doing the same with an expensive fly rod. Later that night, I was glad to see that Soft Scrub also removes blood stains from poling platforms.

Over time, I convinced myself that since both of those incidents occurred in Florida, it must be that saltwater in lower latitudes is more slippery than it is up here in the mid-Atlantic and certainly I'd stay safe and dry on home turf! Then I took a couple friends fishing on my little boat in the bay. It was a hot afternoon, and taking note that my water temperature gauge was reading a balmy 79degrees, I decided to put a foot in the bay and feel for myself. With one hand holding a spinning rod and the other gripping the back of a pedestal

seat, I dipped my foot in the water just as a wake came along and rocked our little boat. I lost my balance, gripped tighter to the seat (which proceeded to come off the pedestal) and with a rod in one hand and swivel seat in the other did a very ungraceful "back flop" into the water. So much for home turf advantage!

My most recent splash occurred while stepping off my big boat onto the finger pier beside it. It's something I do thousands of times a season, but rarely after a bunch of slimy fish have been unloaded from the boat next to me. I found out real quick that flip-flops on fish slime are like skates on ice; the foot just keeps on going - over the boards and into the water while dragging the rest of the body along for the ride! I've really come to love quick-dry clothing!

The guys who came aboard my boat wearing their inflatable PFD's might have seemed a little strange at first, but now that I think about it, they were all older than me and I'm beginning to think a whole lot wiser too. They didn't need to use their life jackets that day, but then we weren't cleaning the deck with Soft Scrub that night either!

Capt. 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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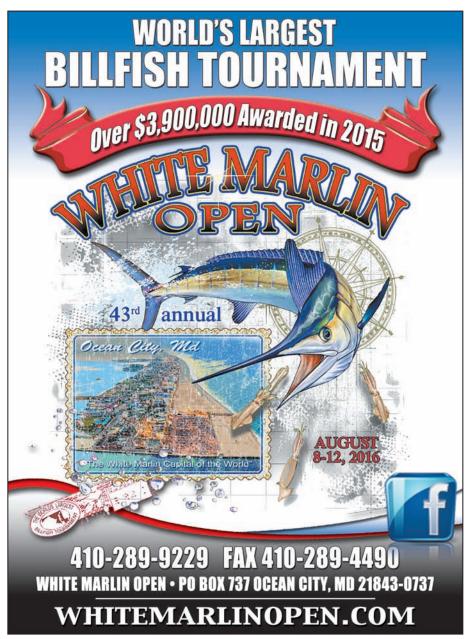




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Larry Lee from Ocean View, DE, Don Kindt from Lancaster, PA, Tim Gola and Steve Williams from Newark, DE, Brian Patane from Pennsville, NJ and Johnny Shine from Frankford, DE took the long trip from the Indian River Marina down to the southeast corner of the Washington Canyon and were rewarded with 4 yellowfin tuna weighing up to 45 lbs. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Whisperer" with Capt. Rodney Jones. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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On Saturday during the Ocean City Air Show, Shirl Herbert was drifting a Gulp! and minnow combination behind the Ocean City Airport when she hooked into this 22-inch, 4 lb. 4 oz. flounder at the end of the outgoing tide. Shirl was fishing with her husband, Bruz Herbert and their sidekick, Chance.



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Sea Bass	May 29, 2016 Irving Drummond "Morning Star" 5 lbs.	June 13, 2016 Kevin DiPoalo DelJerseyLand Reef 6 lbs. 3 oz.	Mako Shark 100 lb. minimum	June 3, 2016 Rich Galante "Jade II" 220.8 lbs.	June 16, 2016 Luke Brubaker "Michael D" 231 lbs.
Tautog	May 9, 2016 Karl Maier "Fish Bound" 20 lbs. 2 oz.	March 1, 2016 Rich Seagraves Ocean Wreck 14 lbs.	Thresher Shark	June 4, 2016 Jeff Green Fingers 455 lbs.	June 4, 2016 Rick Passwaters "A" Buoy 477 lbs.
Striped Bass	May 9, 2016 Rick Findley Ocean City Surf 35 lbs.	April 24, 2016 Nick Rholetter Upper DE Bay 31 lbs. 15 oz.	Bluefin Tuna	April 23, 2016 Josh Ensor Wilmington Canyon 133 lbs.	June 15, 2016 Jake Smith Hambone 65 lbs.
Weakfish	No Weights Reported	June 2, 2016 Rod Grodzicki Inner Wall 7 lbs. 8 oz.	Yellowfin Tuna	June 10, 2016 Bobby Howlin "That's Right" 58 lbs.	May 29, 2016 Nate Leo Norfolk Canyon 46 lbs.
Cobia	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	June 5, 2016 Jeff Drury Lindenkohl Canyon 54 lbs.
Flounder	May 11, 2016 Dick Miller Assateague Bridge 6 lbs. 2 oz.	June 19, 2016 Mike Volz "B" Buoy 9 lbs. 8 oz.	Bigeye Tuna	-	June 15, 2016 Addison Baumgartner Washington Canyon 100 lbs.
Bluefish	May 7, 2016 Ayrton Pryor Assawoman Bay 12 lbs. 10 oz.	May 1, 2016 Andrew Stuchlik Henlopen Pier 17 lbs. 11 oz.	Dolphin	June 5, 2016 Mark Magee 461 Lump 35 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Sheepshead	May 7, 2016 George Easter Russell's Reef 2 lbs. 15 oz.	No Weights Reported	Wahoo	June 11, 2016 Rich Allen "Zipper" 48 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Black Drum	May 15, 2016 Timothy Witig "Fish Bound" 65 lbs.	May 14, 2016 Rylie Tingle Coral Beds 66.7 lbs.	White Marlin	June 1, 2016 "Marli" 2 releases	es in One Day June 5, 2016 "Bill Collector" 2 releases

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The Old Grounds produced this limit of flounder for Bill Walker and Bill Hamilton, both from Long Neck, DE and James Downey of Reading, PA. The anglers were fishing on the "Christy Marie" and fooled the flatties with cut bait and minnows. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



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Karen and Faith Biesecker from York, PA were drifting in the Thorofare when they caught 3 keeper flounder. Karen's largest measured 21 1/2-inches and Faith's came in at 17 1/2-inches.

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Anglers on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" must have had one heckuva cookout after they spent the day fishing, clamming and crabbing in the bay behind Assateague Island. In addition to catching 5 keeper flounder, measuring up to 20-inches, they brought home a load of clams and a 3/4 bushel of crabs. Pictured back at the dock at Frontier Town with Capt. Jason Mumford and mate Houston Phillips are Max and Jason Birnbaum, Steven and Steve Garey and Tim Hopkins.



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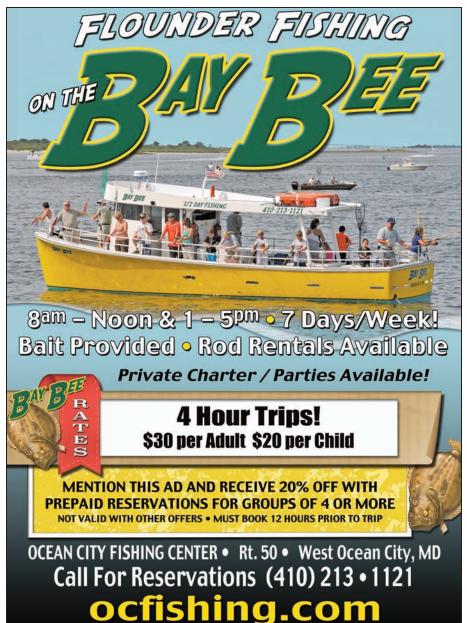


This 44-inch striped bass fell at the hands of Ron Smith from Shippensburg, PA while fishing with squid and shiners off the 2nd Street Bulkhead at 11:00 PM. Ron's big linesider weighed 13 lbs. 5 oz.





Jack Holden, Paul Ring, Luke Ring, Jacob Ring, Dante Pennesi and John Pennesi were fishing in the bay behind Assateague Island when they caught 5 keeper flounder, measuring up to 18-inches. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford and used minnows and Gulp! Swimming Mullets for bait.



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# BAY FISHING CHARTERS



Flounder fishing has been slow coming out of the blocks this season, but anglers on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" had a great day last week, boating 8 keeper flounder, measuring up to 21-inches. All of the flatties were hooked on shad darts tipped with either minnows or Gulp! Swimming Mullets in the bay from the Ocean City Airport to just south of the Inlet. Fishing with Capt. Jason Mumford were Mason and Jim Howell from Fallston, MD and Porter and Korey Smith from Bel Air, MD. Pictured back at the dock at Frontier Town.



Flounder fishing in the bay has gotten off to a slow start this season, but these anglers on the charter boat, "Get Sum" managed to end their day with 3 keepers in the cooler after using white Gulp! Swimming Mullets for bait. One of the flatties was caught at the South Jetty and two came from the West Channel. Pictured are Dave, Lance and Jayce Truskey, Paul Daube and Jacob Shermeyer.



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Luke Brubaker, Justin Martin, Harvey Good, Lee Sensenig and Ricky Stauffer, all from Mt. Pleasant, PA took an overnight trip to the Norfolk Canyon where they lured this 231 lb. mako to the boat with Hook'em & Cook'em Triple Threat Chum and ended up hooking it on a whole bluefish. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Michael D" with Capt. Paul DeFebo, Capt. Bruce Coffiey and Capt. Steve Peterson. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Mike Daugherty and Mike Diehl teamed up to land a 155 lb. mako shark while fishing in 30 fathoms, south of the Elephant's Trunk. They hooked the mako on a whole mackerel and weighed their catch at Rick's Bait & Tackle. Also pictured is Tom Minnich, Shana Hildenbrand and Dillion Daugherty.



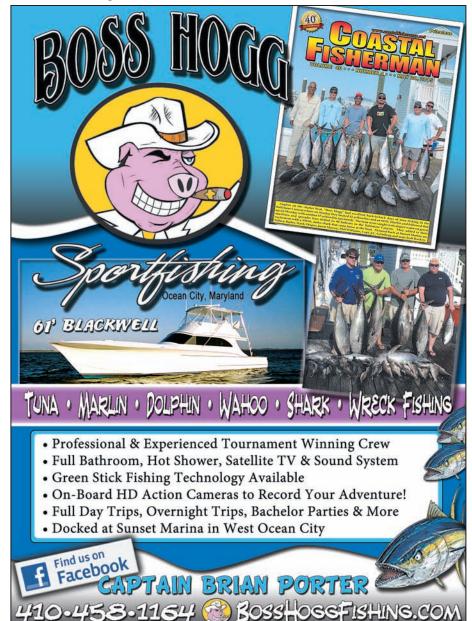
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OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



Michael Hoyt from Stafford, VA was fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacagnelo and Wes Pollitt when he captured this pair of black sea bass measuring 15 and 17-inches.





After a 5 hour trip down to 500 fathoms in the Norfolk Canyon, this group of anglers went 8 for 8 on yellowfin tuna and 1 for 2 on mahi while trolling ballyhoo and daisy chains on the "Fish Tank". Pictured are D.J. Puharic, Mike Tremi, David Twardowski, Joe Marciano and Shane Tremi.



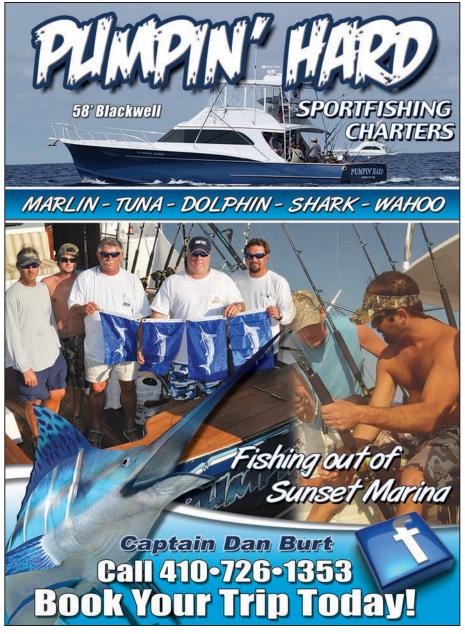
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## OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



They may not have been too keen on holding their catch for a picture, but this group of anglers aboard the charter boat, "Marli" managed to put 17 yellowfins and 2 mahi in the box in addition to recording a white marlin release. Mike Whiteside released the white marlin while fishing with Myron Kennedy, Paul Miles, Kevin and John Parker, Bob Pulliam, Capt. Mark Hoos and mates Mark Stephens and Chase Neiderer. All of the fish were caught in 200 fathoms below the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





Bob Russell, Peg Morgan, Jerry Phillips, Gavin Murray and Bud Morgan teamed up to land 16 yellowfin tuna and 5 mahi while fishing on the charter boat, "White Lightning" with Capt. Terry Murray and mate Paul Daisey. The fish were caught in the Washington Canyon where Capt. Terry found water temperatures ranging from 72.5 to 78.9-degrees. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

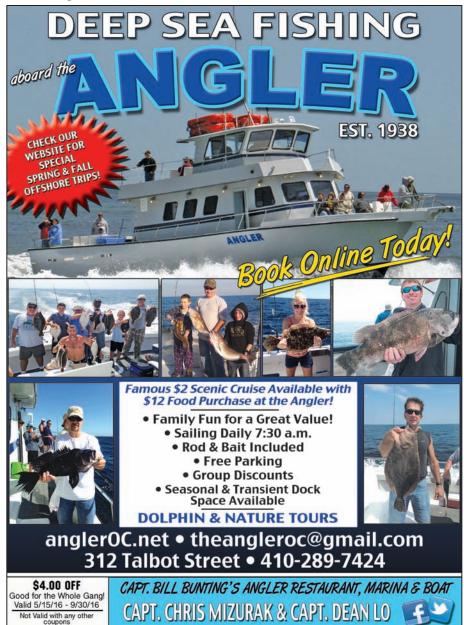


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# OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



Tom Adkins from Denton, MD captured a pair of flounder weighing up to 3 lbs. during a trip aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. All were caught on ocean structure.





Tony, Michael and Khalil Freiji, Brandon Mathias, Tyler Potepan and Capt. Tony Freiji teamed up to catch 8 yellowfins and a mahi after trolling around the 461 Lump on the "My Special D". It was a quick day with the anglers heading home by 11:30 AM.



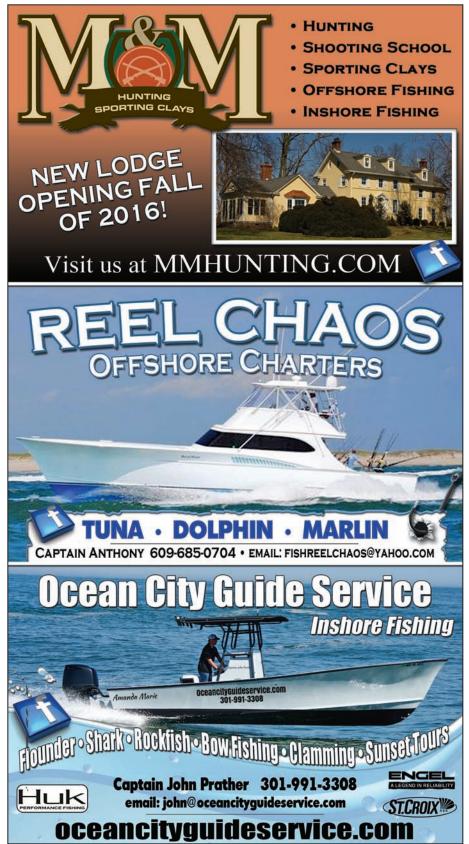
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Bill Hughes and Ian Black each caught a pair of 3 lb. sea bass while fishing with clams at Site 11 on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.





Anglers on the "Fish Whistle" headed down to the Washington Canyon for an overnight trip and returned to the Indian River Marina with 14 yellowfin tuna and a couple of mahi in the box. They also released a blue marlin during the trip. Fishing with Capt. Charlie Horning were Jacob Webb from Lewes, DE, Tommy and Josh Gessler from Media, PA, Travis Dorman from Wilmington, DE and Jimmy Taylor from Ocean View, DE. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



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# OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



Bill Kunst from Dagsboro, DE caught a 7 lb. 10 oz. flounder while fishng with cut bait and squid at "A" Buoy. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



Paul Lebling, Ayrton Pryor, Jacob Lewis and John Lewis caught 6 yellowfin tuna and released 8 more during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Spring Mix II" with Capt. Steve Selander and mate Chris Watkowski. The tuna were hooked on ballyhoo and spreader bars in 100 fathoms between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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restrictions and other circumstances.

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Stone Gallagher from Phoenixville, PA caught this 13 1/2-inch weakfish while fishing with bloodworms in the Delaware Seashore State Park.



Before last weekends windy weather and rough seas, Steve Samluk, Joe Nudge, Steve Scott, Travis Scott and Ally Scott took a trip down to the 461 Lump and caught 11 yellowfin tuna and 4 mahi. They also caught and released a hammerhead shark during their trip.



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Robby Reed from Strasburg, PA, Dylan Finogle from Reading, PA, Austin Laudermilch from Lancaster, PA, Glen Fritz from Denver, PA, Tommy Davis from Lancaster, PA, Robert Rouleau from Mohnton, PA, Frank Wall from Milton, DE and Leroy and Barbara Burke from Reading, PA brought back a good catch of flounder after a trip aboard the headboat, "Capt. Bob II" with Capt. Roger Meekins and mate Mike Lewis. The fish were caught between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM while fishing at "A" Buoy. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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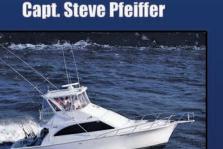
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#### Switch it up

Many of these articles are based on local trends in the field of marine service and repair. It seems that at the beginning of every season, after the first few fishing trips, boaters quickly learn that an on-board system has stopped working since last season. While there can be many reasons why an electrical device stops working, it is often as simple as a defective causing switch the malfunction. Whether they control your navigation lights, bilge pump or other electrical accessories, most switches are critically important to fishing and boating.

Instead of just replacing a bad switch, there may be a better one for the application, or even an upgraded switch that may solve a problem with your electrical devices or operation.

The most popular switch function is the SPST or Single Pole, Single Throw. The "pole" refers to the number of individual circuits controlled by the switch. The "throw" refers to the movement of the actuator. A SPST switch has two terminals on the back that are either connected or disconnected depending on the position of the actuator. Other popular types include DPST (double throw, single pole), DPDT (double pole, double throw) and one with a momentary function, that requires the operator to hold the switch in the on position, like a horn switch. This is usually noted on the switch packaging with the momentary function in parentheses, off-(on).

There are many styles of switch actuators, with the toggle and rocker being the two most popular. A toggle switch is operated by a small lever that snaps up or down. A rocker switch is operated by a plastic pad that pivots in the center. There are advantages and disadvantages to both styles. The toggle switch is smaller and can be quickly and easily installed into a round hole and secured with a nut on the threaded switch shaft. Rocker switches are much larger and require a precision cut rectangular hole. A toggle switch is often labeled on the adjacent surface to the switch where a rocker switch can be labeled on the rocker itself. Most rocker switches are illuminated when the circuit is on and can be illuminated for visibility at night. There are only a few specialized toggle switches that are illuminated. Both toggle and rocker switches are

suitable for the marine environment, though not all toggle switches are water resistant. A rocker switch by nature is more water resistant since the rocker itself covers the switch body, though most name brand rocker switches are water resistant. There are some toggle style switches that are actually circuit breakers, but are used as a switch. Using a circuit breaker switch solves two needs at the same time and is a simple, safe solution for adding or upgrading an electrical circuit.

If you are replacing the same switch into an existing panel or opening, be sure to get a proper marine grade switch, especially in our area with salt and humidity exposure being a problem. An automotive type of switch may not last long. In recent years, the Carling brand rocker switches have become very popular for marine, automotive and off road use.

If you are upgrading your switch panel, there are many sources that can make once difficult tasks easier. A few internet based companies specialize in custom marine rocker switches and panels. One of these companies will pre-wire your new switch for panel your exact application. Some companies specialize in replacement switch panels for specific boat brands, making an upgrade really fast and simple. .

No longer do you have to re-label or memorize what the switches control. You can now

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create your own permanent switch labels. One company allows you to custom laser engrave the rocker switch cover with any text you desire, combined with many pre-designed switch icons. The custom engraved switch actuators are \$12 or less, plus the cost of the switch body. These companies also make custom panels with or without switches. Most suppliers let you select the size, switch functions, labels and wiring harness you need for your application. For example, a 4 switch, carbon fiber look panel, pre-wired with a harness for fast installation costs about \$110.

A trend on new boats and now found in the aftermarket is the Marinco/BEP stainless steel style, round push button switch with an illuminated LED ring inside the switch. These are very slim and present a clean look on a helm or cabin switch panel.

No matter the function or style, replacing or adding a switch to your boat has become much easier and less expensive. Unlimited options for personalization allow you to have the look and function you require at a cost that won't break the bank.

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.

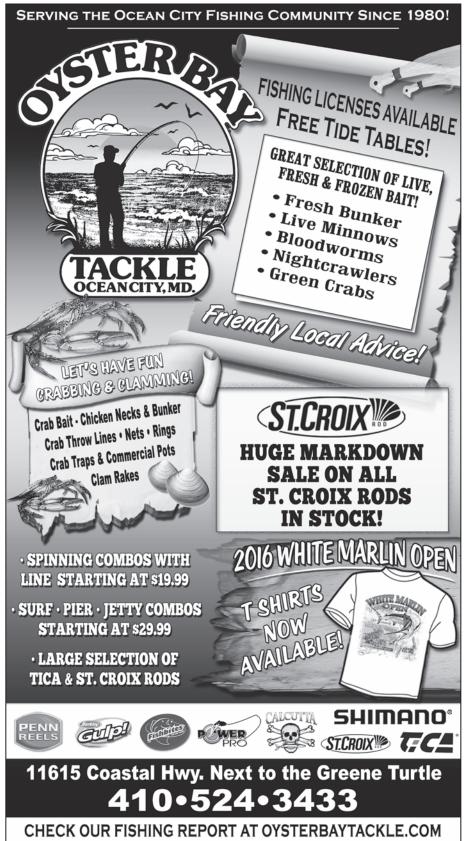


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This 19-inch flounder fell at the hands of Eric Eszes from Essex, MD while fishing on the headboat, "Capt. Bob II" with Capt. Roger Meekins. The flattie was hooked on cut bait at "A" Buoy. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



Jake Shumway from Chambersburg, PA, Ron Bowman from Ebensburg, PA and David Bowman from Hanover, PA caught a mix of flounder and sea bass during a trip to "A" Buoy on the headboat, "Judy V" with Capt. Eddie Wheedleton. All of their fish were fooled with cut bait and squid. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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Tom Jackson and Dave Beaudette, both from Elkton, MD joined up with Dave Hobart of Greenville, SC for an offshore trip aboard the charter boat, "My Cin" with Capt. Dave Black and mate Mike Aiken and were rewarded with 4 yellowfin tuna and 9 gaffer dolphin. The fish were caught while trolling inside the 461 Lump. Pictured at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City.



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#### www.coastalfisherman.net MidAtlantic Tournament Set to Celebrate 25 Years!

A Silver Anniversary is cause for celebration and that's what's planned for the 2016 MidAtlantic set to run the week of August 21-26!

The Canyon Club Resort Marina in Cape May, NJ will once again be "Tournament Headquarters" and Sunset Marina in Ocean City, Maryland has again been enlisted as the tournament's only satellite port.

A few changes have been made for 2016, including port caps which limit the number of boats sailing to 85 from each port, Cape May and Ocean City. Additionally, the 125 mile "fence" has been eliminated and new fishing boundaries have been expanded to Latitude 37 degrees north and Longitude 72 degrees west. Boats will also now be able to depart at 3:00 AM, providing an additional 30 minutes of running time. In addition, due to popular demand, the new Atlantic Tackle Billfish Points Calcutta has been added. This calcutta will be port specific, one for Cape May and another for Ocean City, and will payout 50%, 30% and 20% for the Most Points, 2nd Most Points and 3rd Most Points respectively.

The tournament base entry is \$2,500 and covers all dockside activities for the week for six crew members. All tournament proceeds are tallied from 10 tournament sanctioned side bets known as calcuttas. Entry fees to these calcuttas range from \$1,000 to \$6,000 and payout a variety of ways for the white marlin, blue marlin, tuna, dolphin and wahoo species.

Last year's event saw a cash purse of over \$2.8 million paid out with seven winners receiving payouts of six figures and 14 winners receiving payouts of \$30 thousand or more!

For further information please contact Tournament Director Aaron Hoffman at 609-884-2400 or visit the tournament's official web site at www.themidatlantic.com for complete information including schedule, rules and a complete breakdown of all calcuttas.

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Before the rough sea rolled in last weekend, anglers on the charter boat, "Marli" spent the day zig zagging the edge of the Norfolk Canyon where they picked up 12 yellowfins on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars. Fishing with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens were Ross Dresser, David Bryant, Jason Welch, C.J. O'Dell, Jason Hinton and Joe Quade. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Species	2016	2015	Species	2016	2015
Sea Bass	May 15, 2016 Steve Billingsley "Morning Star" Sue's Reef	May 15, 2015 Chester Sadowski "Jezebel" Great Eastern Reef	Mako Shark	May 14, 2016 Brian Leader "Keep Er Wet" Poor Man's Canyon	March 25, 2015 Andy Smelter "Nontypical" Baltimore Canyon
Tautog	January 1, 2016 Dave Moore "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	January 2, 2015 Ken Westerfeld "Fish Bound" Ocean Wreck	White Marlin	May 27, 2016 Andy Urban "In the Black" Norfolk Canyon	May 24, 2015 Dale Downey "Got-R-Done" Baltimore Canyon
Striped Bass	January 14, 2016 Connor Metz "G-FORCE" Little Gull	January 2, 2015 Danny Cox Little Gull	Blue Marlin	May 28, 2016 Bo Appel "Boss Hogg" Norfolk Canyon	May 29, 2015 Derek Damon "Sea Box" PM/Wash Canyon
Weakfish	June 2, 2016 Rod Grodzicki Inner Wall	August 10, 2015 Ben Schassler Star Site Reef	Bluefin Tuna	April 21, 2016 Joe Cantianelli "Reel Life" Baltimore Canyon	May 8, 2015 Austin Ensor "Matetrix II" Wilmington Canyon
Flounder	April 16, 2016 Hannah Johnson "Lucky Break" Sinepuxent Bay	April 17, 2015 Jeff Purdy Lewes Canal	Yellowfin Tuna	May 7, 2016 Jeff Rosenkilde "Mate Trix" Baltimore Canyon	May 8, 2015 Tony Burr "Knock on Wood" Spencer Canyon
Bluefish	April 15, 2016 Sean Fox Assateague Surf	April 18, 2015 Mike Hastings Assateague Surf	Longfin Tuna	June 5, 2016 Jeff Drury Lindenkohl Canyon	August 31, 2015 Steve Zarick "No Limits" Poor Man's Canyon
Black Drum	March 31, 2016 Billy Powell Assateague Surf	April 17, 2015 Tom Nelson Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna	May 26, 2016 Denise Rust "Marli" Norfolk Canyon	May 24, 2015 Josh Thompson "Over Billin" Baltimore Canyon
Sheepshead	May 7, 2016 George Easter Russell's Reef	May 25, 2015 Hugh Cropper, IV South Jetty	Dolphin	May 20, 2016 Randy Tracey "Talkin Trash" Washington Canyon	May 9, 2015 Drew Holladay Wilmington Canyon
Thresher Shark	May 20, 2016 Chris Stafford "Reel Nauti" Jackspot	May 15, 2015 Matt Rivenburg Sausages	Wahoo	June 2, 2016 Ryan Morris "Jade II" Washington Canyon	June 12, 2015 Dan Piscioneri "Second Chance" Baltimore Canyon

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# Delaware Fishing Report by Larry Jock

The entire weekend was forecasted to be a blowout, and kept almost all boats at the dock from late Thursday through Saturday. Sunday ended up being much nicer weatherman than the predicted and both inshore and offshore boats were able to break the Inlet. It's unfortunate because fishing is good right now on ocean wrecks and in the offshore canyons. You just need the seas to cooperate so you can get out there.

At the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina, Capt. Bert Adams reported slow picking in the Indian River Inlet. Only a few flounder have been caught recently and they really aren't seeing them roll in like anglers are seeing in the Ocean City Inlet.

Most of the action in the Indian River Inlet is coming from anglers looking for striped bass, while either tossing sand fleas from the rocks or drifting by boat at night. Bert said that the better of the two has been casting off the rocks.

When it comes to flounder action, the inshore reefs and wrecks are the place to be. The Old Grounds, in 80-85 feet of



John Daveler from Maytown, PA muscled in a doubleheader of flounder, including this 27-incher that tipped the scale at an even 8 lbs. John was fishing with white Gulp! artificial baits at the Old Grounds with Capt. Roger Meekins on the headboat, "Capt. Bob II". Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

water, and the area around "B" Buoy continues to be the hot spots for ocean flatties. On Sunday, we saw a couple of whoppers hit the scale. John Daveler caught a 27inch, 8 lb. flounder as part of a doubleheader he boated at the Old Grounds while fishing on the headboat,

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"Capt. Bob II". Mike Volz went fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Whisperer" and caught a 28 1/2-inch flattie that tipped the scale at 9 lbs. 8 oz. John used a white Gulp! artificial bait and Mike fished with cut bait and squid.

Because of the windy weather and rough seas, Bert said that he didn't see any Indian River boats venture offshore over the weekend and the northeast wind really shut down the bite from the beach. Earlier in teh week, the marina was buzzing when the "Tail to Tale" arrived on Wednesday with a 557 lb. blue marlin caught while fishing in 500 fathoms between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons. They also had a 78 lb. bigeye tuna in the box.

Up at Lewes Harbour Marina, Matt said that founder fishing has really picked up in the Lewes Canal. Good water clarity has been the key to getting bites with the best ones coming in during the incoming tide.

Anglers out of Lewes are having much better luck with catching flounder on ocean structure. Anglers on the charter boat, "Katydid" are picking up where they left off last season, coming back on multiple days last week with their limit of flatties.

The Lewes Canal is also producting catches of smaller striped bass in the 20 to 26-



inch range around the Railroad Bridge and the Roosevelt Inlet.

Croakers have not yet shown up in the Canal but are being caught around the Cape Henlopen Pier by anglers fishing with bloodworms and Fishbites. Those looking for croakers around the Inner Wall and on Delaware Bay structure are also hooking into sand tiger sharks.

Kingfish are being caught on bloodworms and Fishbites by anglers fishing from the Pier and in the surf up and down the beach around Cape Henlopen.

#### **Upcoming Tournament**

This weekend is the 2nd Annual Indian River Marina Kids Catch-All Tournament. Last year's event was cancelled due to bad weather and there seems to be much anticipation for this years tournament that is open to junior anglers age 3 to 18. Registration is on Friday, June 26th and anglers can fish one of two days on Saturday or Sunday from land or by boat in the ocean, bay or inlet. It should be a great event with a lot of smiling faces at the dock.

Until next week, tight lines!



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Chris Rotelli came in from California and Joe Rotelli ventured southeast from Indianapolis to do some fishing aboard the headboat, "Judy V" with Capt. Chris Adams. Chris' 4 lb. flattie and Joe's 17-incher were both caught at "A" Buoy while using cut bait and shiners. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



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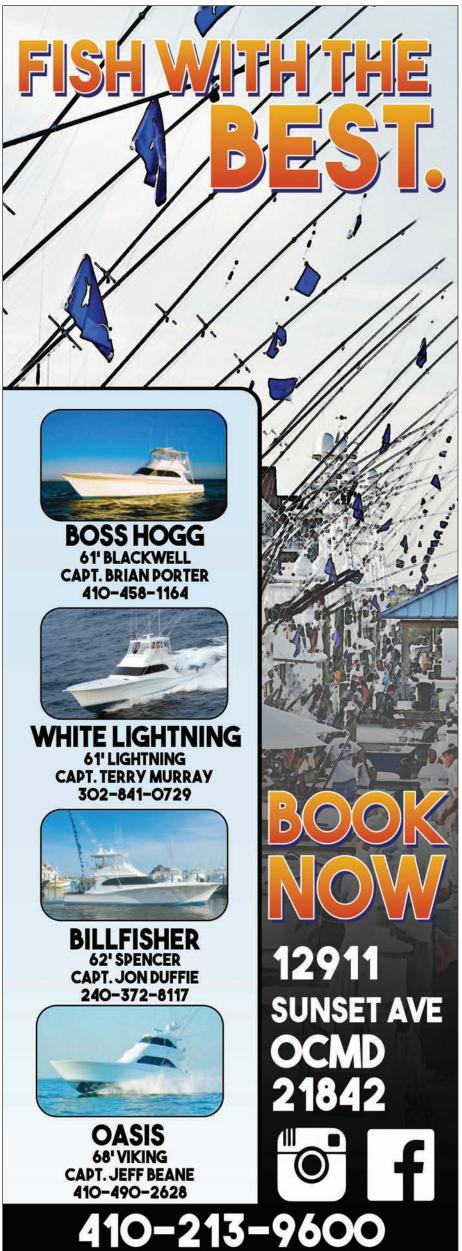
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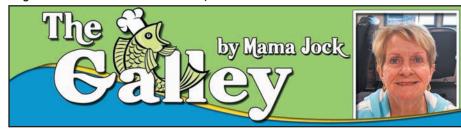


Gus Andujar and Mike Sikora, both from Pasadena, MD teamed up to boat a 104 lb. bigeye tuna while trolling ballyhoo in 600 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the "Reel Freedom" with Chuck Dowling from Highland, MD and Kevin Hoskins from Leesburg, VA. The anglers also caught a pair of yellowfin tuna during the trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Rich Allen, Nick Miller, Alex Stanton, Chris Cropper and Aaron Noah returned to Sunset Marina with a 48 lb. wahoo and some mahi after spending the day fishing on the charter boat, "Zipper" with Capt. Zip Zajdel and mate Eddie Zajdel. The fish were all caught on trolled ballyhoo in the Norfolk Canyon.

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# Sauteed Soft-Shell Crabs with Lemon Sauce

6 soft shelled crabs, cleaned and rinsed
1 cup flour
2 TBSP. Old Bay Seasoning
2 eggs, beaten
2 TBSP. milk
6 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil
1/4 cup butter
2 TBSP. capers, drained
1/2 cup dry white wine
4 medium lemons, juice of
2 TBSP. flat-leaf parsley,

chopped

In a ziploc bag, add flour and Old Bay Seasoning.

Seal and shake to mix.

In a bowl, combine eggs and milk.

Dredge crabs in egg mixture, then add to seasoned

flour; shake to coat.

Shake off excess when removing from bag.

Heat 3 TBSP. oil in a large sauté pan over medium heat.

Add 3 crabs in a single layer and cook for 3 minutes, then cook and cook for another 3 minutes. The crabs should be nice

and brown.

Remove crabs to serving dish.

# Glazed Tuna with Watermelon Salsa

Salsa

 lime
 cups seedless
 watermelon, 1/2 inch cubes
 1/4 cup loosely packed
 fresh mint leaves, chopped
 TBSP. chopped green onions



1 small jalapeno chili, seeded, finely chopped

#### Tuna

1/4 cup hoisin sauce1/2 tsp. Chinese fivepowder powder4 tuna steaks

Prepare grill, medium heat. For the salsa, from lime, grate 1 tsp. peel and squeeze 1 TBSP. juice.

In serving bowl, toss lime peel and juice with watermelon, mint, green onions and jalapeno.

For the tuna, in a cup stir hoisin sauce and five-spice powder.

Place tuna on hot grill rack over medium heat.

Brush tuna with half of hoisin mixture.

Cover grill; cook 3 minutes; turn over and brush with remaining hoisin mixture.

Cover grill and cook 3 minutes.

Turn tuna over again and cook until just opaque

throughout.

Serve with salsa.

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# Linguini with Garlicky Shrimp and Fresh Tomatoes

6 oz. linguine

- 2 TBSP. unsalted butter
- 1 lb. large shrimp, peeled
- and deveined
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 7 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/8 tsp. crushed red
- pepper flakes
- 4 plum tomatoes, chopped
- 3 TBSP. parsley, chopped
- 1 TBSP. lemon juice

Cook the pasta per directions and drain.

- Melt 2 tsp. butter in large skillet over medium-high heat.
- Sprinkle the shrimp with 1/4 tsp. of salt and add to skillet.
- Cook until pink and opaque, 1 1/2 minute each side. Transfer to a plate.

Melt the remaining butter in the same skillet over mediumhigh heat.

Add the garlic and crushed red pepper, stirring until



fragrant, about 30 seconds.

Add the tomatoes and remaining salt, cook, stirring occasionally until the tomatoes just begin to wilt, 1-2 minutes.

Add shrimp and cook until heated through, 1 minute longer.

Add the cooked linguini, parsley and lemon juice; cook, tossing until combined. Serves 4.

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# Grilled Mahi-Mahi Fillets in Ginger Marinade

2 Ibs. mahi fillets
2 TBSP. olive oil
2 TBSP. fresh ginger, minced
1 TBSP. garlic, minced
1 TBSP. fresh lime juice
1/4 cup soy sauce
2 TBSP. honey
2 TBSP. dry red wine
1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
Salt and pepper

Heat grill to 475 degrees. In a one gallon ziplock bag, combine all ingredients except mahi.

Mix well, then add fish, seal bag, refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight.

Spray grill with cooking spray.

Cook fillets about 4 minutes on first side, then turn and cook another 2-3 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fish.

Serves 4.

# Ginger-Lemon Flounder with Roasted Broccoli

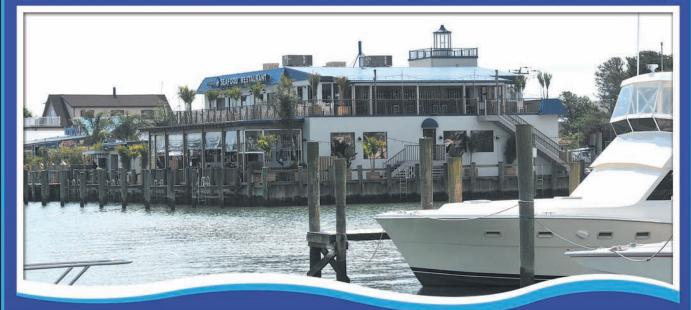
1 lb. broccoli, cut into florets
Salt and black pepper
1 package rice pilaf
1 TBSP. grated ginger
1 garlic clove, grated
2 lemons, cut into wheels
2 lbs. flounder divided in 3 pieces
1/2 cup dry white wine
1/4 cup parsley
Preheat oven to 4

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.

Line a sheet pan with parchment paper.



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Capt. Chris Thurman was fishing with squid and shiners around "B" Buoy when he hooked into this 5 lb. 10 oz. flounder. Chris was joined by Dave Moon and Tony Vansant on the trip. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Cut broccoli into florets; add to sheet pan.

Drizzle with 1 TBSP. olive oil; season with salt and pepper.

Bake until golden brown, about 20 minutes.

Cook rice pilaf according to package directions.

In a small bowl, combine oil, ginger, lemon wheels and 1 tsp. salt; set aside.

In a large cast-iron or nonstick pan, heat 2 TBSP. olive oil over medium-high heat.

Season generously with salt.

When oil is almost smoking, add the flounder.

Sear for 5 minutes and move to the side, leaving extra room in the pan.

Add ginger-lemon mixture to the pan and sauté sauce until lemon wheels have become golden brown, about 3 minutes. Add wine and parsley until

a sauce begins to form, 3 minutes.

Pour sauce over fish.

Add rice to the pan; let cook until sauce is fully absorbed.

Top with roasted broccoli

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and garnish with parsley. Serves 6.

#### **Tuna Cornbread Cakes**

- 1 (6-oz.) package
- buttermilk cornbread mix
- 2/3 cup milk
- 2 TBSP. mayonnaise
- 3 green onions, thinly
- sliced
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 TBSP. chopped fresh
  - parsley
- 1 tsp. Old Bay seasoning
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 12 oz. tuna, cooked
- 3 TBSP. butter
- 3 TBSP. vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 425°.

- Stir together cornbread mix and 2/3 cup milk.
- Pour batter into a lightly greased 8-inch square pan.

Bake for 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Cool on a wire rack 5 minutes or just until warm.

Stir together mayonnaise and next 5 ingredients in a large bowl.



Crumble cornbread to equal 2 cups.

Reserve remaining cornbread for another use.

Fold cornbread crumbs and tuna chunks into mayonnaise mixture until well blended.

Shape tuna mixture into 8 patties.

Melt 3 TBSP. butter with vegetable oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat.

Add tuna patties, and cook, in batches, 2 to 3 minutes on each side or until golden brown; drain on paper towels. Serves 4-8.

#### Shrimp Po'boys

3/4 cup cornmeal
1 lb. shrimp, peeled and deveined
4 cups vegetable oil
2 cups shredded cabbage
1/2 cup mayonnaise
2 tsp. hot sauce
1/2 tsp. lemon zest
1 TBSP. lemon juice
4 hot dog rolls, toasted

In a bowl, season cornmeal; toss with shrimp.

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In a large skillet, heat oil over high heat.

Fry shrimp in batches until golden, 90 seconds.

In another bowl, toss next 5 ingredients; season.

Divide slaw among rolls; top with shrimp.

Serve bite-size versions by slicing rolls into quarters and filling with one shrimp each. Serves 4.

## **Oven Fried Sea Bass**

3 TBSP. canola oil
2 TBSP. mayonnaise
2 tsp. Dijon mustard
1/4 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. black pepper
4 sea bass fillets
3/4 cup Panko bread crumbs
1 TBSP. grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 tsp. paprika
1/4 tsp. onion powder
2 TBSP. unsalted butter, melted
Lemon wedges for serving

Preheat oven to 425 degrees.







Local angler, Nick Ager caught and released this 7-foot sand tiger shark while fishing off 143rd Street in Ocean City.



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Pour oil into a large rimmed baking sheet, swirling to coat.

Place in oven until very hot, about 4 minutes.

In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, mustard, salt and pepper; spray 1 side of fish with cooking spray.

Turn fish over; brush with mayonnaise mixture.

In another small bowl, combine bread crumbs, cheese, paprika and onion powder.

Sprinkle over fillets, pressing gently.

Carefully place fillets on hot oil.

Drizzle fish with butter. Bake until crumb topping is golden brown and fish flakes easily when tested with a fork, about 17 minutes.

Serve with lemon wedges. Serves 4.

# Lemon Pepper Shrimp Scampi

1 cup uncooked orzo 2 TBSP. chopped fresh

parsley

1/2 tsp. salt, divided 7 tsp. unsalted butter,

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divided 1 1/2 lbs. shrimp, peeled and deveined 3 tsp. minced fresh garlic 2 TBSP. fresh lemon juice

1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper

Cook orzo according to package directions, omitting salt and fat. Drain.

Place orzo in a medium bowl.

Stir in parsley and 1/4 teaspoon salt.

Cover and keep warm.

While orzo cooks, melt 1 TBSP. butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Sprinkle shrimp with remaining 1/4 tsp. salt.

Add half of shrimp to pan and sauté for 2 minutes or until almost done.

Transfer shrimp to a plate. Melt 1 tsp. butter in pan. Add remaining shrimp to pan and sauté for 2 minutes or until almost done.

Transfer to plate.

Melt remaining 1 TBSP. butter in pan.

Add garlic to pan and cook for 30 seconds, stirring

and Restaura

constantly.

Stir in shrimp, juice, and pepper. Cook for 1 minute or until shrimp are done.

## Mahi Tacos with Lime-Cilantro Crema

- 1/4 cup thinly sliced green onions
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 3 TBSP. fat-free mayonnaise
- 3 TBSP. reduced-fat sour cream
- 1 tsp. grated lime rind
- 1 1/2 tsp. fresh lime juice
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 garlic clove, minced

#### Tacos

1 tsp. ground cumin 1 tsp. ground coriander 1/2 tsp. smoked paprika 1/4 tsp. ground red

pepper

- 1/8 tsp. salt1/8 tsp. garlic powder1 1/2 lbs. mahi fillets
- Cooking spray

8 corn tortillas 2 cups shredded cabbage

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Preheat oven to 425°.

To prepare crema, combine the first 8 ingredients in a small bowl and set aside.

To prepare tacos, combine cumin and next 5 ingredients (through garlic powder) in a small bowl.

Sprinkle spice mixture evenly over both sides of fish.

Place fish on a baking sheet coated with cooking spray.

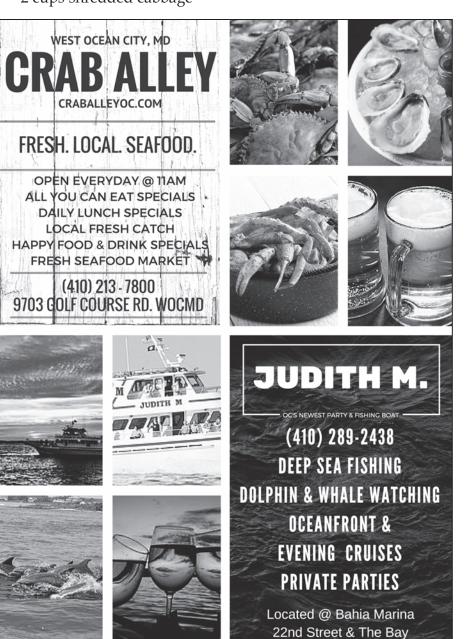
Bake for 9 minutes or until fish flakes easily when tested with a fork or until desired degree of doneness.

Place fish in a bowl and break into pieces with a fork.

Heat tortillas according to package directions.

Divide fish evenly among tortillas and top each with 1/4 cup cabbage and 1 TBSP. crema. Serves 4-8.

Share your favorite recipe with Coastal Fisherman readers. Simply email the recipe to maureenjock@comcast.net or mail it to Coastal Fisherman Recipes, 12748 Sunset Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842.



# A sampling of our menu items:

True 100% Wood Fired Brick Oven Pizza!

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Crabmeat Bruschetta Marinated tomatoes and flaked jumbo lump crabmeat on Tuscan toast with fresh basil. Mussels Posillipo Mussels in marinara, served with foccaccia

SALADS

Caprese Salad Fresh mozzarella and tomato with fresh leaf

basil and extra virgin olive oil. Romaine & Gorgonzola Salad

Crisp romaine lettuce, plum tomatoes, imported gorgonzola cheese and balsamic vinaigrette dressing.

FRESH SEAFOOD is

Linguine Posillipo Jumbo shrimp, baby clams, fresh mussels, and sea scallops, in our famous marinara sauce, with white wine and fresh basil. Vitello Alla Parmigiana A generous portion of lightly hand breaded

SPECIALTIES

A generous portion of lightly hand breaded veal topped with sauce and imported parmesan cheese, served with spaghetti. Linguine Con Scampi

Jumbo shrimp, lots of garlic, white wine, lemon juice and fresh herbed butter.

**Tiramisu** Lady fingers soaked in rum and expresso coffee topped with manscapone cheese

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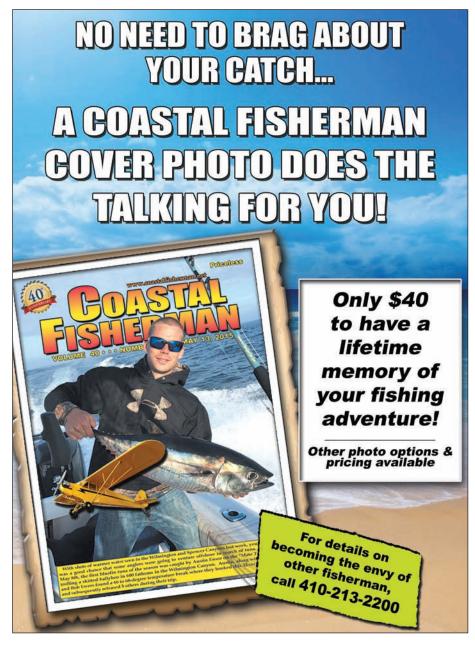
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Caden Miller, age 6, from Leonardtown, MD and Luke Hoggatt, age 8, from Houston, TX took a trip on the charter boat, "Capt. Ike II" with Capt. Dave Collins. The junior anglers caught a pair of 40 lb. yellowfins along with some blueline and golden tilefish. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

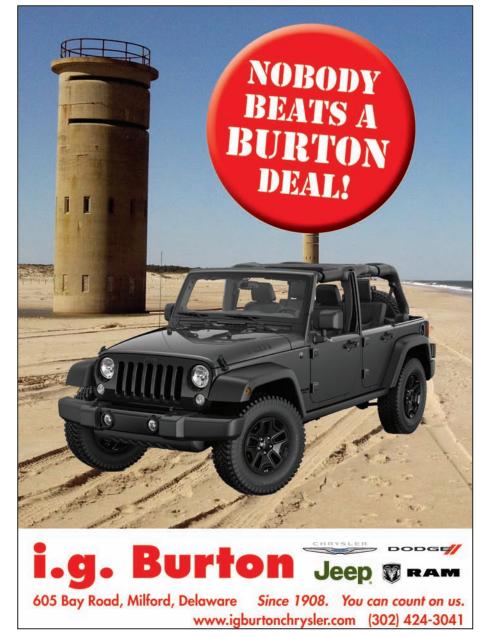


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Karl Munscher (left) from York, PA is all smiles after catching his first 2 keeper flounder, measuring 17 and 19 1/2-inches, while drifting along the ocean side of the South Jetty at the Indian River Inlet. Karl was fishing with Dave Neumayer, who caught himself an 18 1/2-incher. All were hooked on white Gulp! and minnow combinations aboard the "Double D's".

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Jama and Justin Davis threw a good catch of mahi and a yellowfin tuna on the table after spending the day trolling between the Washington and Norfolk Canyons. The duo also released a white marlin during their trip. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



The striper regulation change that allows Maryland anglers to keep 2 stripers measuring 28 to 38-inches or 44-inches and larger allowed Rich Daiker to put these 2 linesiders in the box after tossing plugs around the South Jetty during the incoming tide. Rich's striped bass measured 29 and 34-inches.



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Hopping onboard one of Ocean City's headboats, such as the "Morning Star" or "Angler", can be a great way to get in on some good fishing this time of year. Sea bass are the main staple of this fishery and can provide some non-stop action when the fishing is good. It's also starting to look like we may see another good season of flounder fishing on the wrecks and reefs off of our coast. These headboats are large and stable, and a great way to test and see if you (or your partner or children) get seasick. The captains that run these boats have been taking people offshore for decades, so they all know where to go in order to get everyone's rod bent over.

Over the years, the Ocean City Reef Foundation has strategically placed material, from concrete rubble to military tanks and old ships, from 3 to 20 miles offshore in order to increase the amount of fish habitat available. These "reef complexes" are huge and attract everything from baitfish to tuna. With the exception of a few old ships and some natural limestone reefs, the bottom off of our coast is generally flat and featureless. With a mostly sand and shell bottom, it isn't hard to see how a purposefully sunken 80-foot boat can attract and hold a variety of species. These artificial reefs provide a substrate for mussels and corals to attach to and eventually become their own ecosystems. living The baitfish and crabs that seek shelter in the nooks and crannies of the reef attract wreck species such as sea bass, tautog and triggerfish, which in turn find safety there from larger predators like sharks. Odds are, if you are fishing on a headboat, you are probably fishing over one of these man-made reefs. The Reef Foundation runs off of donations, so if you have a good day of fishing please keep them in mind.

Each headboat is different, so it pays to do a little research before you just pick one. The most important factor that you need to consider is how long you wish to be out there. Some captains choose two half-day trips while others prefer to run a full eight hours or more.

If you have small children, or you're not sure whether your new boyfriend or girlfriend gets seasick, you may first want to try a halfday trip. However, if the fishing reports have been good and you are really looking to fill a cooler with fillets, a full day trip is obviously a better decision.

If you aren't sure whether you or someone else gets seasick, there are plenty of over-the-counter remedies available. Some work better for certain people than others and some can make you very drowsy. The pill called Dramamine is probably the most effective that I have seen, but don't expect to take one when you step on the boat and have it work. If you take one the day before you go, and then one in the morning, they tend to work better. Having some food in your stomach throughout the day definitely helps too, but try not to eat a giant, greasy breakfast! Speaking of food, some headboats sell food and drinks onboard while others don't.

There are a few items that you will definitely want to take with you when www.coastalfisherman.net

venturing offshore. A smallmedium cooler with ice for your fish and your lunch is a necessity. Most captains ask that you don't bring too large of a cooler because it makes it hard for the mates and other customers to move around the boat. Bringing along a light jacket or sweatshirt is another must. Even though it may be 90-degrees on the beach when you leave, the water temperature is still relatively cold this time of year and a good breeze can have you shivering. A towel is also a good thing to have for wiping off your hands or mopping up a wet seat. As for equipment, fishing all headboats have rods available for you to use. They also have all of the hooks, sinkers and bait that you will need for the day. These "boat rods" are perfect for their intended use and make lugging all of your own stuff around unnecessary. Still, some people prefer to bring all of their own gear and that's fine too.

When it comes to actually fishing on a headboat, it isn't that hard. It's a great way to introduce kids and beginners to fishing because all you really have to do is drop your bait straight down and wait for a bite! Casting will only lead to tangles and getting



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your sinker or hooks snagged on the bottom. Terminal gear for sea bass fishing consists of a simple two hook, top-andbottom rig (baited with squid or clam) with a sinker on the bottom. The weight of your sinker may vary throughout the day as the current, wind and your location changes. One thing is for sure, you want your baits to be on the Don't bottom. get discouraged though if you get snagged a few times and lose your tackle. If you don't know how to retie everything, the mates will be happy to do it for you. This is wreck fishing after all and you are bound to get hung up once in a while. If the boat is not too crowded vou can feel free to walk around and try fishing from different spots. I have never found one spot on the rail to be better than another, so don't spend all of your time moving around the boat. Also, if someone catches a nice fish near you, it is generally frowned upon for

you to butt right up against them. Just be patient and your turn will come.

As mentioned earlier, while sea bass are the mainstay of headboat fishing, flounder can also bite extremely well on some trips. While many flounder are caught on rigs/baits intended for sea bass, there are a few ways to increase your odds of catching one once they start coming over the rail. To begin with, flounder don't like their bait all bunched up on the hook. Use long tapered strips of squid hooked only once through the wider end. You may even want to pick up a pack of frozen shiners at the tackle shop before you go and add them (hooked once through the eyes) to your offering.

If you REALLY have your heart set on a mess of flounder fillets you can get a bit more technical. Most flounder sharpies choose to bring their own rod/reel setup so that they can use braided line and get to the bottom using less weight. Bucktails, which are basically lead-headed hooks with hair on them, are the preferred lure and they can be picked up at any local tackle shop. Make sure to ask what size they recommend because you don't want to be stuck with bucktails that aren't heavy enough to reach the seafloor. Bucktails can be fished one at a time or tandem rigged with one about 16-inches above the other. Always dress your bucktail with some kind of natural bait such as a long strip of squid or one of the Berkley many GULP! products like the Swimming Mullet.

While flounder like to lay on the bottom covered in sand for camouflage, they will come up several feet to hit an enticing looking bait. Instead of just letting the bucktail drag along the bottom, you should jig it and bounce it up in a constant motion. Flounder like a June 22, 2016 Coastal Fisherman Page 51

moving target and nothing gets them going like a bucktail jumping up out of the sand. Jumbo sea bass will also hit bucktails with bait trailers, so don't be surprised when you pull up a big old knothead.

So, whether you are taking the kids on a half-day trip and using boat rods, or spending all day jigging for flounder, headboat fishing is a great way to get out there without emptying your wallet. Oh, and speaking of your wallet, please don't forget to tip the mates. They work extremely hard and have to put up with a lot of stuff (not to mention all the seasickness they have to clean up). The fish are out there, so choose your boat and good luck!

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Aaron Strausbaug, Johnny Coffiey, Michael Baumgartner, Jack Hamilton, Jeff Rosenkilde, Colin Clark, Addison Baumgartner, John O'Hazza and Jason Massey took an overnight trip to 500 fathoms between the Washington and Norfolk Canyon where they boated 3 bigeye tuna, including Addison's 100 pounder, 12 yellowfin tuna and a few mahi. They also released hammerheads, tigers and a small mako during their trip. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.





Jeff Roth was fishing at the Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay when he captured this 26 lb. black drum during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Kevin Huey released a white marlin during a trip to the 461 Lump with Eric Van Lil, George Thompson and Capt. Eddie Kehl on the "Bill Collector". In addition to a pair of white marlin releases, the anglers caught 5 yellowfins and 4 mahi.

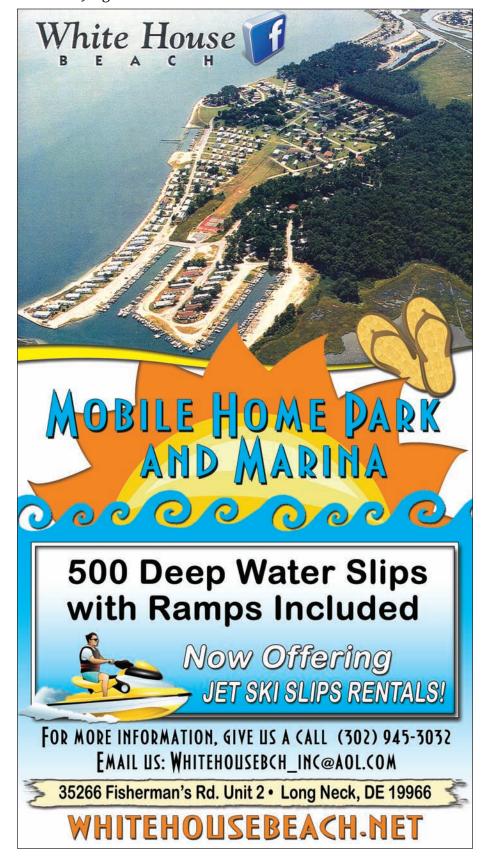


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Tommy Sengphachanh from Newark, DE took a trip on the "Skirt Chaser" to the Norfolk Canyon and hooked this nice size bull dolphin on a skirted ballyhoo in 100 fathoms. Tommy was fishing with Bill Jaegers and Mike Trzonkowski.



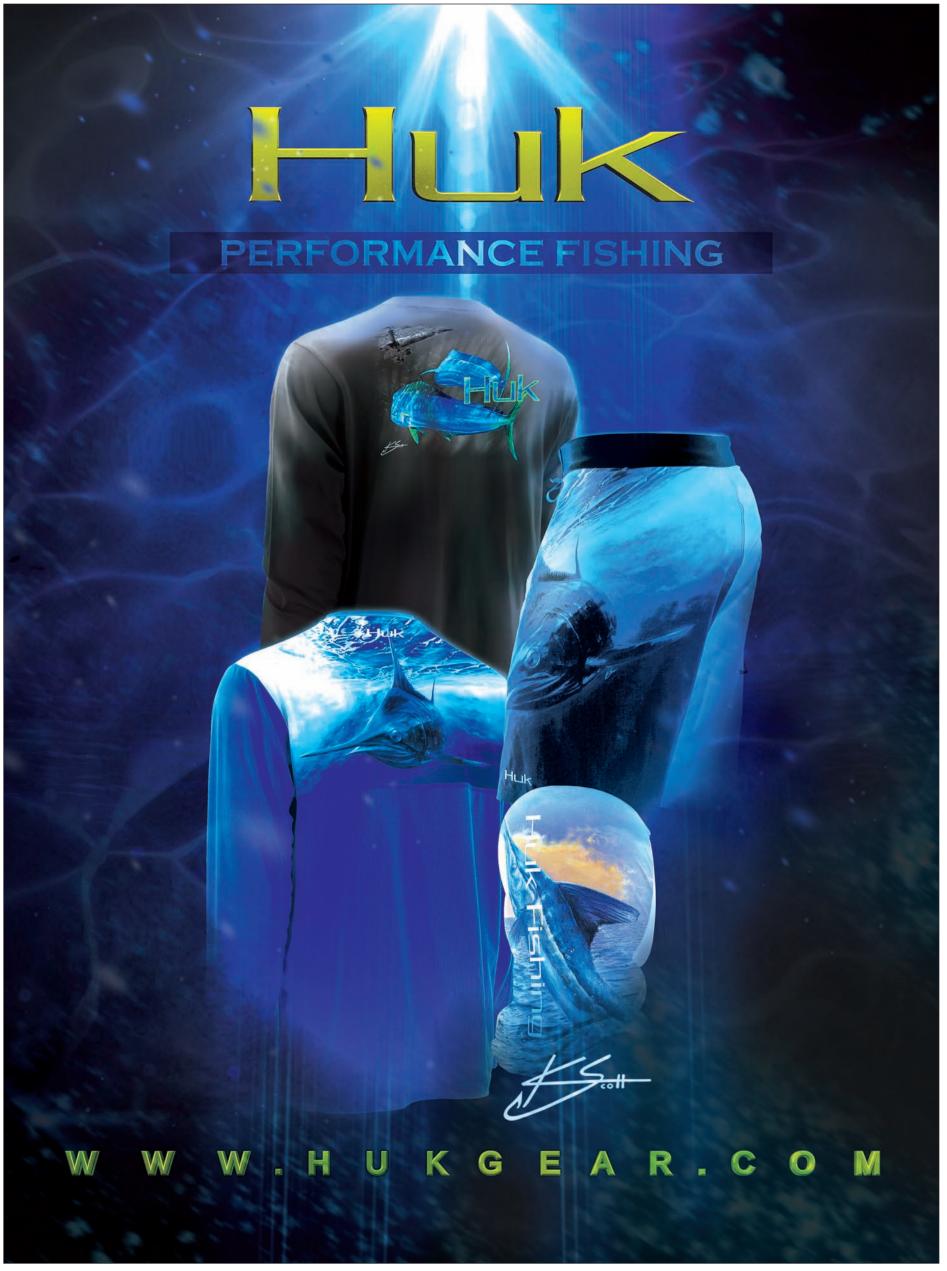


When anglers in Maryland were only allowed to keep 1 striper, 28-inches or larger, Ron Taylor from Salisbury, MD caught this 40-inch, 18 lb. striped bass while fishing in the suds off North Ocean City during the incoming tide.



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This year, the unofficial first day of summer is a special one. This is the first time the full moon falls on the same day as the Summer Solstice in nearly 70 years. So the longest day of the year happened on June 20th and so did the full moon.

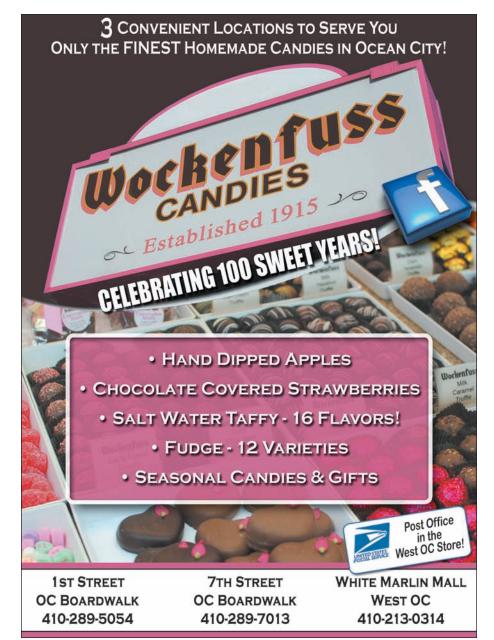


The biggest inshore draw is still cobia, and with the decent weather recently, the action has been hot. Sightcasters are having the best success, with many boats scoring with double-digit hookups while cruising the lower Bay and Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) areas. Many of these fish are pushing to well over 50-inches. Boats using the chumming technique are also having good results from the Buckroe area off Hampton to the Inner Middle Grounds and the Nine Foot Shoals closer to the mouth of the Bay.



Red drum are still on a roll, with the Nine Foot Shoal and Latimer Shoal areas still consistently producing excellent catches of big drum. Most catches are occurring via bottom fishing with crabs, but casters are also finding some good topwater action while throwing lures to big schools of reds meandering around the mouth of Bay and along the the oceanfront.

Spanish mackerel are available along the Virginia Beach coast line, where the bite is still a bit scattered. The best catches are coming from the cleaner water and tide lines. This action will continue to evolve



over the summer, and their close cousin, king mackerel can make a showing any day.

Flounder action continues to improve, but the recent stormy weather could throw the bite off. Anglers are finding luck with nice keeper fish from Oyster, the Cell area, off Kiptopeke, Back River Reef and near the artificial islands of the Bay Bridge Tunnel. Working jigs and live bait around the pilings and the tubes of the CBBT is most productive lately, especially near the 4th Island. Local inlets are also giving up good numbers of decent flatties, with several fish pushing to over coming 23-inches from Lynnhaven Inlet last week.



Nice-sized croaker and plenty of bluefish are available at the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel, off Ocean View and around the CBBT. Some speckled trout are providing improving action along with some puppy drum within most lower Bay inlets and shallows. Surf and pier anglers continue to find a widely mixed bag along the lower Bay and oceanfront, including nice sea mullet, bluefish, puppy drum, small flounder, spot and

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small croaker. Bloodworms are always one of the top baits for these pan fish.

Spadefish are schooling in the usual spots around the Chesapeake Light Tower, nearshore wrecks and around the islands and pilings of the CBBT. Anglers are having good luck catching big sheepshead, with a few fish already pushing to over 10-pounds coming from lower Bay structures and bridge pilings.



Although the interest in deep dropping is waning with the evolving offshore action, deep droppers are still finding good catches of blueline tilefish, scattered big golden tilefish, some decent grouper, nice rose fish and side catches of jumbo sea bass. Sea bass are also available on several offshore wrecks. Amberjack have established residency on many offshore wrecks and at the Southern Towers.

The Virginia offshore scene has been good when boats can get out. Nice yellowfin tuna, tackle-busting bigeye tuna, along with very good numbers of nice gaffer mahi, are the main catches recently. Mako sharks and wahoo are also around, while arriving billfish are also adding some variety lately.

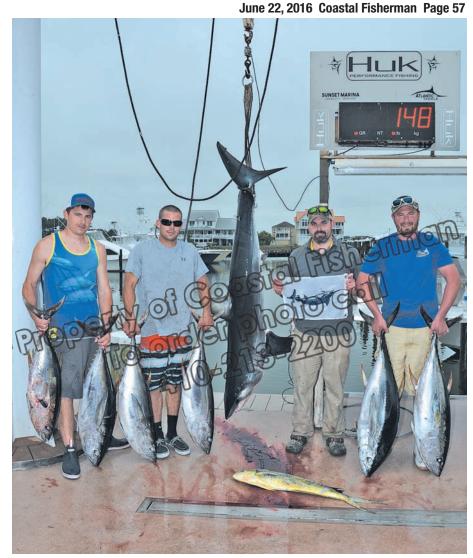
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Before the striper regulations changed, Mike Murray from Burtonsville, MD was fishing the incoming tide from the surf off Ocean City when he hooked this 38-inch striped bass while using fresh bunker for bait. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.



In the middle of last week, anglers on the "Primary Search" took an overnight trip to the Norfolk Canyon where they caught 6 yellowfins, 1 mahi and a 147 lb. mako shark. They also released a blue marlin, estimated at 500 lbs. Pictured at Sunset Marina are Josh Ensor, Austin Ensor, Brad Young and Corbin Ensor.

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Wed. June 22	Low 03:52 am Low 03:33 pm	High 09:58 am High 10:27 pm
Thurs. June 23	Low 04:33 am Low 04:23 pm	High 10:42 am High 11:08 pm
Fri. June 24	Low 05:17 am Low 05:14 pm	High 11:28 am High 11:52 pm
Sat. June 25	Low 06:04 am Low 06:10 pm	High High 12:17 pm
Sun. June 26	Low 06:54 am Low 07:11 pm	High 12:38 am High 01:12 pm
Mon. June 27 Last Qtr. Moon	Low 07:45 am Low 08:13 pm	High 01:30 am High 02:12 pm
Tues. June 28	Low 08:13 am Low 09:18 pm	High 02:27 am High 03:17 pm
Wed. June 29	Low 09:33 am Low 10:25 pm	High 03:28 am High 04:23 pm
Thurs. June 30	Low 10:31 am Low 11:31 pm	High 04:29 am High 05:25 pm
Fri. July 1	Low 11:29 am Low	High 05:29 am High 06:24 pm
Sat. July 2	Low 12:32 am Low 12:26 pm	High 06:36 am High 07:21 pm
Sun. July 3	Low 01:28 am Low 01:19 pm	High 07:23 am High 08:17 pm
Mon. July 4 <b>New Moon</b>	Low 02:20 am Low 02:11 pm	High 08:19 am High 09:10 pm
Tues. July 5	Low 03:10 am Low 03:00 pm	High 09:13 am High 09:57 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 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.

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