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Yellowfin tuna were really snapping last week from the Washington Canyon up to the Spencer Canyon and this group of anglers ended their trip with 18 yellowfins and a dolphin in the box of the charter boat, "Restless Lady". For these anglers, the action was inshore at the Hot Dog where they caught their fish while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars. Fishing with Capt. Todd Kurtz (not pictured) and mate Tito Benitez were Jeff Reinsfelder, Jason Johnson, Jay Johnson, Brad Robertson, Andrew Camela and Barry Turner. Pictured back at the Talbot Street Pier.





On the second day of the 2017 Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off, anglers on the "Sea Flame" were fishing outside the Hot Dog where Josh Sharp caught an 81.8 lb. bluefin tuna and Remi Devine muscled in her very first yellowfin tuna (50.2 lbs.). Both were hooked while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in 30 fathoms. Also fishing on the "Sea Flame" were Andrew Levinson, Capt. Dan Devine and mates James Turner and Joe Vansant. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



There have been some nice sheepshead caught at the South Jetty but none better than this catch by Mike and John Wagner, Alex Kulak, Brian Eastman and Justin Nitchkey. The anglers were fishing on the "Just Rippin' Lips" and caught the sheepsheads on sand fleas. Their largest fish weighed 12 lbs. 12 oz. on the scale at Bahia Marina.

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The sheephead bite around the Ocean City jetties has been strong over the last few weeks and Robert Stewart of Loganville, PA was there to capture this 23 1/4-inch after surprisingly hooking it on a rubber swim shad. The fish weighed 10 lbs. on the scale at All Tackle Ocean City on Rt. 50.



The cross country trip was worthwhile for Jan, Sarah, Trygg and Ryker Alsager who came to Ocean City from Three Lakes, Wisconsin and spent the day fishing on the charter boat, "No Quarter" with Joe Nolan, Marge Steen, Greg Steen, Capt. Kyle Peet and mate Eric Mateer. The anglers boated 5 yellowfin tuna at the Bigeye Hole in the Washington Canyon while trolling TN Tackle spreader bars. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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# Ocean City Fishing Report

## by Larry Jock



The scales were hopping last week with quite a few nice catches from offshore boats.

### Yellowfin Tuna

The yellowfin tuna bite last week was very good with fish caught primarily at the triangle formed by the Hot Dog, Sausages and Hambone. Anglers also picked up a few down in the Washington Canyon and in the Spencer Canyon over the weekend. On most days, the best bite has been right at sunrise, when I know Capt. John Oughton on the charter boat, "That's Right" always likes to be on the water ready to go. The impressive thing about the yellowfin bite has been the consistency in which we have seen 50 lb. class fish throughout the week. The yellowfins have been cookie cutter size, all coming in between 45 and 52 lbs. The largest yellowfin we have seen so far this season was a 60.6 pounder that came in on

Saturday aboard the "Absolut Pleasure". The big yellowfin was hooked while trolling around the 800/800 and took top honors in last weekends Canyon Kick-Off. Anglers on the "Stalker" boated a 59.6 pounder in the Spencer Canyon on Sunday where they found 71-degree blue/green water.

### Bluefin Tuna

The bluefin bite slacked off throughout the week but picked up over the weekend with several nice size ones hitting the dock during the Canyon Kick-Off. A few were between 100 and 122 lbs., but most were in the upper double digits and came in from around the Hot Dog. Anglers on the "Primary Search" boated a 110 pounder on Saturday at the Hambone.

### Marlin

Only a few white marlin were caught and released over the weekend by anglers fishing south in the Washington Canyon. We also saw the first blue marlin

caught by a Marlin Club member on Sunday while trolling in the Spencer Canyon. They picked up \$2,500 from the Club for their catch.

### Wahoo

The first wahoo of the season was caught on Sunday by Scott Raleigh while fishing near the Sausages on the charter boat, "That's Right". It wasn't huge, coming in at 26 lbs., but it was the first. Surprisingly, it was exactly 1 month later than the first one caught last year.

### Flounder

Flounder fishing in the bay behind Ocean City continues to be rough with anglers having to weed through a lot of throwbacks to get their keepers. Anglers on the charter boat, "Get Sum" were able to pick-up a few keepers in the East Channel, but it was in the West Channel where they had their best luck. Capt. Nick loves to fish with white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts, but his anglers have also been finding success with live minnows as well.

The good flounder action, like in previous seasons, is out on the ocean reefs and wrecks. I have always said that the best \$50 you could ever spend would be joining the Ocean City Reef Foundation where that amount will get you a book containing all of the numbers for every one of their reef sites. Trust me, you will kick yourself for not joining sooner. The best spot so far this season has been at the Old Grounds where Capt. Kane Bounds on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" has put his customers on some great catches of fish. Capt. Kane's anglers have returned to Bahia Marina with not only good

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numbers of flatties but big ones at that! It looks like Capt. Kane and mate Kevin Twilley are loving strips of squid dressed with gold skirts.

### Sheepshead

We have seen a number of sheepshead caught around the South Jetty by anglers fishing with sand fleas. The best catch we have seen so far this year came in on the "Rippin' Lips" where the anglers caught 8 sheepshead last week weighing up to 12 lbs. 12 oz.

Anglers on the new charter boat, "On the Run" also got into some sheepshead, along with some black drum and stripers around the Jetty.

### Tautog

In addition to catching sheepshead at the South Jetty, anglers have also caught a number of tautog. I would say 99% of them are under the 16-inch minimum size limit but a few keepers are there to be hooked. Anglers have also caught a few along the rocks off Martha's Landing.

### Bluefish

Although the bite is nothing like we saw last month, anglers are still picking away at chopper bluefish in the Ocean City Inlet. Anglers fishing on the "Lucky Break" caught some nice ones on bucktails and Devin McCauley caught a 12 pounder on a Z-Man artificial around the Rt. 50 Bridge during a trip aboard the "Ocean City Guide Service".

Small, snapper bluefish can still be found roaming the waters around the Rt. 50 Bridge.

Make sure you log onto our online Fishing Report throughout the day since we update it as the reports come in, especially from Capt. John Oughton on the charter boat, "That's Right". Everyone is encouraged to call in updates during their trip so they can be included in the Fishing Report that is read by thousands of anglers.

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For catching the first white marlin in Ocean City this season, Dave Taylor of West Ocean City, MD was presented a check for \$6,000 from Fishermen United of Ocean City, a group of businesses that stepped up when the Town of Ocean City was considering withdrawing their \$5,000 award. Pictured at the Check Presentation Ceremony is Rolfe Gudelsky from the Ocean City Fishing Center, angler Dave Taylor, Mary Jock from the Coastal Fisherman, Shawn Harman from Bahia Marina, Brian Tinkler from Sunset Marina and Atlantic Tackle and Earl Conley from the Bank of Ocean City. Dave caught the white marlin on June 17th while trolling in 70 fathoms at the north end of the Poor Man's Canyon.

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On the second day of last weekends Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off, anglers on "The Zipper" arrived at the Sunset Marina scale with 5 yellowfin tuna after trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars near the Hot Dog. Their 3 heaviest yellowfins weighed 45.0, 50.2 and 50.4 lbs. Fishing with Capt. Zip Zajdel and mate Myles Deppe were Dale Vetra, Joe Mildon, Don DiBlasi, Sissy Dalton and Ed Zajdel, Jr.



Jen and Tim McDowell were drifting in the Fish Bowl, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge with their uncle, John Folk when they captured 4 keeper flounder and 3 throwbacks during the incoming tide. Their largest fish measured 20-inches.

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There aren't many times you see a good size swordfish caught while trolling during daytime hours off the coast of Delmarva, but here is one landed last Saturday by anglers on the "Dawg Haus". Bruce Ennis fought the 286.4 pounder for the first 15 minutes after hooking it in 32 fathoms inside the Rockpile on a green machine trolled behind the hot new lure, Squidnation's Rasta "Flippy Floppy Thing". Jimmy Michael then took over and got the swordie to the boat in 45 minutes. Rounding out the "Dawg Haus" team were Gunnar Zorn, Dale Bowers, Lou Schallheis (not pictured), Judi Wroten, Capt. Corey Kennington and mate Will Kennington. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





Austin, Matt, Brian, Keith and Mike Coyle joined Mike Little for an overnight trip aboard the charter boat, "Capt. Ike II" with Capt. Dave Collins and teamed up to catch this 396 lb. mako shark. The shark ate a mackerel fillet at the Hot Dog where the group also caught 4 yellowfins on the troll that weighed between 45 and 50 lbs. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



The Old Grounds continue to be a great spot for flounder fishermen this season and that is where junior angler, Clay Harrison of Boyertown, PA captured this 25-inch. 5 lb. 3 oz. flattie while drifting with squid and minnows. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

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# Fish Stories

by Capt. Franky Pettolina



My "Man Cave" has one overwhelming theme when it comes to decor. Fishing! There are several fish mounts, ranging from my first fish (that little sand shark that I told y'all about last year) on up to my wife's first mako that she caught on my buddy Eric's boat a few years ago. There are framed *Coastal Fisherman* covers and trophies from the tournaments I have been lucky enough to win. I have prints and originals from marine artists I like and scattered about are pictures from my fishing adventures all over the world. And lastly, I have trophies and plaques from the Ocean City Marlin Club Seasonal Awards.

The Seasonal Awards are what I am going to talk about this week. Well, sort of. I am going to talk about the one Seasonal Award that I have which I do not display. More

specifically, I am going to relay to you the events which led to me being presented this award, which at the time was called a "Special Recognition of Achievement".

You may ask why I choose not to display an award for "Special Recognition of Achievement". This sounds like some amazing feat. Something to be proud of. A story for the ages. Well I guess I am proud of, or at least happy about, the outcome of the event that led to this award. It was pretty amazing. And it is a valuable story and one which I have told many times, and one that I am getting ready to tell again right now. After you hear it you can make up your own mind about whether I should hang the plaque or not.

On August 6, 2001, I was fishing in the Baltimore Canyon. Fishing the White Marlin Open

to be exact. I had a group of experienced anglers and the marlin bite was decent. Dad was running the boat. I was working the cockpit. Our friend Capt. Lee Fickinger was riding along to lend a hand when needed. The weather was good. Almost flat calm. I felt good about our chances.

Around 11:00 AM, I watched a boat called "The Biddy" hook a tripleheader of white marlin right next to us. I told the boys to get ready.

Probably 15 minutes later, I saw a fish cut in behind the skirted ballyhoo on the 30 lb. outfit on the right long-rigger. I picked up the rod, dumped the bait and a few seconds later I came tight. Normally this is a good thing. The problem with this particular time is that the fish was not another white marlin. It was about a 200 lb. class blue marlin. Other than for point value, a 200 lb. blue marlin is undesirable in the White Marlin Open. It almost hurts to type the words "blue marlin" and "undesirable" in the same sentence, but in this case it is fitting. You see, a 200 lb. blue marlin on a 30 lb. outfit can be a

real battle if you don't get the release quickly, and in a tournament like the Open, time is money. A bunch of money. The way I figure it, it was costing my guys a little over a thousand dollars per hour of fishing time with what they had invested for the week. This is the type of fish that could turn out to be a real nightmare. And this one did.

But not because it went deep and we ate up valuable fishing time. Actually quite the opposite. The fish stayed on top and we were backing down quickly. My angler, a burly fellow by the name of Jimmy Jernigan, was doing a great job on the rod. He was standing in the port side corner of the cockpit and gaining line as fast as we could chase down the fish. The fish was jumping about fifty yards behind the boat and I was standing next to Jimmy, ready to touch the leader for the tournament legal release when the fish was close enough. We had all done this before. I was joking with Jimmy that he better hurry up and catch this "rat" so we could get back to finding a "money fish".

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Jimmy's feet straight up in the air. It took me a second to comprehend what was happening. He had lost his footing and was going overboard. I tried to grab him but missed. In hindsight this was probably a good thing. I don't know if I would have been able to keep him in the boat and changing his fall into the water might have changed the outcome. He pretty much went in head first right behind the boat. And we were in reverse. It happened so fast.

I would like to tell you that I yelled "Man Overboard!" and then expertly performed a text book man overboard drill, but that isn't what happened. I yelled alright. And what I yelled isn't fit to print in this family friendly publication, but it definitely alerted the crew and Dad pulled the boat out of gear.

At this point a couple of things happened. I stood at the transom hollering "Where is he?" Over and over again. The boat was coasting backwards into the calm seas. Capt. Lee grabbed our Type IV throw ring and joined me at the transom.

All eyes were on the water. After what felt like a half hour, but in reality was probably less than 30 seconds, I heard what sounded like a turtle exhaling somewhere up the port side of the boat. I turned and looked and saw Jimmy swimming. I took the throw ring from Lee and hurled it at Jimmy. And missed him entirely. Thankfully we had a tether on the ring and I quickly pulled it back in and took my time and threw more accurately to Jimmy the second time. With him swimming and me helping pull we got him back to the boat and in our transom door. As he was coming into the boat he was apologizing for letting go of the rod! I told him that we got him back, that was what mattered. We could get another rod and reel. There are more Blue Marlin in the ocean.

I am not exactly sure how we didn't hit Jimmy with the props. Dad and I have hashed this over again and again over the years and the best we can come up with is that he went in head first and it helped that he was a big dude with a barrel chest. He went in at an angle that was

about as hydro dynamic as a human could get. Like I said earlier, I think it is good that I missed grabbing him. Had I caused him to belly flop instead of going in head first I might be telling this story very differently. But I think the way he went in allowed him to propel out of the prop wash even though we were in reverse.

The other key thing that happened in this chain of events was my buddy Lee grabbing the Type IV throw ring, the type that has a tether. Type IV throwable devices are REQUIRED to be IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE by the United States Coast Guard. The tether is not required on recreational vessels, but I am a believer in it (our tether is 60-feet long). If it wasn't for the tether I would not have had the second throw at Jimmy, nor would I have been able to help guide him in. Most of the boats I look at during surveys do not have the Type IV immediately available and by "immediately available" I mean that it is unobstructed and within reach of the crew. Not in a locker. Not stowed with the other personal floatation

July 5, 2017 Coastal Fisherman Page 13 devices. These things should be at arms length of a crew member. Now I realize that you can't always be three feet from something on a boat, but I think you get my point.

Truth is, we got lucky that day. We even laughed about it after the fact, but we got lucky. And we had the proper safety equipment in the correct place.

That award from the Ocean City Marlin Club was "Special Recognition of Achievement for the Release and Catch of One Angler". There was some good natured ribbing and joking about it at the Seasonal Awards Ceremony and I still have the plaque as a reminder. Hopefully, as a result of somebody reading this they will move their Type IV to a better position on their boat. But I still don't think I will display the award in my man cave.

*Capt. Franky Pettolina is Co-Captain of the charter boat, "Last Call" and President of the Ocean City Marlin Club.*



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Awards:

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September 13, 7:00 PM

Fishing Days: (2 of 3)  
September 14, 15 & 16

Italian Night:

September 15, 6:30 pm

Awards Banquet:

September 16, 6:30pm

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August 4 & 5

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August 5, 6:30 PM

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December 9-17

Awards Banquet:

December 17, 5:00 PM

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September 1, 2 & 3

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There were 12 yellowfin in the box of the charter boat, "That's Right" after a day of trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars near the Hot Dog last week. Fishing with Capt. John Oughton and mate Austin Bickford were Paul Wiedemann and Paul Wiedemann, Jr. of Belvidere, VA, Joe Matera of Closter, NJ and Paul DaPrato of Sparta, NJ. The majority of the yellowfins weighed between 40 and 50 lbs.



Hunter Brown of Finksburg, MD celebrated his 11th birthday with a fishing trip to the Hot Dog with his dad, Jason Brown and ended up catching his first mahi after hooking it on a spreader bar.


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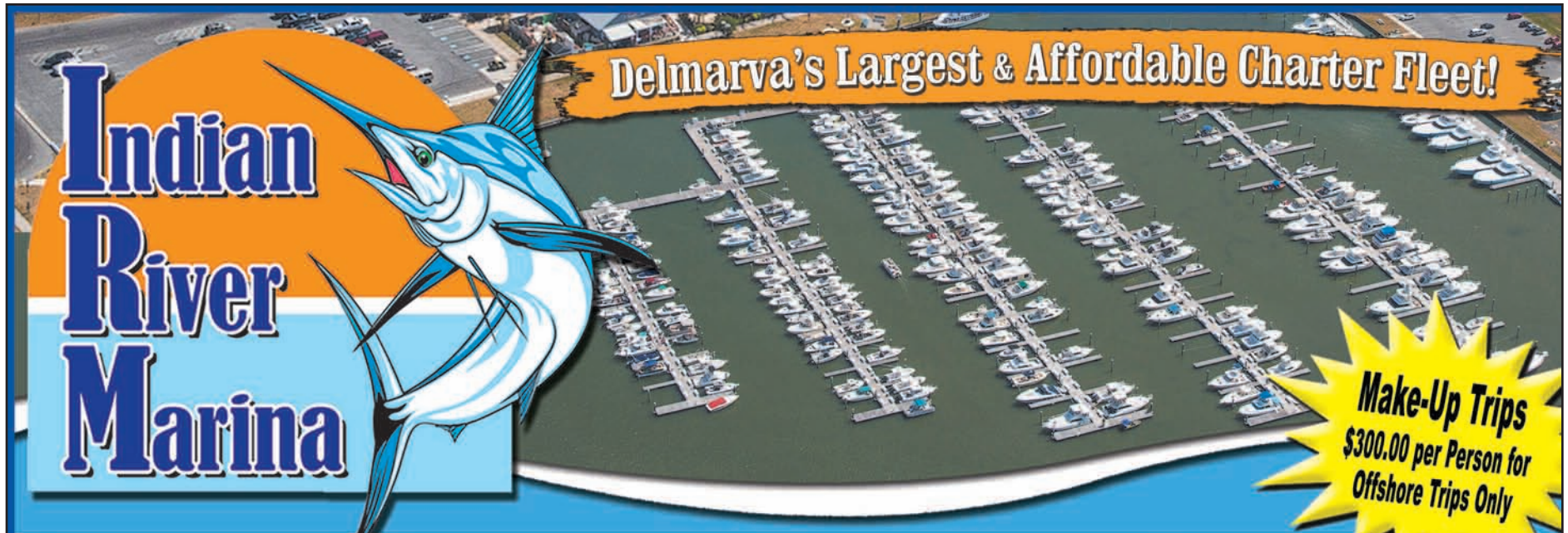


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Al Fish from Oil City, PA (yes that's his real name) caught this 4 lb. 10 oz. flounder while fishing in the Indian River Inlet with Capt. Aaron Hurd on the "Gale Force Charters". The big flattie was fooled with a top-and-bottom rig tipped with minnows. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Anglers on the charter boat, "Capt. Ike II" ventured out on an overnight trip to the Poor Man's Canyon and returned to the Indian River Marina with 14 yellowfin tuna, weighing up to 45 lbs. Fishing with Capt. Dave Collins were Heath Flanders, Weston Hoffman, Wyatt Hoffman and Steve Showalter (not pictured). Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.





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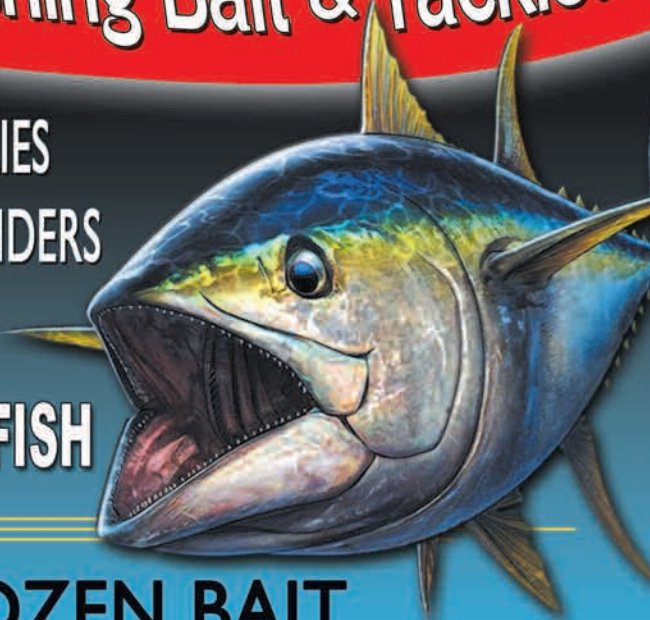


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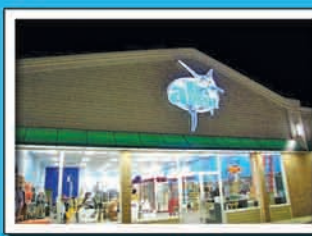
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This 26-inch, 6 lb. 3 oz. flounder fell at the hands of John Johansen during a trip on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley. The fish ate a Gulp! Jerk Shad and squid combination and was 1 of 17 keepers caught by John and his buddies during the trip.



Mikey Szarvas is a happy angler after muscling in this 45 lb. yellowfin while fishing in 400 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon with Brad Taylor on the "Fighting Lady".





It was like the Hatfields and the McCoys coming together when Bruce Lynch, David Steen, Adam Furry, John Jones, Kyle Brasure and Allen Baker joined up to capture 6 yellowfin tuna and a dolphin while fishing on the charter boat, "White Lightning" with Capt. Terry Murray and mates Paul Daisey and Gavin Murray. The fish were all caught while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars at the Hot Dog. Long time readers of the *Coastal Fisherman* will recognize these anglers for their annual competition for Top Flounder Fishermen of Dagsboro, DE. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



J.R. Landis was fishing on the "Off Duty" with his wife, Barb Landis when he caught this triggerfish at the Old Grounds. The 16-inch fish was skimming along the top of the water, just off the back of their boat, when J.R. fed it a small piece of clam.

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Aaron Colegrove from Parsonsburg, MD, Tommy Clark from Rockville, MD, Mike Copeland from Pocomoke, MD and Capt. Austin Ensor teamed up to boat 3 yellowfins and a 110 lb. bluefin while trolling ballyhoo around the Sausages last Saturday. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Last week, Joe DiNenna, Chris Daugherty and Matt Franz covered a lot of ground, fishing from the Hot Dog to the Baltimore Canyon and down to the Poor Man's. They were rewarded with a 40 lb. yellowfin tuna, 5 dolphin, a skipjack tuna and 3 golden tilefish.

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Turkey caller extraordinaire, Frank Perna of Alexandria, VA has been throwing some nice fish on the dock this season, including this 126 lb. bluefin caught while trolling ballyhoo at the Hot Dog. Frank was joined on the "Indian Giver" by Jim Bunting and Tom Schamno. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



Fischer Edmondson from Harrisburg, PA was drifting off Bethany Beach, DE when he hooked into this 22-inch weakfish while fishing with clams. Pictured at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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Mike Trymbiski, Joe Lauginiger, Brian Stewart, Mark Maggs and Jim Leupold ventured down from Pennsylvania to spend a day fishing on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Chris Vann. The anglers ended up with 4 bluefins, weighing up to 83.5 lbs., after trolling in the Poor Man's Canyon. They released another 13 bluefins during their trip. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Kevin Lougheed, Daniel Lougheed, J.P. Turansky, Dan Baker, Sam Connor and John Schultz caught 7 yellowfins and released a white marlin while fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mates Raul Gonzalez and Mark Stephens. All of the yellowfins were single bites in 200 to 500 fathoms in the Washington Canyon where Capt. Mark found water temperatures hovering around 74.5-degrees. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Sun Kim of Aldan, VA is pictured with a pair of beautiful black sea bass caught while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Wes Pollitt. Her largest knothead measured 21-inches and was caught on a chunk of clam at an ocean wreck. The "Morning Star" docks at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Andrew and Evan Siegel caught 20 and 22-inch flounder while fishing with white Gulp! and minnows in the West Channel.

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This pair of 22-inch flounder were caught by Matt Hubber while fishing with his Mom and Dad on the charter boat, "Fish Bound". They ended up with 10 keepers and a sea bass during their trip.



Gabriel Dalfonso of West Ocean City, MD caught and released this triggerfish while fishing on the "Intensity" an offshore wreck.

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Guy Julian hooked this white marlin while fishing in the Washington Canyon on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens.



Shane Moore, Adam Moore, Jr., Adam Moore, III, Ryan Burton, Zach Hoppa and Adam Jensen had a great day fishing on the charter boat, "Moore Bills" with Capt. Rob Skillman and mate Brian Behe. The anglers boated 11 yellowfins and a dolphin in 74-degree water while trolling in 200 fathoms in the Washington Canyon.

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The bite was strong around the Hot Dog last Saturday where this group of anglers on the charter boat, "Boss Hogg" picked up 6 yellowfins, a 95 lb. bluefin and a couple of mahi while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars. Joining Capt. Brian Porter and mate Charlie Vanderbeck were Howard Berger, Margie Berger, Krishna Wall, Rick Wall, Claire Davis, Chris Davis, Selwyn Richardson and Nick Richardson. Pictured back at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City.

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Mike Reeves, Benjamin Rickepts and James Swalwett were fishing on the new charter boat, "On the Run" with Capt. Dave Caffrey when they captured a pair of sheepshead, weighing 6 and 8 lbs., a 15 lb. black drum and a tautog. They also had 20 throwback tog and 10 throwback stripers during their trip. All of the action took place around the South Jetty. The "On the Run" is docked at Bahia Marina in Ocean City, MD.



Kaitlyn Jackson of Baltimore, MD shows off the 17 1/4-inch flounder she caught while drifting minnows in the south bay behind Frontier Town. Kaitlyn was fishing with Paige Maddox and Jay, Stuart, Jason and Wanda Goodman.

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# BAY FISHING CHARTERS



While fishing in the south bay behind Frontier Town, Jeff and Austin Smith from Frederick, MD caught 4 flounder on Gulp! artificial baits. The fish ranged from 17 1/2-inches up to 22-inches. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Justin McGuire of Middletown, DE was fishing with his dad, Mick McGuire at "B" Buoy when he hooked into this 3 lb. 2 oz. flounder while fishing with live minnows. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

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# BAY FISHING CHARTERS



Flounder pounders from Lancaster County, PA ventured down to Ocean City, MD and spent some time last week fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. Russell Richelderfer and Jim Singleton were rewarded with 5 keeper flounder in the box, and a bunch of throwbacks, while drifting white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts and minnows in the East Channel. Their largest flattie measured 21-inches and weighed 3 lbs. 8 oz. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Atlantic Tackle's Dennis McDermott is known for his quality reel repairs, but on his off-days he loves to join Big Bird Cropper for some fishing aboard the "Lost Time". On this day last week, Dennis caught a 24-inch black drum while tossing a Roy Rig around the South Jetty.

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Sung Park of Salisbury, MD shows off the 3 lb. 8 oz. black sea bass he fooled with a chunk of clam at an offshore wreck. Sung was fishing on the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Rich Fouts and Dean Lo.



Jeff Waxman of Bethany Beach, DE caught this 24 lb. golden tilefish while deep dropping cut bait in the Baltimore Canyon. Jeff was fishing on the "Valkyrie" with Shane Martine and Steve Redden. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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John, Justin and Josh Gorman were surprised when this 59-inch, 112.1 lb. bluefin tuna ate the rigged ballyhoo on a spreader bar they were trolling in Massey's Canyon. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



On June 28th, Tom Disney from Severn, MD caught and released this 120-inch (total overall length) blue marlin while fishing just outside the Washington Canyon with Peter Ayerle, Tom Disney, Jr. and Robert Nolte. The big blue hit a ballyhoo dressed up with a blue and white Ilander run on the flat line. Tom hooked the fish at 3:00 in the afternoon and fought it for approximately 90 minutes before it was released.

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Donald Bounds of Berlin, MD, Tom Trego of Salisbury, MD, Tom Hennessy of Salisbury, MD, Angela Bounds Landreth of Pittsville, MD, Steve Meadowcroft of Salisbury, MD and Jack Fisher of Pittsville, MD (not pictured) are all smiles after having a good day of tuna fishing on the charter boat, "Tighten Up" with Capt. Jason Genthner and mate Michael Murray. The anglers muscled in 4 yellowfins and a mahi while trolling a mixture of ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Washington Canyon. Pictured back at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City, MD.

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While trolling in 60 fathoms at the south end of the Poor Man's Canyon, Glenn and Miller Bogarde teamed up with some friends to jump on an early morning yellowfin bite and ended up with 6 in the box by 8:00 AM. The anglers were trolling ballyhoo and green machine spreader bars in 72-degree water. Pictured at Harbour Island in Ocean City, MD.



These 5 keeper flounder should have never gone after the squid and minnow combinations being fished by Loralee and Frank Brinton and Butch and Carol Jenkins. The flatties, measuring up to 22 1/2-inches, were caught in the Indian River Bay. Pictured with them at Rick's Bait & Tackle is good luck charm, Leo.

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Brianna, Kaitlyn, Connor and Quinn Kulawiak traveled down from New Jersey and took a trip on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford. The junior anglers ended up with a couple of tog and bluefish while fishing in the Ocean City Inlet.



Jimmy Tolson fought this 162 lb. bigeye tuna for almost 2 hours after hooking it on a 50 VSX in 135 fathoms, just south of the Baltimore Canyon. Jimmy was fishing on the "Out-Rea-Geous" with Anthony Barzini, Price Lindsey, Jim Azato, Jason Lesniczak and Capt. Roy Rea. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.




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These awards are voted on by the 600+ members of the National Marine Electronics Association and represent a cross section of people in the marine electronics business, including installers, trade members, dealers and manufacturers. There were 16 product categories for 2016, including three new ones: "Commercial", "Safety & Security" and "Multimedia Entertainment". The category for Manufacturer of the Year-Support went to Garmin for the second consecutive year.

So, let's learn a little about a few of the award winning products.

The Garmin Reactor Autopilot won 1st place in the Autopilot Category. With its solid-state, 9-axis Attitude

Heading Reference System (AHRS), the GHP Reactor autopilot series holds your course even when your boat is pitching and rolling in rough water. The Reactor offers flexible installation options and requires a minimum amount of



commissioning and calibration. The result is that everyone onboard enjoys a comfortable ride while heading error, course deviation, rudder movement and power consumption are minimized. This 9-axis Attitude Heading Reference System replaces the traditional Garmin round compass ball or the traditional fluxgate heading sensors traditionally used on other autopilot systems. The AHRS sensor is a small electronic device, connected

to the autopilot system with two cables. Garmin developed this marine sensor by using the same technology Garmin uses in its aviation electronics found in airplane cockpits.

Garmin offers the Reactor autopilot in a few different versions. The Compact Reactor is designed to be used on smaller boats to provide basic cruising autopilot control. This model is not recommended for fishing or low speed operation like trolling. The Compact Reactor can be used in conjunction with one of Garmin's newer multifunction displays as the only user interface without the need for a dedicated autopilot control screen. The standard GHP Reactor autopilot is available in a few different configurations. The top of the line version is sold as a complete kit, including a smartpump, which is the hydraulic pump that does the work of steering the boat for you. This Smartpump is capable of self configuring itself to almost any boats steering system, allowing this one pump solution as compared to the careful selection and configuration of other autopilot pumps. This pump is a modern brushless DC motor that can automatically adjust its output volume based on the needs of your vessel. There is also a version of the GHP Reactor autopilot that can be retrofitted into an existing

autopilot system, allowing you to re-use your existing autopilot hydraulic pump.

In the Radar award category, Furuno won with the DRS4DNXT, a solid-state Doppler pulse compression radar in a 24-inch closed dome. This radar also includes Target Analyzer and Fast Target Tracking utilizing Doppler technology. Combined with FURUNO exclusive RezBoost technology for beam sharpening, the DRS4DNXT packs the performance of an open array radar, in a compact 24-inch radome. This radar works with modern Furuno multifunction displays such as the TZT or TZT2.



The DRS4DNXT is the first radar to use the new exclusive Furuno Target Analyzer function, where targets that are approaching your vessel automatically change color. Green targets are targets that stay stationary or are moving away from you, while red targets are moving towards your vessel. The Target Analyzer works independent of vessel speed, both your own vessels and target vessels, with minor limitations. Echoes dynamically change colors as targets approach, or get

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In upcoming columns we will review some of the other 16 award winning products.

*Capt. 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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The new "G-FORCE" was taken out for its first trip of the season and anglers made the most of it with 4 yellowfins, a mahi and a white marlin release, all in the Washington Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Tony Diesel and mate Marston Jones were Tyler Smith, Rich Edwards, Stretch Smith, Adam Hedbavny and Brad Moyer.

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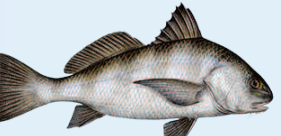

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<b>Sea Bass</b> 	May 28, 2017 Lee Vincent "Fish Bound" 5 lbs. 4 oz.	June 16, 2017 Stephen Pistoia Del-Jersey-Land Reef 4 lbs. 2 oz.	<b>Mako Shark</b> <i>100 lb. minimum</i> 	June 15, 2017 Shane Kline Restless Lady 564 lbs.	June 4, 2017 John Pendell Elephant Trunk 461 lbs.
<b>Tautog</b> 	February 21, 2017 Sam Furest "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 4 oz.	April 14, 2017 Mike Haas Site 10 9 lbs. 13 oz.	<b>Thresher Shark</b> 	June 4, 2017 Mike Fritsch Fingers 583 lbs.	June 11, 2017 Shane Martin Fingers 408.2 lbs.
<b>Striped Bass</b> 	May 10, 2017 Lee Savage Assateague Island 39 lbs. 8 oz.	June 5, 2017 Scott Cornew Bethany Surf 43 lbs.	<b>Bluefin Tuna</b> 	June 16, 2017 Neil Smith Poor Man's Canyon 210 lbs.	June 4, 2017 Frank Perna Baltimore Canyon 84 lbs.
<b>Weakfish</b> 	June 10, 2017 Rich Daiker South Jetty 5 lbs. 6 oz.	May 20, 2017 John Kelleher Delaware Bay 7 lbs. 2 oz.	<b>Yellowfin Tuna</b> <b>NEW</b> 	July 1, 2017 Mike Wheaton 800/800 60 lbs. 6 oz.	<b>NEW</b> June 29, 2017 Al Lee Baltimore Canyon 58 lbs. 4 oz.
<b>Cobia</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	<b>Longfin Tuna</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
<b>Flounder</b> <b>NEW</b> 	July 2, 2017 Butch Sample 2nd St. Bulkhead 8 lbs.	June 23, 2017 David Burgess Old Grounds 9 lbs.	<b>Bigeye Tuna</b> 	June 16, 2017 Greg Weber "That's Right" 180 lbs.	June 18, 2017 Matthew Gessler Poor Man's Canyon 130 lbs.
<b>Bluefish</b> 	May 4, 2017 Emma Matarese "OC Guide Service" 15 lbs. 12 oz.	April 21, 2017 Alex Neiss Cape Henlopen Surf 18 lbs. 8 oz.	<b>Dolphin</b> 	May 17, 2017 Chris Middendorf Norfolk Canyon 46 lbs.	No Weights Reported
<b>Sheepshead</b> <b>NEW</b> 	July 1, 2017 Mike Wagner South Jetty 12 lbs. 12 oz.	June 25, 2017 Ken German Indian River Inlet 8 lbs. 2 oz.	<b>Wahoo</b> <b>NEW</b> 	July 2, 2017 Scott Raleigh Sausages 26 lbs.	No Weights Reported
<b>Black Drum</b> 	May 11, 2017 Zach Nagler Assateague Surf 40 lbs.	June 9, 2017 Melissa Dawson Delaware Bay 60.6 lbs.	<b>White Marlin</b> 	<b>Most Releases in One Day (trolling only)</b> June 17, 2017 "Reel Buster" 1 Release June 16, 2017 "Fish Whistle" 1 Release	

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Anglers on the charter boat, "That's Right" returned from an overnight trip to the Hot Dog with 10 yellowfins in the box after trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in 24 fathoms. Their largest yellowfin tipped the scale at an even 52 lbs. Fishing with Capt. John Oughton and mates Will Hathaway and Austin Bickford were Kevin McCloskey of Felton, DE, Rob Warren of Slaughter Beach, DE, Irvin Webb of Milford, DE and Henry Warren of Milford, DE.



Here's something you don't see every day. Capt. Dave Caffrey on the charter boat, "On the Run" had some customers out on Sunday when they came across a struggling striper on top of the water behind Ocean City. The striper was choking on a spiny pufferfish that employed it's natural defense mechanism of inflating itself to prevent from being eaten. Capt. Dave was able to deflate the pufferfish and remove it from the stripers mouth, allowing the linesider to swim away unscathed.

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1 can (14 oz each) quartered artichoke hearts in water, drained  
1 lb. medium shrimp, peeled and deveined  
1/2 cup sliced green onions  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/8 tsp. ground black pepper  
Lemon wedges, optional

Cook rice according to

package directions.

Meanwhile, place undrained tomatoes and artichokes in 10-inch skillet.

Cook over medium-high heat 4 to 5 minutes or just until boiling.

Add shrimp; cook 2 to 3 minutes more or just until shrimp turn pink, stirring frequently.

Stir in remaining ingredients, except lemon.

Serve over rice with a squeeze of lemon juice, if desired.

### Wasabi-infused Mahi Sandwiches with Napa Slaw

1/4 cup shallots, finely minced  
2 TBSP garlic, finely

minced  
2 TBSP ginger, finely minced  
2 tsp. wasabi paste  
1/2 cup seasoned rice vinegar  
2 TBSP tamari  
2 TBSP light brown sugar  
1/4 cup toasted sesame oil, divided  
4 mahi fillets  
8 slices ciabatta or 4 rolls, split  
2 TBSP tahini  
1 1/2 cups very finely shredded Napa cabbage  
1 cup red cabbage, very finely shredded  
1/2 cup grated carrot  
1/4 cup chopped green onions  
Mayonnaise

Whisk together first 7 ingredients in a bowl.

Whisk in 2 TBSP sesame oil.

Reserve 1/2 cup marinade, and set aside.

Place fillets in a zip-top plastic bag and pour

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remaining marinade over fillets. Seal bag; chill 1 hour.

Remove fish and discard marinade.

Grill fish, skin side up, over medium-high heat (350° to 400-degrees) for 3 to 4 minutes.

Turn fish, and grill 3 to 4 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

Remove and discard skin.

Cover and keep warm.

Grill bread slices 3 minutes or until toasted. Set aside.

Stir together remaining 2 TBSP sesame oil and tahini.

Stir sesame oil mixture into reserved 1/2 cup marinade.

Combine Napa cabbage and next 3 ingredients in a bowl.

Pour marinade mixture over slaw; toss gently to combine.

Lightly spread one side of each bread slice with mayonnaise.

Place fish over 4 pieces of bread; top with slaw and remaining 4 pieces of bread.

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- 1 TBSP extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 TBSP tomato paste
- 3 cups cherry tomatoes, blitzed in a food processor until smooth
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 5 basil leaves, torn
- 1/2 lb. jumbo lump crab meat
- 1/2 lb. fettuccine
- Pinch of coarse salt and freshly ground pepper

Heat oil in a medium sauce pan over medium-high.

Add garlic and bloom for 30 seconds.

Add the tomato paste and continue to press down with the spatula, blooming for another 30 seconds.

Add the pureed tomatoes to the pot and whisk to combine.

Add basil and a pinch of salt and pepper.

Simmer for 5 minutes.

Add the heavy cream and crabmeat. Simmer for another 5 minutes.

In the meantime, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil.

Cook the fettuccine until al dente.

Drain and add fettuccine to the the sauce pot.

Stir to combine.

Serve garnished with the sliced scallions and freshly grated parmesan.

## Twice Baked Potatoes With Seafood Topping

- 4 large baking potatoes
- 1/3 cup low-fat sour cream
- 1/3 cup low-fat buttermilk
- Salt and pepper
- 1/3 cup light cream cheese
- 1/4 cup low-fat milk
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 pinch nutmeg
- 1 pinch pepper
- 1/2 TBSP flour
- 1 TBSP low-fat mayonnaise
- 1 TBSP lemon juice

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Justin Pastorius and his son, Parker Pastorius had a great day fishing for flounder in the Rehoboth Bay. Their 7 fish ranged from 17 1/2 to 24-inches. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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This 2 lb. 8 oz. sheephead was caught by Gavin German of Pottstown, PA while fishing with sand fleas on the south side of the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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3 TBSP parmesan cheese, kraft  
1 green onion, sliced thin  
1/4 lb. crab meat, drained  
1/4 lb. shrimp, drained and rinsed  
1/2 cup light cheddar cheese, finely grated  
Extra parmesan cheese, for sprinkling

Wash potatoes thoroughly. Poke potatoes with a fork until completely cooked and soft to the touch.

While they are still warm, cut them in half lengthwise.

Carefully scoop out center, leaving a shell of the skin about 1/4-inch thick.

Place the scooped out centers into a separate bowl and mash potato together with sour cream, buttermilk and salt and pepper.

Stuff the potato shells with the mashed potato and place in a sprayed 8-inch square casserole dish. Set aside.

In a saucepan on low heat combine flour, cream cheese, milk, garlic, salt, nutmeg and

pepper.

Heat gently until cream cheese is no longer lumpy.

Stir in mayonnaise, lemon juice, parmesan cheese and green onion.

Remove from heat and fold in crab meat and shrimp gently with a rubber spatula.

Cover and allow to cool to room temperature.

Spoon the topping mixture over the stuffed potatoes and sprinkle with cheddar cheese and extra Parmesan cheese.

If desired, cover the dish with plastic wrap and store in the fridge overnight.

Pre-heat oven to 350-degrees.

Bake 20 to 30 minutes until heated through and topping is lightly browned.

### Seafood Fritters

1 cup flour  
2 tsp. baking powder  
3/4 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
2 large eggs  
1/2 cup diced scallops

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(about 5 sea scallops)  
 1/2 cup shrimp, cooked &  
 diced (about 6 or 7  
 large)  
 1/2 cup sliced scallion  
 1/4 cup chopped red  
 onion  
 1/4 cup bottled clam juice  
 1/4 cup pale ale  
 1 1/2 tsp. jalapeno  
 peppers, chopped  
 Vegetable oil (for frying)  
 Lemon wedge, for  
 squeezing  
 Tartar sauce (optional)

Whisk first 4 ingredients in  
 a large bowl.

Make a well in the center.

Add eggs, scallions,  
 scallops, shrimp, red onion,  
 clam juice, ale and jalapeno  
 pepper. Stir well to blend.

Preheat oven to 250-  
 degrees.

Pour oil into skillet to reach  
 1-inch and heat over medium  
 flame.

Working in batches drop  
 batter by heaping spoonfuls  
 into oil and fry for about 3  
 minutes per side.

Remove to a paper towel  
 lined pan and keep warm in  
 oven.

Serve with lemon wedges  
 and tartar sauce.

### Spicy Seafood Pasta with Tomato Butter Sauce

4 TBSP butter, divided  
 1/4 lb. shrimp, peeled and  
 deveined  
 1/4 lb. scallops  
 4 cloves garlic  
 28 oz. can whole peeled  
 tomatoes  
 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes  
 (optional)  
 8 oz. fettuccine  
 1/2 tsp salt  
 Handful fresh parsley  
 (optional)

Add 2 TBSP butter to a  
 large skillet and place over  
 medium heat.

Once the butter is melted  
 and sizzling add the shrimp  
 and scallops. Stir and cook  
 through (3-5 minutes).

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the skillet to a clean bowl and set it aside.

Mince the garlic and add it to the skillet with 2 additional TBSP butter.

Sauté the garlic in the butter and the juices from the seafood for 1 to 2 minutes, or just until it has softened and becomes very fragrant.

Add the can of whole peeled tomatoes with their juices and 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes (optional).

Use a spatula or spoon to break the tomatoes into pieces.

Let the skillet come up to a simmer over medium heat, then turn the heat down to medium-low.

Continue to simmer, stirring occasionally for 30 minutes.

Continue to break the tomatoes into smaller bits every time you stir.

After simmering the sauce for about 15 minutes, bring a large pot of water to a boil for the pasta.

Cook the pasta in the boiling water according to the

directions until al dente. Drain the pasta in a colander.

Once the sauce is finished simmering, add 1/2 tsp. of salt. Stir to combine, taste, and adjust the salt more if needed.

Add the cooked seafood back to the skillet along with any juices that may have accumulated in the bowl.

Also add the cooked and drained pasta.

Toss the pasta and seafood in the sauce until everything is evenly coated.

Top the pasta with a handful of chopped fresh parsley, if desired.

### Shrimp Scampi Bake

- 1 cup butter
- 2 TBSP Dijon mustard
- 1 TBSP fresh lemon juice
- 1 TBSP chopped garlic
- 1 TBSP fresh parsley, chopped
- 2 lbs. medium raw shrimp, shelled, deveined, with tails attached

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degrees.

In a small saucepan over medium heat, combine the butter, mustard, lemon juice, garlic and parsley.

When the butter melts completely, remove from heat.

Arrange shrimp in a shallow baking dish.

Pour the butter mixture over the shrimp.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or until the shrimp are pink and opaque

### Creamy Parmesan Sauce over Flounder

1 tsp. butter  
2 lbs. cod fillets  
3/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese  
1/3 cup butter, softened  
1/4 cup mayonnaise  
1/4 cup chopped green onion  
3 TBSP lemon juice  
2 tsp. dried dill weed (optional)  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. ground black pepper

2 dashes Tabasco Sauce

Preheat oven's broiler and set oven rack 6-inches from the heat source.

Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil and lightly coat with 1 tsp. of butter.

Lay fish in a single layer on the prepared baking sheet.

Mix Parmesan cheese, 1/3 cup butter, mayonnaise, green onion, lemon juice, dill, salt, black pepper and hot sauce together in a bowl.

Broil fish until it flakes easily with a fork, 7 to 8 minutes.

Gently spread Parmesan cheese mixture over fish.

Return to oven and broil until topping is bubbling and lightly browned, about 2 more minutes.

Serve.

*If you would like to share your favorite seafood recipe with fellow Coastal Fisherman readers, just email it to [maureenjock@comcast.net](mailto:maureenjock@comcast.net).*

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Emily Vaughn from Ocean City, MD joined her husband, Tom Vaughn and a couple of friends for a trip aboard the charter boat, "Fish Bound" and returned to Bahia Marina with their limit of 19 keeper flounder. Emily captured this pair of 22-inchers while dropping gold skirted squid strips at the Old Grounds. As always, Capt. Kane Bounds was at the helm and mate Kevin Twilley was in the pit.

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Darrell Doupnik of Easton, MD muscled in this 4 lb. 8 oz. flounder during a trip on the headboat, “Angler” with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. The flattie was hooked on a chunk of clam at an offshore wreck. The “Angler” is located at Capt. Bill Bunting’s Angler Dock in Ocean City, MD.



Josh Ensor, Corbin Ensor, Jeff Rosenkilde, Luke Schmitt, Steve Davis and Greg Diehl on the “TUNAFOWL” caught 5 yellowfins and a mahi while trolling in 60 fathoms in the Poor Man’s Canyon where they found water temperature between 73 and 75-degrees. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

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# Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



For some reason they've been visiting Delmarva more than ever this early season, usually 2-4 days at a time, then they leave for a short while, only to return for another long weekend or sometimes pop in for a surprise visit during the week. Since mid-May they've been around so much that some folks are beginning to think of them as locals. But they aren't locals, they just breeze into down, disrupt things for a few days and move on. The worst of them usually come from the northeast but recently we've had some bad ones from the south, and there's no "wall" that will keep these "bad hombres" out. Even before they arrive, just the report that they're coming has many folks upset. And then they arrive, with all their gusto, rattling doors, tipping over trash cans, throwing sand on the beach and saltwater in boater's faces. Look-out Delmarva, the strong-gusty winds have come-a-calling!

For three days last week

the wind absolutely howled out of the south. Besides that the weather was beautiful with warm days and clear skies. Real pretty unless you wanted to fish offshore, and then "forgetaboutit"! With 6-foot seas kicked-up by the little-breeze, most fishermen opted to stay at the dock (at least the sane ones did) where conditions were a lot healthier for both man and vessel.

On the days when so many folks were looking forward to going fishing, but our friend Mother Nature said, "Nope, not for a few days", you can bet that there are a lot of somber faces around the docks on frustrated fishermen looking for something to do. So there I was, early one morning last week sitting in my truck watching the marina flags trying to rip themselves off their poles as sand blew across the parking lot and seagulls (that also should have been out fishing) huddled behind the lea of some tall buildings for any kind of relief from the breeze

they could get. Since I couldn't fish I was about to head home to initiate my own "Plan-B", which involved me shoving a lawn mower around the weed patch I call a yard, when a couple walked past my truck. Along their way, I overheard the man comment. "This lousy wind! What's it good for besides messing-up everyone's plans?" As they hustled away I wanted to jump out of the truck and tell them what "I" thought the wind was good for, but about that time the lady's hat blew off sending the man running across the parking lot trying to catch it before it bounced into the water behind a couple of charter boats. Noting that, I didn't figure my comments would be very well received, so I left the couple to their own thoughts on the matter.

If things hadn't gone so awry I would have mentioned to the couple that hey - thanks to the wind they now have the chance to slip over to one of the diners and have a leisurely breakfast without fear of yacking it up 30-miles offshore. That's gotta be a plus! Then it occurred to me that if frustrated anglers would just slow down and think about it, they'd probably be able to

take these blow-days with a lot less aggravation by realizing that there's even more good that comes from windy days than just a chance to fill up on flapjacks and scrapple.

Maybe the biggest plus is the troublemaking waves that the wind produces in the first place. Besides keeping us off the water, those big, rolling, white-capping, rumbling, pound your boat and splash you in the face waves are actually good for the marine environment by aerating the upper water column, helping to produce up-wellings that bring nutrients to the surface and getting water moving in areas that might otherwise tend to become stagnant. And just as this is healthy for the water, it's obviously healthy for the critters that live in it, including the very fish we all wish we could be fishing for on the blustery days when we can't.

Windy days also give anglers the opportunity to get a lot of work done on their boats and tackle that might otherwise be left undone until there is a major malfunction at a critical time. Hey, with some big tournaments coming up you can't be too prepared for the competition! And of course, a

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windy day in the middle of the season creates a great opportunity for anglers to “give it a break” for once and spend a little quality time at home with the family.

Getting back to what’s “good for the fish”. Ever think about how nice it would be if they could stock the ocean with farm-raised fish in the same way they do with freshwater ponds, streams, lakes and rivers? Imagine if a couple times a year a BIG truck pulled up on the beach and released thousands of tuna, dolphin, sharks, bluefish, sea bass, flounder and every other popular gamefish right out into the ocean. If you think about it, minus the big truck, isn’t that kinda-sorta what happens when nobody can get out and fish? I mean, on a given good-weather weekend, if “X” amount of fish would normally meet their fate in the bottom of anglers coolers, couldn’t one

say that if no one gets out to fish for 2 to 3 days, that it’s the same as if the ocean was suddenly re-stocked with that same amount of fish? Therefore, when the weather moderates and folks finally get back out on the water, there’s going to be that many more fish out there that wouldn’t have been if the wind never blew.

OK, I know such rationalization teeters on the kind of philosophical mumbo-jumbo that I for one absolutely hate to engage in, but hey, if it helps to make someone feel a little bit better about missing a couple days of fishing – what the heck. I know it worked for me last week as I followed my favorite lawnmower around the yard!

*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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Kyle Wood, Tony Ferrari, Austin Davis, Ryan Russell and Stephen Russell teamed up to catch 5 yellowfin tuna while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Poor Man’s Canyon on the “Loose Knot” with Capt. John Weber. Their 3 largest yellowfin weighed 38.1, 45.0 and 48.8 lbs. on the scale at Atlantic Tackle.

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Jackson Conrad, age 7, used a trolled ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon to catch his first yellowfin tuna during a trip with his dad, John Conrad on the "Gret's Three J's". Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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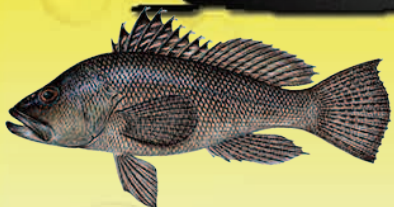
Andrew and John Scheler of Lititz, PA, Glenn Oesterling of Douglasville, PA and Bill Sims of Dillsburg, PA had a great day last week fishing on the charter boat, "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mate Mark Stephens. The anglers picked at yellowfin tuna all day in the Washington Canyon and ended up with 10 in the box in addition to throwing back 7 others. All were caught while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Peggy Krug of Ocean City, MD caught a pair of beautiful flounder, measuring 18 and 19-inches, while drifting Gulp! and minnows just north of the Rt. 90 Bridge with her husband, Ed Krug.

# Maryland Regulations

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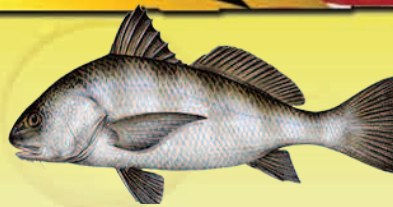
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### BLACK DRUM

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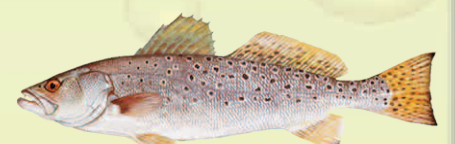
### RED DRUM

18" - 27" 1 per person/day



### SHEEPSHEAD

No limit



### SPECKLED TROUT

14" minimum 4 per person/day



### STRIPED BASS

28"- 38" and 44" and greater  
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### TAUTOG

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On the second day of the Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off, anglers on the "Grande Pez" arrived at the Sunset Marina scale with 3 yellowfins caught outside the Hot Dog. All 3 were hooked on trolled ballyhoo before 10:00 in the morning and weighed 40.2, 41.4 and 49.6 lbs. Pictured are Bill "Captain Sunshine" Fenwick, Arlan Drenning, Dale Withers and Jody Elswick.



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Last Saturday, anglers on the charter boat, "Stalker" caught 3 yellowfin tuna (2 pictured) during the Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off while trolling ballyhoo at the Hot Dog. Their 2 heaviest weighed 48.8 and 49.4 lbs. Fishing with Capt. Steve Moore and mate Cory Ludlum were C.J. Dorman, Andy Urban, Collin Macomber, Andy Bookwalter, Curtis Macomber (not pictured) and Chris Carbough (not pictured). Weighed at Sunset Marina.



Sylvia Angstadt and Diane Angstadt from Ocean Pines, MD are all smiles after returning to the Ocean City Fishing Center with a pair of flounder measuring 18 and 19-inches. The ladies were fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham when they hooked the flatties on white Gulp! Swimming Mullets in the West Channel.

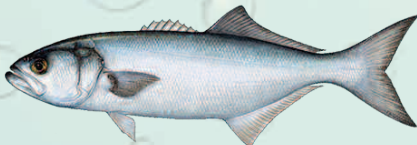
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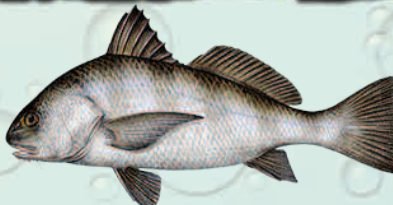
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28" - 37" or 44" or greater  
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20" - 27" minimum  
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### SHEEPSHEAD

No limit



### SPECKLED TROUT

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No creel limit



### COBIA

No limit in Delaware waters  
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### SUMMER FLOUNDER

17" minimum  
4 per person/day



### TAUTOG

Season closed



### WEAKFISH

13" minimum  
1 per person/day





Butch Sample of Ocean Pines caught a 25-inch, 8 lb. flounder off the 2nd Street Bulkhead while fishing with a white bucktail tipped with a 4-inch Gulp! Swimming Mullet. Weighed at All Tackle Ocean City.



Tim Roberts of Hockessin, DE, Jim Sensenig of Quarryville, PA, Tony Burr of Newark, DE and Dave Woods of Northeast, MD caught 12 yellowfins while trolling spreader bars with pearl Carlson lures north of the Wilmington Canyon. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

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Kevin Howell from Queenstown, MD, Joe Doody from Ijamsville, MD, Heather and Lee Sigler from Keedysville, MD, Matt Armitage from Brunswick, MD and Tom Palmer from Keedysville, MD had 7 yellowfin tuna, 2 mahi and a white marlin release after spending the day fishing on the charter boat, "C-Boys" with Capt. Luke Blume and mate Jon Henry. Lee Sigler released the white marlin with all the action taking place in 100 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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Beginning January 1, 2018, recreational fishermen, including charter/headboat fishermen that fish for, retain, posses, or land sharks in federal waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean must have a valid "shark endorsement" added to their HMS permit. Atlantic tunas General category and Swordfish General Commercial permit holders must also have a shark endorsement for registered

tournaments. The video is required viewing for permit holders requesting the shark endorsement, and will be followed by a brief, educational quiz.

For further information, contact Cliff Hutt at [Cliff.Hutt@noaa.gov](mailto:Cliff.Hutt@noaa.gov).

## Ocean City opens new boat ramp

The Town of Ocean City opened a new boat ramp on 64th Street and the Bay adjacent to the town's Public Works complex.

The ramp is operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. Launching and retrieving of boats is free and pay-to-park rates are \$2.00 per hour from April 1st through October 31st. Parking is free during the off-season. Vehicles can be left in the lot overnight.

Parking spaces are 50-feet in length and able to accommodate a vehicle and trailer.

The channel has been dredged and has approximately 3-feet of draw at low tide.

The Town also offers a public boat ramp at 87th Street and Bering Road. Annual passes for this ramp cost \$50 and can be purchased at City Hall. There is no on-site parking for the 87th Street Ramp.

## NOAA Seeks Comments on Adding Blueline Tilefish to Golden Tilefish Management Plan









NOAA Fisheries is asking for comments on a proposed rule to add blueline tilefish to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Golden Tilefish Fishery Management Plan.

Blueline tilefish have been managed for many years under the South Atlantic Council's Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan,

whose measures only apply south of the Virginia/North Carolina border. The fishery in the Mid-Atlantic was considered very small and remained unregulated until recently.

Recreational and commercial blueline tilefish catch has been increasing steadily in the Greater Atlantic Region (Virginia to Maine) since 2011. In 2014, commercial landings increased more than 20-fold from the previous several years' average. This rapid increase in unregulated harvest represented a risk to the long-term sustainability of the stock, and triggered the Mid-Atlantic Council to request emergency management measures in 2015. Interim management measures took effect in June 2016, while the Council developed this proposed amendment.

Amendment 6 to the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan would manage the

Federal Size & Creel Limits			3-200 Miles	
 <p><b>BLUE MARLIN</b> 99" Lower Jaw Fork Length No creel limit</p>	 <p><b>DOLPHIN</b> No minimum length 10 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>YELLOWFIN TUNA</b> 27" Curved Fork Length 3 per person/day</p>	<p><b>SHARKS</b> <b>AUTHORIZED SPECIES</b></p> <p><u>No Minimum Fork Length</u> Atlantic Sharpnose, Bonnethead, -----</p> <p><u>54" Minimum Fork Length</u> Atlantic Blacktip, Bull, Lemon, Nurse, Spinner, Tiger, Blue, Common Thresher, Oceanic Whitetip, Porbeagle, Shortfin Mako, Finetooth, Atlantic Blacknose -----</p> <p><u>78" Minimum Fork Length</u> Great Hammerhead, Scalloped Hammerhead, Smooth Hammerhead, -----</p> <p>Only 1 shark from the lists above may be retained per vessel per trip. In addition, 1 Atlantic Sharpnose and 1 Bonnethead may be retained per person per trip. No size or creel limits on dogfish sharks.</p> <p><b>Prohibited Sharks</b> Atlantic Angel, Basking, Bigeye Sand Tiger, Bigeye Sixgill, Bigeye Thresher, Bignose, Caribbean Reef, Caribbean Sharpnose, Dusky, Galapagos, Longfin Mako, Narrowtooth, Night, Sand Tiger, Sevengill, Sixgill, Smalltail, Whale, White</p>	
 <p><b>WHITE MARLIN</b> 66" Lower Jaw Fork Length No creel limit</p>	 <p><b>WAHOO</b> No minimum length 2 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>BLUEFIN TUNA</b> (Recreational) 2 per vessel/day/trip 27" to less than 47" CFL 1 per vessel/day/trip 47" to less than 73"  (Charter Boat) 3 per vessel/day/trip 27" to less than 47" CFL 1 per vessel/day/trip 47" to less than 73" Southern Trophy Fishery closed through December 31, 2017</p>		
 <p><b>SWORDFISH</b> 47" Lower Jaw Fork Length 1 per person / 4 per vessel (Rec) 1 per person / 6 per vessel (Charter)</p>	 <p><b>BIGEYE TUNA</b> 27" Curved Fork Length No creel limit</p>			



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federal waters blueline tilefish fishery north of the Virginia/North Carolina border. NOAA is proposing these management measures for blueline tilefish as part of the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan.

Through this action, NOAA is proposing a commercial possession limit of 300 pounds per trip.

NOAA is also proposing a recreational season from May 1st to October 31st and limits of:

- 7 fish per person on Coast Guard inspected for-hire vessels (party/headboats)
- 5 fish per person on uninspected for-hire vessels (charter boats), and
- 3 fish per person on private recreational vessels.

The proposed rule would require fishermen to hold a valid Greater Atlantic Region open access tilefish commercial or charter/party permit to ensure adequate reporting and monitoring of blueline tilefish fishing

activity. NOAA is also recommending requirements for new permits and catch reporting for private recreational fishermen.

More information is available in the proposed rule and Notice of Availability, along with the draft Environmental Assessment and preliminary Regulatory Impact Review.

You may submit comments either through the e-rulemaking portal or by mailing your comments to: John Bullard, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Please mark the outside of the envelope: "Comments on Blueline Tilefish Amendment."

The comment period for the proposed rule closes on July 28, 2017 and for the Notice of Availability on August 14, 2017.

For more information, contact Jennifer Goebel at 978-281-9175 or [jennifer.goebel@noaa.gov](mailto:jennifer.goebel@noaa.gov)



Al Lee from Ocean View, DE caught this 45-inch, 58.4 lb. yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "3 Amigos" with Capt. Kevin Denison. The yellowfin ate a ballyhoo dressed up with a purple Ilander in the Baltimore Canyon and was weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.

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Species	2017	2016	Species	2017	2016
<b>Sea Bass</b> 	May 16, 2017 Tom Vaughan "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	May 15, 2016 Steve Billingsley "Morning Star" Sue's Reef	<b>Mako Shark</b> 	April 28, 2017 Andy Smelter "Nontypical" Triple 0's	May 14, 2016 Brian Leader "Keep Er Wet" Poor Man's Canyon
<b>Tautog</b> 	January 1, 2017 Pat Scida "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	January 1, 2016 Dave Moore "Morning Star" Ocean Wreck	<b>White Marlin</b> 	June 16, 2017 Ian Schwing "Fish Whistle" Poor Man's Canyon	May 27, 2016 Andy Urban "In the Black" Norfolk Canyon
<b>Striped Bass</b> 	April 28, 2017 Jack Austin Cape Henlopen Surf	January 14, 2016 Connor Metz "G-FORCE" Little Gull	<b>Blue Marlin</b> 	June 25, 2017 Sasha Serpa "Maryland Pride" Baltimore Canyon	May 28, 2016 Bo Appel "Boss Hogg" Norfolk Canyon
<b>Weakfish</b> 	May 20, 2017 John Kelleher Ice Breakers	June 2, 2016 Rod Grodzicki Inner Wall	<b>Bluefin Tuna</b> 	April 30, 2017 Dale Christensen "Wrecker" Triple 0's	April 21, 2016 Joe Cantianelli "Reel Life" Baltimore Canyon
<b>Flounder</b> 	April 7, 2017 Lukas Layton Rt. 90 Bridge	April 16, 2016 Hannah Johnson "Lucky Break" Sinepuxent Bay	<b>Yellowfin Tuna</b> 	April 30, 2017 Corbin Ensor "Tunafowl" Triple 0's	May 7, 2016 Jeff Rosenkilde "Mate Trix" Baltimore Canyon
<b>Bluefish</b> 	April 17, 2017 Ayrton Pryor Assawoman Bay	April 15, 2016 Sean Fox Assateague Surf	<b>Longfin Tuna</b> 	None Reported	June 5, 2016 Jeff Drury Linden Kohl Canyon
<b>Black Drum</b> 	April 20, 2017 Tom Fox Assatague Surf	March 31, 2016 Billy Powell Assateague Surf	<b>Bigeye Tuna</b> 	May 27, 2017 Mark Robbins "Husevo" Norfolk Canyon	May 26, 2016 Denise Rust "Marli" Norfolk Canyon
<b>Sheepshead</b> 	May 31, 2017 Paul Lebling South Jetty	May 7, 2016 George Easter Russell's Reef	<b>Dolphin</b> 	April 30, 2017 Megan Humphrey "Wrecker" Triple 0's	May 20, 2016 Randy Tracey "Talkin Trash" Washington Canyon
<b>Thresher Shark</b> 	May 27, 2017 Anthony Pino Fingers	May 20, 2016 Chris Stafford "Reel Nauti" Jackspot	<b>Wahoo</b> 	<div>NEW</div> July 2, 2017 Scott Raleigh "That's Right" Sausages	June 2, 2016 Ryan Morris "Jade II" Washington Canyon

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Kevin Garner of Palmyra, PA and Jeff Garner of Manheim, PA caught a pair of flounder, measuring 17 1/2 and 18-inches, while drifting white Gulp! Swimming Mullet in the West Channel. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Liz Brittingham. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center in West Ocean City.



Randy Karl of Woodbridge, VA and Brian Grawher of Rehoboth Beach, DE ventured out to the Baltimore Canyon and returned with a pair of yellowfin tuna caught while trolling skirted ballyhoo on the charter boat, "Bubblehead" with Capt. Buddy Whetzel and mate Kevin Twilley. Their largest yellowfin weighed an even 51 lbs. on the scale at Bahia Marina.

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Matt and Allan Frank, Todd and Kyle Dickerson and Alex Cederbaum returned to Atlantic Tackle with 7 yellowfin tuna, weighing up to 50.9 lbs., and 5 dolphin after trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in 500 to 1,000 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. The anglers were fishing on the "Top Dog" with Capt. Ryan Knapp and mates Moonpie Williams and Frankie Mattes.



Eva Todaro of Bel Air, MD caught this pair of flounder on back-to-back drifts in the bay behind Bahia Marina. Eva used 4-inch white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts to fool the 19 and 21-inch flatties during a trip aboard the "Fins-n-Needles" with Don Todaro.

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Nick Carvounis boated this doubleheader of black sea bass during a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Dan Iacangelo and Wes Pollitt. The largest of the 2 sea bass measured 19-inches and was caught on a chunk of clam on an artificial reef.



This 36-inch, 12 lb. chopper bluefish was muscled in by Devin McCauley of Hagerstown, MD during a trip on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather. Devin hooked the 36-incher while casting Z-Man artificial baits around the Rt. 50 Bridge during the incoming tide. Pictured at the OC Fishing Center.

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	<u>MD</u>	<u>DE</u>
Atlantic Spadefish	24"	-
Black Drum	48"	50 lbs. or 45"
Bluefish	34"	14 lbs. or 33"
Blue Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size
Cobia	44"	-
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 36"
Red Drum *	36"	45"
Sailfish *	Any Size	-
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"
Speckled Trout	24"	-
Striped Bass	40"	30 lbs. or 40"

\* Only released fish are eligible in Maryland program

\*\*\* Use curved-fork-length measurements

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

\*\* Only released fish are eligible in MD and DE programs





On Sunday, the final day of the 2017 Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off, Pam McAteer caught and released a blue marlin to take the top spot in the Billfish Release Division. Pam hooked the blue marlin in 69-degree water in the Spencer Canyon while fishing on the "Maverick" with Pat, Marielle and Marina McAteer, Randy Newcomer, Capt. Joe McLeod and mate Neil Ashley. For their 1st place finish, the "Maverick" team won \$12,150 in award money. This is the first blue blue marlin caught by a Marlin Club member boat. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



One of the last boats to arrive at the scale of the 35th Annual Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off was the "Grande Pez" with a 21.2 lb. dolphin caught by Susy Elswick to jump into 1st place in the Dolphin Division. Susy hooked the winning fish on a trolled ballyhoo at the 800/800 while fishing with Jody Elswick, Jim Giles, Wayne Six, Capt. Pat Svehla and mate Noah McVicker. Jim Giles also caught and released a white marlin during the trip. For their 1st place finish, the "Grande Pez" team won \$15,772 in award money.

## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual CANYON KICK OFF Tournament Results

June 29-July 2, 2017

### BILLFISH RELEASE

1ST PLACE - "MAVERICK" - 150 PTS. ( 11:26am ) \$12,150  
 2ND PLACE - "HAULIN N BALLIN" - 100 PTS. ( 10:14am ) \$1,620  
 3RD PLACE - "GRIFFIN" - 100 PTS. ( 10:55am ) \$1,080

### DOLPHIN

1ST PLACE - "GRANDE PEZ" - 21.2 lbs. \$15,772  
 2ND PLACE - "LAST CALL" - 15.0 lbs. \$2,443  
 3RD PLACE - "LAST CALL" - 13.6 lbs. \$1,629

### TUNA (YELLOWFIN, BIG EYE & LONGFIN)

1ST PLACE - "ABSOLUT PLEASURE" - YF 60.6 lbs. \$15,772  
 2ND PLACE - "STALKER" - YF 59.6 lbs. \$2,443  
 3RD PLACE - "MAVERICK" - YF 56.8 lbs. \$1,629

### BLUEFIN TUNA

1ST PLACE - "CANYON BLUES" - 122.8 lbs.  
 2ND PLACE - "CAROL'S TEAKETTLE" - 113.6 lbs. \$900  
 3RD PLACE - "GRET'S THREE J's" - 106.8 lbs. \$1,629

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In the 35th Annual Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off, anglers on the "Absolut Pleasure" caught 4 yellowfin tuna on the second day of the tournament, including a 60.6 pounder that held on to win 1st place in the Tuna Division (yellowfins, bigeyes & longfins). Mike Wheaton, Bill Zimmerman, Jamie Romero and Glen Heitman hooked the yellowfins while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars near the 800/800 with Capt. Willie Zimmerman and mate Dylan Harrington. For their 1st place finish, the "Absolut Pleasure" team won \$15,772 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





On opening day of the 35th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off, William Schlesner caught a 122.8 lb. bluefin and held on to win 1st place in the Bluefin Tuna Division. William was fishing on the "Canyon Blues" with Nick and Rudy Schlesner, Henry Hentzman, Jodi Grossman, Capt. David Grossman and mate Daniel Grossman. The winning bluefin was hooked on a green machine in 68-degree water at the Hot Dog where they also caught 3 yellowfins and 3 mahi. Since they didn't get in any of the Added Entry Levels, the "Canyon Blues" didn't win any money for their 1st place finish, but they did get bragging rights for the next year!



Second place in the Billfish Release Division of the 35th Annual Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off was won by the team on the "Haulin n Ballin" with a white marlin release by Gordon McNamara on the second day of the tournament. Gordon hooked the white marlin in 1,600 fathoms behind the Washington Canyon while fishing with Fred Weimerd, Ryan and Shelby Frashure, Capt. Howard Lynch and mate Parker Marshall. They also caught 3 mahi during their trip. For their 2nd place finish, the team won \$1,620 in award money. Also pictured back at Sunset Marina is boat owner, Aaron Jezierski.



On Saturday, the second day of the 2017 Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off, anglers Eric Schline, Don Schline, Boz Jefferson and Maddie Pettolina (not pictured) brought a pair of dolphin to the scale that weighed 13.6 and 15.0 lbs. and held on to win 2nd and 3rd place in the Dolphin Division. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Last Call" with Capt. Frank Pettolina and mates Franky Pettolina and Chris Evans. The dolphin were caught on both natural ballyhoo and a rubber ballyhoo while trolling at the Hot Dog and took home \$2,606 in award money.



Anglers on the "Stalker" arrived at the scale of the 2017 Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off on the final day and threw a 59.6 lb. yellowfin on the dock to jump into 2nd place in the Tuna Division, worth \$2,443 in award money. Fishing on the "Stalker" with Capt. Steve Moore and mate Cory Ludlum were Curtis Macomber, Chris Carbaugh, C.J. Dorman, Andy Urban, Andy Bookwalter and Collin Macomber, who caught the 2nd place yellowfin. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





Tim Brinker on "Carol's Teakettle" muscled in a 58-inch, 113.6 lb. bluefin tuna to win 2nd place in the Bluefin Tuna Division of the 2017 Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off. Tim hooked the bruiser while trolling ballyhoo in 30 fathoms outside the Hot Dog while fishing with Tom and Jim Brinker and Christine Drummond. For their 2nd place finish, the team won \$900 in award money. They also caught a 12.2 lb. dolphin during their trip. Weighed at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City.



On opening day of the 35th Annual Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off, Mike Donohue caught and released a white marlin at 10:55 AM in the Baltimore Canyon and held on to win 3rd place in the Billfish Release Division. Mike was fishing on the "Griffin" with Andy Strine, Todd Willard and Capt. John Adams. For their 3rd place finish, the "Griffin" team won \$1,080 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Last Friday on the first day of the 2017 Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off, anglers Randy Newcomber, Tony Hampshire and Joe Thurlough (not pictured) brought a couple of yellowfins to the scale, including a 56.8 pounder that went on to win 3rd place in the Tuna Division (yellowfins, bigeyes & longfins). The fish was caught in green, 71-degree water in the Washington Canyon and earned the team \$1,629 in award money. All of the action took place on the "Maverick" with Capt. Joel McLeod and mate Neil Ashley.



In the 35th Annual Marlin Club Canyon Kick-off, Mike Tenuto on the "Gret's Three J's" caught a 106.8 lb. bluefin and held on to win 3rd place in the Bluefin Tuna Division. The 56-inch was hooked on a trolled ballyhoo at the Hot Dog while fishing with Joe Sharkey, Greg Garman, Jace and Jackson Conrad, Scott Hoppy (not pictured), Jackie Tenuto (not pictured), Capt. John Conrad and mate Eric Strauss. Greg also caught a 41.6 lb. yellowfin on a Squidnation Flippy Floppy during the trip. For their 3rd place finish, the team earned \$540 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Justin Havard, Jimmy Bluen, Johnny Botts, Steven Pilipauskis, David Foxwell, Travis Jackson, Nick Pilipauskis and Ricky Cassidy teamed up to boat 11 yellowfin tuna and a mahi while trolling in the Poor Man's Canyon on the "Reel Tight". Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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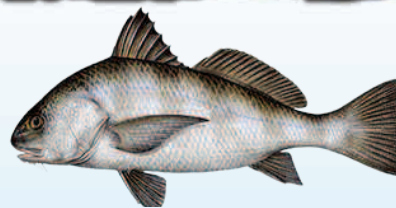
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Last Sunday, Scott Raleigh of Elkton, MD caught the first wahoo of the season while fishing on the charter boat, "That's Right" with Jarod Hess, Derek Fisher, Wesley Gates, Jon Radulski, Lenwood Stokes, Mike Capano, Tim Moore, Kent Davis, Matthew Masten, Jimmy Albensi, Capt. John Oughton and mates Will Hathaway and Austin Bickford. The 26 lb. wahoo, along with 3 yellowfins and a mahi, were all caught while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars near the Sausages.

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 Ocean City Fishing Center  
 Ocean City Marlin Club  
 Harborside Bar & Grill  
 Ocean City Fish Company  
 Atlantic Tackle  
 Sunset Marina  
 Sunset Provisions  
 Harbor Marine  
 Food Lion - Rt. 611  
 Larry's Trading Post - Rt. 611  
 Optical Galleria - Rt. 611  
 Southside Deli - Rt. 611  
 Castaways Campground - Check-in  
 Castaways Campground - Store

### ANNAPOLIS, MD

All Tackle - Somerville Road  
**BERLIN & PITTSVILLE**  
 Walmart - Rt. 50 (both entrances)  
 Berlin Post Office  
 Buck's Place - Rt. 611  
 Frontier Town - Check-In  
 Frontier Town - Country Store  
 Assateague Market - Rt. 611  
 7-Eleven - Rt. 589  
 Crabs To Go - Rt. 50  
 Pittsville Ford  
 Coastal Drug - Ocean Pines

### FENWICK/SELBYVILLE

Fenwick Tackle  
 Mancini's Italian Restaurant  
 North Bay Marina  
 Uncle Willie's  
 Rt. 113 Boat Sales  
 Harris Teeter  
 Yellowfins Bar & Grill

### BETHANY, OCEAN VIEW & MILLVILLE

Hook 'em & Cook 'em Outfitters - Rt. 1  
 G&E Supermarket  
 G&E Hardware - Cedar Neck Rd.  
 Hocker's Deli - Rt. 26  
 Hocker's Supermarket - Rt. 26  
 Bethany Auto & Marine - Rt. 26

### INDIAN RIVER

Indian River Marina  
 Hook 'em & Cook 'em Tackle Shop  
 South Shore Marina

### DEWEY, REHOBOTH & LEWES

Pier Point Marina  
 Fisherman's Wharf  
 Lewes Harbour Marina  
 ACME - Rt. 1  
**LONG NECK**  
 Short's Marine  
 Rick's Bait & Tackle





# Tides & Moon Phases OCEAN CITY INLET

Wed. July 5	Low 12:07 am Low 12:00 pm	High 05:46 am High 06:43 pm
Thurs. July 6	Low 12:55 am Low 12:36 pm	High 06:29 am High 07:22 pm
Fri. July 7	Low 01:38 am Low 01:15 pm	High 07:13 am High 08:02 pm
Sat. July 8	Low 02:18 am Low 01:52 pm	High 07:58 am High 08:41 pm
Sun. July 9 Full Moon	Low 02:54 am Low 02:29 pm	High 08:43 am High 09:20 pm
Mon. July 10	Low 03:29 am Low 03:07 pm	High 09:27 am High 09:59 pm
Tues. July 11	Low 04:04 am Low 03:47 pm	High 10:10 am High 10:36 pm
Wed. July 12	Low 04:40 am Low 04:31 pm	High 10:52 am High 11:14 pm
Thurs. July 13	Low 05:19 am Low 05:20 pm	High 11:34 am High 11:53 pm
Fri. July 14	Low 06:01 am Low 06:13 pm	High ----- High 12:19 pm
Sat. July 15	Low 06:47 am Low 07:10 pm	High 12:35 am High 01:08 pm
Sun. July 16 Last Qtr. Moon	Low 07:36 am Low 08:11 pm	High 01:23 am High 02:04 pm
Mon. July 17	Low 08:27 am Low 09:14 pm	High 02:17 am High 03:07 pm
Tues. July 18	Low 09:22 am Low 10:21 pm	High 03:17 am High 04:11 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.

# Upcoming Tournaments



## .... JUNE ....

**9th Annual Pier Point Marina Flounder Tournament**  
*June 23-July 29 • Dewey Beach, DE • 302-227-2808*

## .... JULY ....

**Canyon Club Junior Angler Offshore Challenge**  
*July 5-8 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400*

**30th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament**  
*July 14-16 • Ocean City Fishing Center • 410-213-1121*  
**13th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic**  
*July 22-23 • Ocean City Marlin Club • 410-213-1613*  
**4th Annual Big Fish Classic**  
*July 28-30 • Talbot Street Pier • 410-213-0325*

## .... AUGUST ....

**9th Annual Marlin Club Ladies Tournament**  
*August 4-5 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613*  
**9th Annual Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce  
Flounder Tournament**  
*August 5 • Pines Point Marina • 410-641-5306*  
**43rd Annual White Marlin Open**  
*August 7-11 • Harbour Island Marina • 410-289-9229*  
**24th Annual Capt. Steve Harman Poor Girl's Open**  
*August 17-19 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7438*  
**Paradise Grill Flounder Pounder**  
*August 18-20 • Millsboro, DE • 302-945-4500*  
**26th Annual The Mid Atlantic**  
*August 20-25 • Cape May, NJ & Ocean City*

## .... SEPTEMBER ....

**59th Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament**  
*September 1-3 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613*  
**12th Annual Flounder Pounder**  
*September 10 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7438*  
**17th Annual Ocean City Fishing Center Spot Tournament**  
*September 11 • OC Fishing Center • 410-213-1121*





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