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Yellowfin tuna fishing has been hot for a couple of weeks and it was never more evident than when the "Marli" arrived at the dock on Saturday afternoon with 23 yellowfins and 5 dolphin in the box. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in 78-degree water in the Wilmington Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Brian Porter and mates Rick Tshudy and Anthony Pino were Tim Joseph from Washington, DC, Garrett Hart from Leesburg, VA, Jeff Lee from Charlotte, NC, Jason Hahn from Arlington, VA, Steve Pezzetti from Alexandria, VA and Gunnar Zorn from Berlin, MD. The heaviest dolphin caught on the trip weighed in at an even 26 lbs. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

Fish Facts



Yellowfin Tuna *Thunnus albacares*

Key Distinguishing Markings:

- Black to dark blue in color with a yellow or silver belly. The dorsal fin, anal fins and finlets are bright yellow.

Size:

- The maximum reported length is 110 inches and the maximum reported weight is 880 lbs. The all-tackle record recognized by the IGFA is 388 lbs. 8 oz.

Distribution:

- The yellowfin tuna is a highly migratory fish. They can be found worldwide with the exception of the Mediterranean Sea.

Food Preference:

- Primary prey includes fish, cephalopods and crustaceans.
- Fish species consumed by the yellowfin tuna include mahi mahi, pilchard, anchovy, flying fish, mackerel and other tunas, along with squid, octopus, shrimp, lobster, crabs, cuttlefish and more.
- Yellowfin are believed to be sight-oriented predators, as their feeding tends to occur in surface waters during daylight.

Spawning:

- The peak spawning period for yellowfin tuna occurs during summer months; however spawning also occurs throughout the year. Eggs are fertilized externally after mating when they are released into the water.

Fun Facts:

- Larger yellowfin frequently school in association with dolphins, particularly spotted dolphin, spinner dolphin and common dolphin.
- Yellowfin will commonly school under drifting objects such as driftwood, patches of seagrass, boats or dead marine mammals.

Reference: <http://www.atlanticpanip.com/species/view/yellowfin-tuna/>



September 2000 - Katelyn Linson, age 6, of BelAir, MD caught a flounder that was almost as big as she is when she boated this 8-pounder in the East Channel while fishing on the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Bob Gowar and Mate Hunter Bounds. Katelyn baited her own hook with shiners. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Capt. Chet Harer on the "Lil' Angler II" used a strip of squid to entice this 5 lb. 3 oz. flounder while fishing at Reef Site 6. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Tom Vaughan and Doug Simm from West Ocean City, MD and Chris Johnson from Millsboro, DE put 9 yellowfin tuna in the box of the "Catfish" while trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in 55 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Water temperature was reported at 71-degrees. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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The first blue marlin release of the season out of Ocean City was recorded at 10:30 am on Friday by Stevie Ramsey of Charlotte, NC. Stevie released the fish after hooking it on a trolled ballyhoo in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. She was fishing on the "Lady Luck V" with Steve and Darlene Ramsey of West Ocean City, MD, Capt. Tom Baldwin and mate Austin Ensor. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.



Taylor Madison Straub of Robisonia, PA was drifting a minnow and Gulp! combination in the Indian River Inlet when she hooked into this 6 lb. 10 oz. flounder. The 26-inch flattie was weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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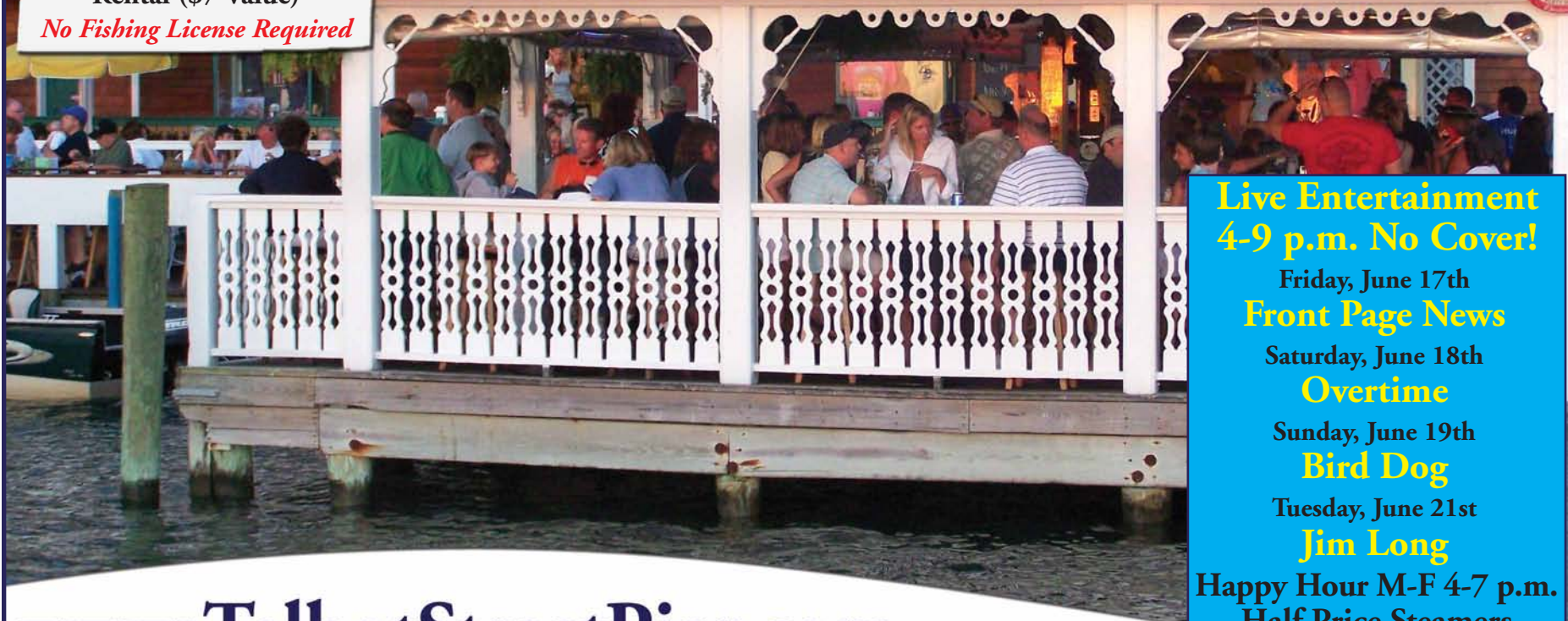
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by Larry Jock



It was a hot week in Ocean City, both weather-wise and for those chasing yellowfin tuna and flounder. We also saw increased billfish activity and a few sharks hitting the scales as well.

Yellowfin Tuna

Once again, yellowfin tuna stole the show this past week with several boats returning with double-digit catches.

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Steven Dengler from Middle River, MD, Mike Novak from Kingsville, MD, Michael Shannon from Fallston, MD, Mike Campanella from Glen Arm, MD, Travis Light from Owings Mills, MD and Tyler Potepan from Buxton, MD teamed up to land this 418 lb. thresher shark while fishing on the "Tighten Up" with Capt. Jason Genthner and mate D.J. Churchill. The big shark was caught on a mackerel near "DB" Buoy and weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

yellowfins were caught in the Baltimore Canyon by several boats before the bite moved to the Wilmington Canyon and north on Thursday.

The "Marli" hit the jackpot on Saturday when they boated 23 yellowfins in the Wilmington Canyon. If that wasn't enough, they also released another 7 during the trip.

"That's Right" had a couple of good days, ending up with 13 yellowfins on Thursday and another 12 on Sunday. Thursday's catch was in the South Heyes Canyon and Sunday's was a little closer in the Wilmington.

Also in the Wilmington Canyon on Sunday, the "White Lightning" ended up with 11 yellowfins in the box and anglers captured 13 on the "Marli".

The fish are being caught in very warm water, reaching over 78-degrees in the Wilmington Canyon over the

weekend.

Bluefin Tuna

With everyone going after yellowfins, bluefin tuna action has really slowed down. However, those not wanting to burn the fuel heading to the canyons are able to find bluefins around the Hambone, Hot Dog and Chicken Bone.

On Wednesday, the "Restless Lady" ventured out to the Hambone where they boated a bluefin and released 11 others.

On Saturday, Stevie Ramsey on the "Lady Luck V" released the first blue marlin out of Ocean City. The fish was hooked in the Baltimore Canyon at 10:30 am. An hour later, Merrill Dougherty on the "My Turn" released a blue marlin in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Surprisingly, the fish hit a green machine spreader bar.

On Sunday, the crew on the "Out-Rea-Geous" boated a 450 lb. blue marlin that died during the fight. This fish was caught in 70 fathoms in the Wilmington Canyon. The crew donated the meat to the local shelter. Also on Sunday, the "Martin Gale" recorded a blue marlin release in the South Heyes Canyon. The big blue was estimated to weigh 400 lbs. and was caught in 100 fathoms.

A couple of other boats broke off blue marlin earlier in the week.

White Marlin

On Tuesday, the "Marli" released a white marlin while tuna fishing in the Wilmington Canyon and over the long weekend several others were released as well.

On Friday, a private boat released 3 whites in the Baltimore Canyon. The "Nontypical" also released a white marlin deep in the Baltimore Canyon. The "Blue Water Obsession" took a trip to the Wilmington Canyon where they released a white marlin in 50 fathoms.

On Sunday, white marlin were released in the Wilmington Canyon by the "White Lightning",

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"Shadowfax" and the "Zipper", who actually released a couple of whites during their trip.

The fish were mainly hooked on trolled ballyhoo, both naked and skirted.

Dolphin

The largest dolphin of the week was a 26 pounder landed on the "Marli" during that incredible catch on Saturday. Angler Jason Hahn hooked the dolphin in 78-degree water in the Wilmington Canyon. The "Marli" ended up with 5 mahi-mahi that day.

Other dolphin were caught throughout the week in the Baltimore Canyon and even inshore as far as the Fingers.

Sharks

With warm water temperatures, shark fishing hasn't lived up to expectations so far this year, especially when it comes to thresher sharks. We did see a big 418 pounder caught by anglers on the "Tighten Up" on Wednesday. The fish was caught between "DB" and "DA" Buoys, a known hotspot for thresher shark fishing.

Earlier in the week, small mako sharks were caught around the Hambone and in the Baltimore Canyon. On Saturday, young Jimmy Murray boated a 155 pounder after hooking it on a mackerel bait at the Fingers.

In the Surf

Sue Foster at Oyster Bay Tackle reports, "Surf fishing has gone from big stripers to catches of kingfish. The only thing big in the surf now is sharks. The kings are biting FishBite Bloodworms, real bloodworms, cut bunker and little pieces of surf clam. Combination baits are great such as FishBites and a little strip of fresh bunker, frozen mullet or box squid. One man came into our Fenwick Tackle store to say he caught six kings one morning on FishBites."

Flounder

After a slow early week,

anglers fishing in the bays behind Ocean City were rewarded with some of the best fishing of the year on Saturday and Sunday. The bite centered on the waters behind Assateague Island, from the opening near the Inlet down to Snug Harbor.

On Saturday, the "Bay Bee" returned with 11 keepers and over 100 throwbacks. They followed that up on Sunday with a 12 keeper day and over 80 throwbacks. The charterboat, "Get Sum" had a 7 flounder day on Sunday, all caught on white and pink Gulp! Swimming Mullets.

The largest flounder we saw this week came in on Saturday when Steve Meadowcroft stopped by the office to get a picture taken. The fish, caught on live spot in the Inlet, measured 25.5-inches and tipped the scales at 7 lbs. 15 oz. Steve was fishing with Tom Hughes and the duo ended up with 6 keepers ranging in size from 18.5 to 25.5-inches.

The flounder catch that surprised me this week was Moe Cropper's 20-incher that he caught while tossing a topwater lure in the Inlet. It just shows you how aggressive these fish can be.

Anglers using live spot, minnows and Gulp! Swimming Mullet artificial baits are doing well. The Swimming Mullet is Gulp's version of the curly tail and has definitely proven itself to be a top producer.

Sea Bass

After waiting for the sea bass season to open in May, it hasn't exactly been a stellar performance so far. Headboats are returning with sporadic catches. Some days the tubs are full, other days not so much.

Most of the sea bass we have seen this year have been caught by anglers using clams for bait.

Cod

Headboats venturing a little further offshore continue

to arrive back at the dock with cod in the box. On Sunday, the "Angler" had a 6 lb. 4 oz. cod along with a 5 pounder in the box. Earlier in the week, Michael Chrzanowski on the "Morning Star" caught himself a 26-incher.

Striped Bass

There is still a good bite going on around the South Jetty for anglers drifting live spot across the point or tossing bucktails into the rocks. From what I've been told, the fish have some beat-up tails, telling you that they are in tight to the rocks.

Anglers are also able to pull a few fish from around the pilings of the Rt. 50 Bridge.

There are still a lot of smaller fish around, so you need to be patient when looking for your keeper.

This weekend is the 31st Annual Ocean City Shark Tournament held at the Ocean City Fishing Center. Weigh-ins are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm. This is a great tournament, not only for adults but especially for kids. Tournament organizer Mark Sampson allows children to sit up front, close to the weigh-in where they will not only get a good view of the action, but will also get educated by Mark on various facts about sharks.

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Larry Contrella from Gambrills, MD and Larry Contrella, Jr. tagged teamed to land this 246 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "2FAROUT" with Capt. Al Rittmeyer. The big mako ate a bonito at the Hambone and was weighed at Sunset Marina.

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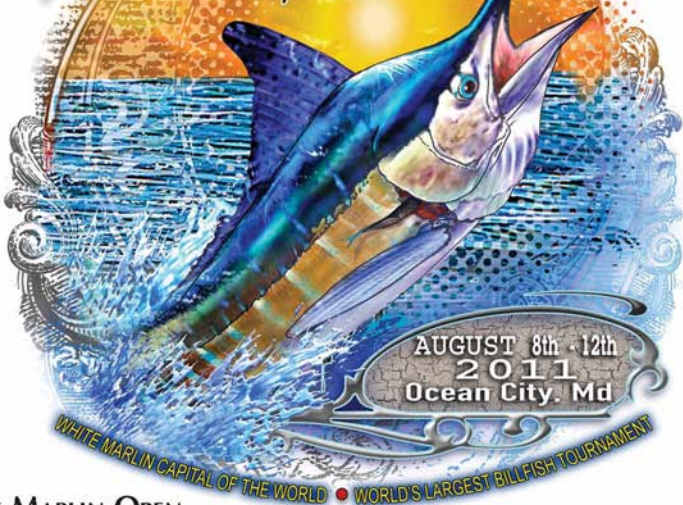
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Colin McCann traveled down from West Bay Park, PA to do a little flounder fishing and was rewarded with this 4 lb. 3 oz. flattie. Colin caught the fish on a black bucktail that was tipped with a pink Gulp! artificial bait while fishing at Massey's Ditch. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.

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On Friday, Merrill Dougherty from Elkton, MD released a blue marlin while fishing on the "My Turn" with Billy and Paul Lawder, Mike Tryon, Larry Dougherty and Larry Dougherty, Jr. The fish hit a green machine spreader bar in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon and took 1 hour and 40 minutes to get to the boat. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Steve Meadowcroft from Salisbury, MD and Tom Hughes from West Ocean City, MD caught their limit of flounder (4 pictured) while drifting with live spot in the bay behind Harbour Island and in the bay behind Assateague near the Inlet. The fish measured between 18.5 and 25.5-inches with Steve boating the heaviest at 7 lbs. 15 oz.

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Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



We always write about "what to do" when learning how to do something. But sometimes there are a lot of things "not to do" that are very important, especially when going surf fishing.

DO NOT surf cast on a flat beach. A beach with no holes, sloughs or drop offs can be unproductive. Walk the beach at low tide and look for deeper pools of water close to shore and fish there at high tide. Scan the beach from a higher level such as a condo balcony. Fish always seem to like an area of bottom change. That's where they feed! They eat bait fish and little crabs and clams on drop-offs, ledges and areas of more turbulent water that is slightly deeper than the surrounding waters. A 3-foot hole at low tide can be a 5-foot hole at high tide, deep enough for fish to swim around in.

Sometimes, there is an outer bar then a drop off. Look for a break in the bar, a riptide (an area of rough water) or a backwash (a funnel of dirty water out there amongst the clean dark water). Areas near rock jetties are usually deeper on one

side. Remember, white breaking water is shallow water. Rolling, cresting waves that have not broken yet is deeper water.

The beach itself can be a telltale sign of structure in the surf. A higher pile of sand cut sharply by the waves indicates a rip has come up to the beach and pulled the sand out to sea. Changes in the sand mean changes in the water close by. Look for sand crabs (mole crabs) digging frantically in the wet sand as the waves come in. That's a sign of natural food out there. The fish will come close to shore at high tide to eat the crabs.

Be careful not to CAST ON THE SAND BAR. Sometimes there is slough with an outer bar. The slough has the deeper water and then there is an outer bar where the water is shallow again. Sometimes the surfcaster thinks he is getting way out there, only be fishing in two feet of water on the bar! If this is the case, I like to cast out there, then slowly retrieve back in so the rig falls off the bar and back into the deeper water. Sometimes you catch fish right on this ledge.

DO NOT cast too hard. Number one biggest problem with beginners is that they try too hard. I always tell novices to work on the quality of the cast, not the distance - that will come naturally. Put the line on the very end of the index finger, so the line will fall naturally off the finger without even thinking about it when casting. So many people tend to fling the rod but forget to let go of the line. The rod tip whips and the rig flies off! Follow through, just like any sport such as golf or tennis. Walk into it and follow through with the motion. Don't jerk back or stand totally still. Walk into it. Left foot forward, cast and then follow through with the right arm pointing towards the ocean.

Some people try to wade too far into the ocean to cast. A big wave comes at them and suddenly they are running back to shore! Standing back a little will actually get you more distance because you are not fighting the waves.

DO NOT put too heavy of a line on your reel. The heavier the line, the more resistance you have to the wind and current. The lighter the line, the further you can cast. Use line too heavy and you will cut your casting distance down big time. I can't tell you how many anglers want to use 25 or 30-pound test monofilament on their reels to go surf fishing. My rule of thumb is use anywhere from 14 to 20-pound test when surf fishing with monofilament. If your surf rod is shorter than 10-feet, don't go over 17-pound test. If you want a heavier pound test, go to the Spectra Lines such as Power Pro. A 30-pound test Power Pro has an 8-pound test diameter and 50-pound test has a 12 pound test diameter. I use a 20-pound test line that has a 6-pound test diameter on my 9-footer in the summer time. I can cast further and also use less sinker weight. (Smaller diameter line equals

less resistance to the current and the wind).

DO NOT use round sinkers in the surf. Hey, they roll right back in with the waves! Always use some kind of pointy kind of sinkers that dig in. Pyramid or Storm sinkers are the most popular. Frog Tongue sinkers offer less resistance when casting. They are very aerodynamic and cast a further distance. I find I need a little more weight to get them to hold though. There are also Sputnik sinkers with the wires that hold when nothing else will work. Only use them when necessary, but always have them in your tackle box.

DO NOT go surf fishing without a sand spike. No matter how you think you will hold the rod and reel and not get it in the sand it will happen! And of course that is the biggest DO NOT! DO NOT get your reel in the sand and DO NOT wash your reel off in the ocean. If your reel accidentally gets totally submerged, put it in a bucket of freshwater and immediately get it to a fishing reel service center.

DO NOT fish without bait! Little crabs eat your bait all the time when surf fishing. Even if you have surf floats, they still will get to it. Check your baits and check your bait often. When fishing for little fish like kingfish, spot, croaker and snapper blues, try combo baits rather than just one bait. Lots of people do well with Fish Bite bloodworms. But, if you use a piece of Fish Bites and combo it with a little triangle of squid or bunker, you'll catch even more!

DO NOT get in a rut of fishing the same street with the same bait. Holes move and fish can change their tastes. Ask advice at the local tackle stores and they'll steer you in the right direction to the rigs and baits of choice.

A few other DO NOTS? DO NOT fish with your rod and reel in the sand spike without checking your drag. A big fish, ray or shark can pull

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it into the ocean! (Happened twice last week that I heard of)! DO NOT leave your bait on the beach. Seagulls will steal it in a heart beat. Keep it in a bucket or a cooler.

The biggest DO NOT? DO NOT put your fingers in the mouth of a saltwater fish like you do in freshwater! Lots of our fish have teeth!!!!

Good fishing....

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



Bernie Sigwart from Forest Hill, MD was drifting a live minnow in the Thorofare when he hooked into this 3 lb. 5 oz. flounder. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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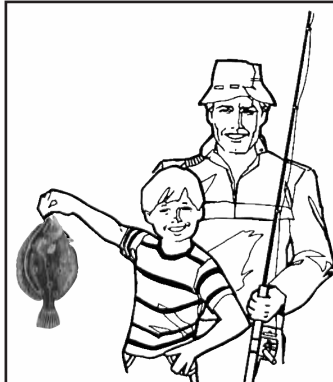
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Steven Dengler from Middle River, MD, Mike Novak from Kingsville, MD, Michael Shannon from Fallston, MD, Mike Campanella from Glen Arm, MD, Travis Light from Owings Mills, MD and Tyler Potepan from Buxton, MD returned to the Ocean City Fishing Center with 2 flounder and a couple of stripers after fishing on the charter boat "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Bill Kelly. The flounder were hooked off Martha's Landing and the stripers were caught near the Rt. 50 Bridge. All were hooked with live spot.



Jim Brinker from Newark, MD, Tim and Tom Brinker from Selbyville, DE and Mitchell Hamby, also from Selbyville, DE ventured out to the Parking Lot where they hooked this 133 lb. mako shark while using mackerel for bait. Weighed at Ake Marine.

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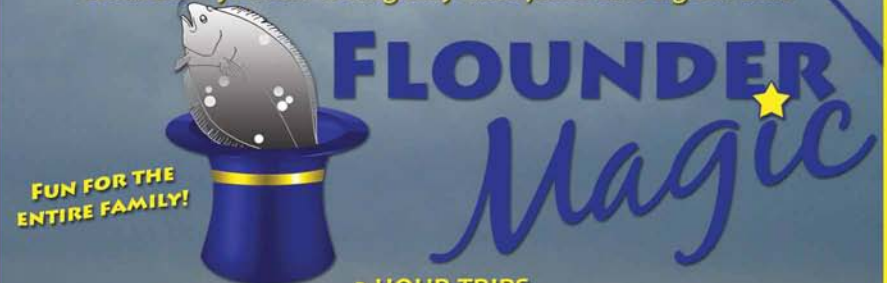
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1 cup peeled small shrimp
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 cup Alfredo sauce,
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bought
1/2 tsp. fresh dill, minced

Melt the butter in a small saucepan and add the minced garlic.

Simmer over low heat for 10 minutes. The butter should not be browned.

Let cool; cover and refrigerate.

Heat grill or preheat the broiler.

Season the fish with salt and pepper and cook, turning once, 3 to 5 minutes per side.

Set aside and keep warm.

Melt the garlic butter in a small skillet; saute the shrimp and mushrooms. The shrimp will cook quickly and the mushrooms should be soft and absorb the melted butter.

Whisk in the Alfredo sauce and heat through to blend the flavors; add the dill.

Plate the fillets and top with the shrimp and mushrooms.
Serves 4.

Corn and Crab Chowder

5 slices bacon
1 TBSP. butter
3/4 cup onion, chopped
1/4 green pepper, chopped
1/2 cup celery, chopped
1 1/2 tsp. minced garlic
1/4 cup dry white wine
1 tsp. brandy
1 1/2 tsp. dried basil
1 tsp. pepper
1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
1/2 tsp. dried thyme
leaves
2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
3 cups corn kernels
4 large potatoes, peeled
and diced
1 1/2 quarts chicken stock
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup flour
3 cups heavy cream
1 cup half and half
1 pound small shrimp,
peeled and deveined
1 TBSP. creole seasoning
1 pound fresh crabmeat

Fry bacon until crisp. Drain oil; set aside.

Crumble bacon; set aside.

Heat 1 TBSP. of butter in a

large pot.

Stir in onion, green pepper, celery and garlic; cook 10 minutes.

Pour in wine and brandy; bring to a simmer.

Season with the basil, pepper, cayenne, thyme and Worcestershire sauce.

Add the corn and potatoes and pour in chicken stock.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer 10 minutes.

Melt 1/2 cup butter in a small saucepan.

Stir in the flour; cook, stirring constantly until the flour turns slightly brown, about 10 minutes.

Stir the flour mixture into the soup; pour in the heavy cream, half and half, reserved bacon, grease and shrimp.

Cook until the shrimp are no longer translucent, the potatoes are tender and the soup has thickened.

Season with the creole seasoning.

Stir in the crabmeat.

Makes 10 cups.

Baked Striped Bass in White Wine

1 1/2 lbs. striped bass
fillets
Salt and pepper to taste
2 TBSP. lemon juice
3 TBSP. butter, room
temperature
1/2 onion, chopped
1/2 cup white wine
1/4 cup water
1/2 cup mushrooms,
chopped
1 TBSP. fresh parsley,
chopped
1 tsp. garlic, minced
1/8 tsp. dried marjoram
1/8 tsp. dried thyme
1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper

Season fillets with salt, pepper and 2 tsp. lemon juice.

Lightly grease a baking dish with butter; add the onion and wine and place the fish on top.

Dot with small pats of remaining butter.

Bake at 425 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes, basting once or twice with pan juices.

While fish is baking, combine remaining lemon juice, water, mushrooms, parsley,

garlic, marjoram, thyme and cayenne pepper in a saucepan.

Bring to a boil and reduce by half.

Pour over fillets.

Serves 4-5.

Peppercorn Shark Steaks

2-3 TBSP. crushed
peppercorns
2 boneless shark steaks
1 TBSP. butter
1 TBSP. vegetable oil
Salt to taste
2 TBSP. cognac or brandy

Pat steaks dry and coat both sides with crushed peppercorns.

In skillet, heat butter and oil over moderate heat; cook steaks 4 to 5 minutes on each side for medium-rare.

Season with salt; remove to plates.

Pour off excess fat from skillet and add cognac or brandy.

Boil mixture, scraping up browned bits until sauce thickens and coats back of spoon.

Spoon over fish and serve.
Serves 2.

Grilled Tuna

6 tuna fillets
1 large onion, cut into slices
1 bottle Italian salad
dressing

Heat grill.

Place sliced onion on bottom of a glass baking dish.

Lay tuna steaks on top of onions.

Pour bottle of dressing over tuna; marinate each side for 10 minutes.

Remove from dressing; place fish on grill, avoid pieces touching.

Brush marinade on throughout cooking.

Grill until well seared on one side.

Turn, baste and cook until it is opaque throughout.

Place pieces back in marinade dish until serving time.

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Bill, Jeanne and Mark Krider from Westminster, MD ended their day with 3 keeper flounder after drifting minnow and squid combinations in the Thorofare. The fish measured 18.5 to 22-inches with the heaviest weighing 3.75 lbs. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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John Heck released this white marlin during a trip aboard the "Blue Water Obsession" with Jeff Heck, Mike Perry, Capt. Kayvan Bahrami and mate Skip Maisel. The fish was caught in 50 fathoms inside the Wilmington Canyon and is the first white marlin release out of the Indian River Marina this season.



Eric Young, Justin Miller, Brian Copper, Jim Copper and Ron Miller teamed up to bring home 1 bluefin tuna, a mako shark, bluefish and false albacore tuna during a trip on the "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos, Jr. and mate Anthony Pino. The fish were caught at the Hambone. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



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The first bigeye tuna brought to the scales at the Indian River Marina were caught on the "Stress Reel-ief" by Don Wingate, Brant Hart and Fred Winward, all from Roxana, DE. The fish, weighing 137 and 150 lbs., were caught in the Wilmington Canyon with one being hooked on a cedar plug and the other on a ballyhoo. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Billy Millin, Gordy Spangler, Christopher Koelsch, Dan Moran, Elmer Hordubay, Jeff Pealer, Andy Maiss, Jessica Hitchcock, Jamie Ratliff, Ken Kaho and Donna Ratliff had a great day fishing on the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Bob Gowar and mate Spencer Cropper. The group ended up with 11 flatties in the box after fishing with squid and shiners in the bay behind Assateague Island. The largest fish on the trip was caught by Billy Millin and weighed an even 5 lbs. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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 Weakfish	June 4, 2011 Paul Gillespie East Channel	April 16, 2010 Tim Thorpe Assateague Surf	 Bluefin Tuna	May 1, 2011 Mike Sears "Wrangler" Washington Canyon	May 16, 2010 Tom Dorwart "Margin" Norfolk Canyon
 Flounder	April 17, 2011 Tommy Fowler Thorofare	April 5, 2010 Paul Turner Thorofare	 Yellowfin Tuna	May 26, 2011 Phil Falgowski Wilmington Canyon	June 11, 2010 Tom Zapf "Darlin" 461 Lump
 Bluefish	May 1, 2011 Alex Levantovsky "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	April 17, 2010 Dana Zapcic "Get Sum" Sinepuxent Bay	 Longfin Tuna	None Reported	None Reported
 Black Drum	April 30, 2011 Melson MaGee Fenwick Surf	May 2, 2010 Lucas May "Jam-Man" Coral Beds	 Bigeye Tuna	May 31, 2011 Aaron Saulsbury "Magic Moment" Washington Canyon	June 13, 2010 Ron Los, Jr. "Marli" Washington Canyon
 Sheepshead	May 7, 2011 Sheldon Thomas "Kimberly Ann" Winter Quarter Shoal	May 23, 2010 Dave Pasun Inshore Wreck	 Dolphin	May 22, 2011 Daryl Bathelmess Linden Kohl Canyon	June 8, 2010 Tina Boykin "Lucky Duck II" Poor Man's Canyon
 Thresher Shark	May 25, 2011 Jimmy Bunting "B" Buoy	May 16, 2010 Tenille Schrier "Hookin' Wubbas" Jack Spot	 Wahoo	May 22, 2011 Dave Woods Linden Kohl Canyon	None Reported

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Debbie Hannum from Lewes, DE was tossing a white bucktail tipped with a white worm off the Indian River Inlet Jetty when she hooked into this 38-inch striper. The fish weighed 18 lbs. on the scale at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



Tiernan and Mike Brunner, Matt Enoch and Capt. Tony Riggio were fishing on the "Old Skool" near the Fingers and Hambone when they captured a couple of dolphin and 2 skipjack tunas. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Bud Daugherty from Sistersville, WV boated this 30-inch striper at the South Jetty while fishing with Capt. Skip Maguire on "Skip's Charter and Guide Service".



Kevin Bocclair from Broomall, PA caught this 20.75-inch flounder while fishing on "Monica's Rival" in the bay behind Assateague Island. The big flattie was fooled with a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet.

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This 231 lb. mako shark was caught on a mackerel bait at the Hambone by anglers Chris Bowden and Brian Duke while fishing on the "Misdemeanor" with Capt. Dan Selby. They also released 2 blue sharks and a couple of dusky sharks during their trip. Pictured at the Indian River Marina.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks!!! Back bay fishing seems to be a bit slow right now and I am not sure what the reason is. It could be the huge difference in water temperature between incoming and outgoing tides. Maybe once the temperature stabilizes, the feeding habits will get back to normal.

A few folks are still having some success chasing the flatties. One angler stopped in the shop and said that he had two 20-inch flounder and three throwbacks near the Indian River Inlet Bridge. John Loudon scored a 3 lb. 2 oz. flattie and Gus Myers caught 2 flounder, weighing 3 lb. 5 oz. and 3 lb. 10 oz., on back-to-back days. Taylor Madison Straub, of Robisonia, PA showed everyone how it's done when she scored a 6 lb. 10



C.C. Lee and Tony Burr, both from Newark, DE ended their day with yellowfin tuna, a 157.6 lb. bigeye tuna and a 23.1 lb. dolphin in the box. All of the fish were caught while trolling ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon with the heaviest yellowfin tipping the scales at 90.6 lbs. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

oz. flattie using a Gulp! minnow.

Striper fishing in the Indian River Inlet is still strong and a live eel or white bucktails with a white worm are working well. Debbie Hannum fished from the rails to land an 18 pounder that measured 38 inches and Donn Uhlhorn took a 19 lb. 9 oz. striper from the Outer Wall while spearfishing.

Offshore fishing is keeping a good pace and I sure hope it is a sign of the season. Bluefin, yellowfin and dolphin are all providing action to those taking the long ride.

Capt. Bill from Bill's Sport Shop told us that Colin McCann of West Bay Park caught a 23.5-inch, 4.17 lb. flounder at Massey's Ditch on a black bucktail with pink Gulp!. Bill Jr., Ellen White, Capt. Bill Baker and his grandson, Joey Neely went to Massey's Canyon and boated 8 bluefish and 2 false albacore. Cody Shirk of Grantville, PA fished the south side of the Indian River Inlet, using Calcutta Flash foils, and came away with 16.55 lb. 37-inch striper. Captain Michael

Davidson on the "G Force" went to the Washington Canyon and kept a 190 lb. mako and an 85 lb. bluefin tuna and also released a hammerhead shark.

From Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina, Deanna reports that through the week the temperatures heated up and so did the tuna bite offshore in the Wilmington and Baltimore Canyons. Boats are coming back with good catches of yellowfin tuna. The "Reel Passion" went out to the Baltimore Canyon and returned with 8 yellowfins and 2 dolphin caught on ballyhoo. Jim Semerteen of Dagsboro, DE caught a 17.3 lb. mahi while fishing out at the 40 Fathom Line.

Our first bigeye tuna were brought to us from the boys on the "Stress Reel-lief". Don Wingate, Brant Hart and Fred Winward, of Roxanna, DE caught their two eyeballs out in the Wilmington Canyon. One was hooked on a cedar plug and the other on a ballyhoo. They weighed in at 137 and 150 lbs.

On Friday, our heaviest yellowfin of the season was brought to us by Tony Burr on the Liquid Handler. Tony and C.C. Lee went to the Wilmington Canyon where they hooked a 90.6 lb. yellowfin, a 157.6 lb. bigeye tuna and a 23.1 lb. mahi.

The inshore bite is picking up with more black sea bass and some flounder showing up. The head boat "Judy V." has been running 4 hour trips out to Site 10 and 11 as well as fishing open bottom and have had some luck with the flatties.

Some reports have been coming in about the Old Grounds producing some nice keeper flounder also.

The Indian River Inlet is still bringing us some nice keeper rockfish from anglers fishing with eels or spot. Some have been caught on bucktails, but live baits have produced most of the keeper sized fish.

Flounder are starting to come in from the Inlet as well. These fish are running anywhere from 18 to 23-inches. One angler caught a 7.8 lb flounder while drifting in the Inlet on Friday.

Bluefish are also being caught in the Inlet by anglers throwing almost anything.

The surf is still the best place to catch a tan and a nap, although you might get lucky enough to see some small kingfish and blowfish.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said flounder action this past week showed promise for a fine summer of fluking. The Old Grounds between "DB" and "DA" Buoys yielded good numbers of keepers on days with favorable drift conditions. Anglers working 3 and 4 oz. bucktails tipped with strips of squid, shark, skate, bluefish, mackerel or bunker did well. On Thursday, flukers aboard the "Grizzly" put 9 keepers in the box, seven of which were over 22 inches, and released 32 more. The "Grizzly" group on Friday ended up with 6 keepers and 47 throwbacks.

Flounder catches are shaping up in the Delaware



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Bay as well. Flatties were pulled from Reef Sites 5, 6, 7 and 8. Dennis McCoy checked in a 5.13 pounder he caught Thursday at Site 5 on the "Katy Did". Dennis and friends had 5 keepers out of 34 that trip.

Bay fishermen also reported decent numbers of kingfish and blowfish, along with the first few croakers from the Coral Beds and Broadkill Slough. Bits of bloodworm or clam on small hooks will result in hookups with these tasty panfish.

Flounder continued to come from Lewes Canal, although the amount of legal sized fish has dwindled. Brad Pecoraro weighed in a 4.93 lb. flattie he fooled with a white Gulp! in the Broadkill River.

A few black drum were caught during the week on the Coral Beds. Some boaters told of seeing large schools of drum spawning on the surface this week, and usually, after that happens, the boomers make their exit.

Stripers have been active in the evening and at night around the Ice Breakers and Outer Wall. Anglers casting bucktails, Storm Shads and Bomber plugs caught bass that ranged from 20 inches to 20 pounds. Evan Falgowski was surprised when he hooked and released two large drum while using Stretch plugs for rockfish at the Breakers. Many striper fishermen are looking forward to the slot size season beginning July 1, which allows anglers to retain two striped bass from 20 to 26 inches per day from the Delaware Bay

and its tributaries.

Boats trolling the Five Fathom Bank got into small bluefish. Bob Wilson and his buddies on the "AJ" had their limit of 40 snappers there while pulling Clark spoons.

Tuna fishing is holding up offshore. Yellowfins were taken by trollers in the Baltimore and Wilmington Canyons. Alan Steele and the crew of "Big Herring" brought in four yellowfins in the 40 lb. class and 3 gaffer dolphin from a trolling excursion to 400 fathoms off South Heyes Canyon.

Some big blue marlin were released this week by boats in the Baltimore. Darryl Boyer and his crew had a great trip to the tip of the Baltimore on Saturday. They put a gaffer mahi in the box, released three white marlin, and got spooled after quite a show from a very large blue marlin. The fish were hooked on ballyhoo and Iland lures.

Bluefin tuna were found on the Hambone and Chicken Bone.

Sharking is still going on. The boys on the "Tighten Up" boated a 418 lb. thresher between "DB" and "DA" Buoys. Captain Tom Smith put Herb Guest and the guys aboard "Port-A-Bella" on makos of 120 and 148 pounds during two days of drifting the Elephant Trunk.

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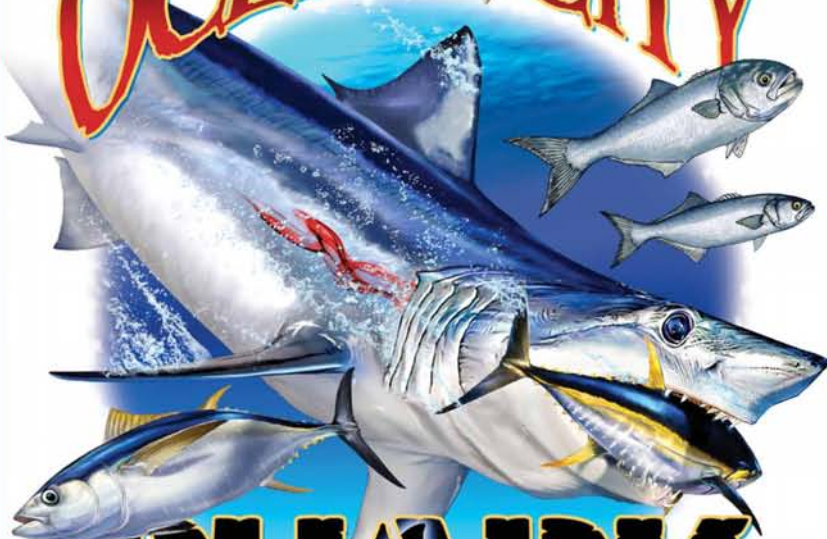
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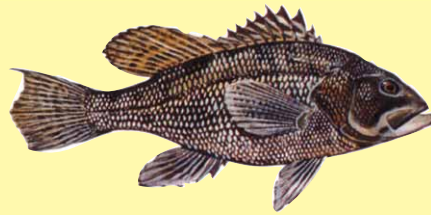




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Thomas Mongold, Kevin Tobin, Dennis Martin, Mike Leaf, Rob Pawliske and Mike Hoffman caught 9 dolphin, 1 yellowfin and some false albacore tuna in addition to releasing 25 bluefin tuna during a trip aboard the "Restless Lady" with Capt. Todd Kurtz and Mate Brandon Baiocco. The fish were caught in 71-degree water near the Hambone. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.

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John Currie from Lincoln, DE caught this 36-inch striper on a bucktail tipped with a worm in the Indian River Inlet. Photo courtesy of Fenwick Tackle.



Al Teresi, Matt Occupinti and Kevin MacArthur from Highlands, NJ put a yellowfin and a bonita in the box after spending the day on the "Reel Attitude" with Capt. Mark Deimler. The trio also released numerous bluefin tuna and 8 false albacore, in addition to losing a 45-inch bluefin at the boat to a hungry mako shark. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



WEATHER INFORMATION FOR YOUR BOATING AND FISHING PLEASURE

Ever since the VHF radio introduced us to weather information via their dedicated weather channels, boaters have been depending on up-to-date weather data to avoid storms and their accompanying high seas, rough winds and possible lightning. As good as the VHF reports are, we've hoped for more, especially sea surface temperature.

We know that fish follow warm water pockets or thermoclines. The difficulty has always been in locating them. For years, boaters have had access to that information in a variety of ways. We had the sea surface temperature gauge that was a separate unit you could purchase and install like your depth

sounder. More recently, the depth sounders have used tri-ducers that include depth, speed and sea surface temperature all in one sensor. The problem with both of these is that they only read the area right under your boat at the time you are there. They are not predictive and they cannot forecast where warm water will be over a few days nor direct you to the location of warm water.

For a while, mostly commercial vessels have employed the use of weather fax machines to get reports of storms, water temperature, wind speed, direction that were available on paper graph units. You had to be within range of one of the stations that offered this data and you could only get updates on a scheduled basis that was not too frequent. One of the biggest problems with them was their size and power consumption. They were

designed to be used indoors in a dry environment and they were pretty expensive.

Of course, you could sign up to receive one of the available fishing reports offered by subscription for the appropriate fee. That tended to get cost prohibitive for the average boater.

Today, the boater has a new method of getting weather data that is reasonably priced. It is the XM WX Satellite Weather module. From weather radar images and wind information to sea surface temperature and more, XM WX delivers accurate and timely meteorological and sea state data on a 24 hour basis.

The information is processed and provided by the WxWorx division of Baron Services. WxWorx collects data from several sources such as the Department of Defense, National Weather Service and various commercial providers. It processes the data, verifies it and packages it for distribution over XM satellite receivers. XM's satellite network consists of multiple satellites in geostationary orbit around the earth, continuously transmitting a unique S-Band signal that even very intense storms cannot impede.

In order to receive weather satellite data on your boat, you will need the following:

1. An XM WX-capable receiver. Several marine manufacturers offer them such as Furuno, Raymarine, Simrad/Navico, Garmin, Lowrance, Humminbird and

others.

2. An XM-capable antenna (We talked about those in last week's article on satellite radio. You can use one antenna for both items).

3. A compatible display device. The above manufacturers also offer those. If you have one of their video chart plotter units, all you have to do is add the weather receiver module and the antenna.

4. A subscription to XM WX Satellite Weather Service.

Sirius/XM WX offers several packages but the most frequently selected package is \$29.99 a month. They will let you subscribe to seasonal packages and may offer a reduced rate if you already subscribe to XM radio. If you already have a plotter system and XM satellite radio, it is definitely worth checking into because you can add weather with relatively little cost.

Here is a list of just some of the data you may receive: weather warnings, surface observations, radar coverage, radar summary, Nexrad radar and high resolution radar, precipitation type, surface analysis weather maps, marine zone forecasts, sea surface temperature, wave heights, buoy data, surface pressure, wave period and direction, surface wind speed and direction, etc.

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Jimmy Murray from Churchton, MD muscled in this 155 lb. mako shark on Saturday while fishing with his dad, Jim Murray, Lance Schiemer from Hughesville, MD and James Watson from Brandywine, MD. The fish was caught on a mackerel at the Fingers and weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Dennis McCoy was fishing on the "Katy Did" with Capt. Brent Wiest and mate Dave Walker when he hooked into this 5 lb. 2 oz. flounder while drifting squid over Reef Site 5. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Charlie Donohue boated these 2 codfish during a trip aboard the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins. The fish measured 22.5-inches and were caught on chunks of clam. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



Now that the fishing season is cranked up there's certainly more than just a little fishing talk going on which means that everyone's yacking about what's biting, where, how their fishing day went, this and that about boats, tackle and baits and just about everything else one can imagine that's related to fishing.

Whether they're chatting on the dock, over the radio or from a barstool, eavesdropping on conversations between fishermen can be an interesting and sometimes comical way to learn a little about what's happening out on the water. But for those who aren't accustomed to hearing fishermen talk, a lot of the words and phrases used in their conversations probably sound so foreign that one might think they're listening to someone speak in some kind of secret code.

Coded conversations between fishermen are not unheard of, but confused listeners need only brush up on their "fish'n lingo" to understand what's actually being said. With that in mind, I submit the following definitions for a list of a few words and phrases that might confuse those lacking a formal education in "fishing vocabulary."

Slick - A patch of water that has been made smooth or glassy because of fish oil that has risen to the surface. Natural slicks are made when baitfish are chopped up by predator fish feeding on them. Anglers make slicks when they put oily chum in the water

to attract fish to their baits. Slicks are also known to appear beside boats that have someone aboard who is seasick and had a greasy breakfast.

Lit-Up - Many fish have the ability to change the intensity of their colors with their mood. When anglers describe a fish as being "lit-up" they are typically referring to a billfish that is so excited about chasing and catching a trolled bait that all of its colors intensify to the point where it looks as though it's actually glowing underwater. Anglers are also known to get lit-up, but that's usually after a few too many drinks at the bar.

Looker - A billfish that swims behind a boat and looks at, but does not eat any of the trolled baits. A looker is also known as a "window shopper." This should not be confused with a "real looker" which has nothing to do with whether she's window shopping or not.

Natural - A word used to describe a "real" rather than an artificial bait. Natural baits are almost always dead and rigged to troll behind the boat. Examples of natural trolling baits would be ballyhoo, mullet, squid, eels and mackerel.

Naked Bait - A natural bait rigged to troll without a skirt or any other artificial attractor.

Skirt - A flashy artificial attractor rigged over a naked trolling bait to make it more attractive to the fish. Also, a flashy, artificial rigged over an otherwise naked woman to make herself more attractive to



Casey Lee, Joe Choi, David Kim and Han Lee caught 11 bluefin tuna (keeping 1), a yellowfin tuna and 3 dolphin while fishing on the "Moore Bills" with Capt. Rob Skillman. The fish were caught in 40 fathoms near the Hambone. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

fishermen.

Hoo - Short for ballyhoo, a popular baitfish used for offshore trolling.

Spread - The entire array of baits and lures trolled behind a boat at one time.

Covered-Up - To be "covered-up" means that all the lines an angler has out (usually six or more) are hit by fish at the same time. This usually happens when anglers troll over an entire school of hungry fish.

Chinese Fire Drill - What happens when anglers get covered-up.

Bailing - When anglers encounter a school of dolphin (fish), usually under floating debris, and cast bait to them from a drifting boat. "Bailer" refers to a small dolphin caught while bailing.

WWB - Stands for "way-way-back" and refers to trolling baits that are let out much farther than normal. Apparently fish also use the same abbreviation but in their case it refers to "we-won't-bite."

LTH - Stands for "long troll home" and refers to a tactic often used close to the end of the day when anglers aren't quite ready to quit fishing, but know that they should start heading home. Here anglers will start trolling on a homeward course an hour or so before the end of the day so they can put a few extra miles behind them before they actually bring in their lines and start running hard. This action is also

called "CBT" for "charter boat troll."

Slob - No, no, no! This term does not describe the fishermen (most of us anyway), it's used in reference to an exceptionally large mako, blue marlin or bluefin tuna.

Across The Board - Means that a fishing team has paid not only the general tournament registration fee, but all the added entry levels as well. In most tournaments, in order for a team to qualify to win the "big bucks" they typically have to be "across the board."

Don't ever ask a seasoned angler how their day went and expect to get a "good, fair, or poor" type of answer. Instead, count on hearing something like: There was "not much to it" - Meaning "poor" or "we caught some fish but the action was slow." Or "We had a pick" - meaning, "fair to good" or "the action wasn't nonstop, but it was consistent throughout the day."

Finally, folks should know that if they hear someone say that they killed'em, crushed'em, mugged'em, slammed'em, womped'em, stomped'em, hammered'em or murdered'em, there's no need to to call 911 - it's just that they just had an excellent day of fishing.

Captain 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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This 155 lb. mako was hooked by Brad Moyer while fishing on the "G Force" with John Grimberg, Mike Davidson, Bill Zeamer and Capt. Seth O'Betz. The fish was caught at the 461 Lump and weighed at Sunset Marina.



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Virginia Fishing Report

Dr. Julie Ball
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The weather is warm and the fish are here, so it's time to bait up and hit the water. The flounder scene finally picked up last week, so many anglers are anxious to try their luck.

Drifters found consistent catches of flatfish last week around the islands of the Bay Bridge Tunnel, Buoy 36A, out of Oyster and along lower Bay channel edges. Strip baits paired with minnows or Berkley Gulps are the top bait choices. Captain Steve Wray, skipper of the "Ocean Pearl" out of Lynnhaven Inlet, put his crew on a mess of nice flounder, ranging up to around 8-pounds while drifting near the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Islands last week. Anglers working lower Bay structures in deeper water with live bait or jigging are enticing the most doormats. Several flatfish weighing over 7-pounds were fooled by anglers targeting these areas. Eugene Kessler of Virginia Beach found some exceptional takers using live spot along the pilings near the 4th Island. Lynnhaven and Rudee Inlets are also still giving up above average numbers of keeper flatfish, especially on an outgoing tide.

Cobia are showing a little more activity, but the best is still yet to come. Both chummers and sightcasters are picking up a few takers, with most weighing in the



Powellville, MD angler Terri Koshi has been tearing up the flounder while fishing in Folley's Creek off Accomac, VA. The 25-inch flattie was hooked on a minnow and Gulp! combination.

40 to 50-pound range. Most boats using the chumming technique are sitting near the Buckroe area off Hampton. Sightcasters are having the best success cruising the lower Bay areas. Some

interesting reports are indicating a flurry of juvenile cobia catches coming from within Lynnhaven Inlet and Long Creek last week.

The drum bite is still good, as big reds continue to hit along the shoals and in the surf near Fisherman's Island, as well as the Nine-foot Shoals and Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel (CBBT) area. Large schools of bull reds are still roaming off the coastline for those looking for good casting opportunities. The black drum action on the Eastern Shore has fizzled, shifting now to the islands of the CBBT, which is common for this time of year.

Spadefish are attracting attention as usual, but anglers are not getting a lot of bites. Spadefish are showing up on lower Bay structures, inshore wrecks and around the Chesapeake Light Tower. A few fish have been hooked, with most weighing around 4 to 5-pounds. A report of noisy maintenance on the Light Tower is creating a

ruckus lately, and anglers are concerned this disturbance could dissuade the spade's appetites. Divers who are spearfishing are also adding to the commotion around the Tower. Sheepshead sightings around lower Bay structures and the CBBT are motivating anglers, but this action is still a bit slow.

Rockfish are still available, but interest is fading. Live-baiting over the tubes and near the rocks of the CBBT artificial islands is working and some fish are still responding to topwater lures along the spines of the islands at first light.

Tailor and snapper bluefish and croaker are available all over the lower Bay, as well as inside Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets. The Fishing Center reports that Spanish mackerel are showing along the oceanfront, and sporadic catches are still occurring for trollers in the lower Bay. Speckled trout anglers are keeping quiet (imagine that), but several nice fish are coming from Mobjack Bay and the Poquoson Flats, where some fish are pushing to over 28-inches. An exceptional run of sea mullet all over the lower Bay area is keeping bottom bouncers and pier anglers happy, with many fish hitting almost a pound.

Deep dropping boats are finding good numbers of black-bellied rose fish and some nice blueline tilefish. Scattered golden tilefish, grouper and wreckfish are also in these same areas. Boats targeting sea bass are finding some nice fish on a few offshore wrecks, and as a bycatch while deep dropping.

Offshore, warm water continues to push within range for Virginia boaters where trollers are hooking into some nice yellowfin tuna and gaffer dolphin. A few mako sharks have also made it back to the docks and billfish sightings are on the rise, with a few bluefins encountered this week. Carolina waters are still yielding good yellowfin tuna catches, nice gaffer dolphin, scattered big eyes, and a rising number of billfish. For more information, go to www.drjball.com.

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States schedule hearings on draft omnibus amendment for spot, spotted sea trout and Spanish mackerel

Maryland and Virginia have scheduled their hearings to gather public comment on the Draft Omnibus Amendment for Spot, Spotted Sea Trout and Spanish Mackerel. The dates, times, and locations of the scheduled meetings follow:

Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources, Fisheries Service Friday, June 24, 2011; 6 PM Tawes State Office Building, C-1 Conference Room 580 Taylor Avenue Annapolis, Maryland Contact: Sarah Widman at

410.260.8300

Virginia Marine Resources Commission, Wednesday, June 22, 2011; 6 PM, 2600 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor Newport News, Virginia Contact: Jack Travelstead at 757.247.2247

In March, the Commission's South Atlantic State-Federal Fisheries Management Board voted to take the next step in updating the fishery management plans (FMPs) for three important South Atlantic species -- spot, spotted sea trout, and Spanish mackerel. With a combined coastwide commercial catch of 12.6 million pounds and a recreational harvest of 14.3 million fish, the three species represent a large draw for all fishermen.

The three FMPs had been adopted prior to passage of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act and adoption of the Interstate Fisheries Management Program Charter in 1995. The Board has been working since August 2009 to develop this amendment and update the plans in order to provide for more efficient and effective management.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission was formed by the 15 Atlantic coastal states in 1942 for the promotion and protection of coastal fishery resources. The Commission serves as a deliberative body of the Atlantic coastal states, coordinating the conservation and management of nearshore fishery resources, including marine, shell and anadromous species.

Spanish mackerel is jointly managed by both the Commission and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council. Due to data limitations, the most recent stock assessment was not successful in establishing specific values for reference points. The original interstate FMP included a process to review and maintain consistency with federal management, which is essential in maintaining good conservation measures. Over the years, however, both federal and state regulations have changed, while the interstate FMP has remained unchanged. To address this consistency issue, the Draft Omnibus Amendment

currently includes both adaptive management measures as well as a process for Board review and action in response to changes in the federal regulations, which will allow for greater uniformity across the jurisdictions. Currently, the federal FMP has a proposed Amendment 18, which is scheduled for a final vote by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council at its June meeting. The proposed Amendment 18 changes are included in the current Draft Omnibus Amendment for public comment.

The original Spot and the Spotted Sea Trout FMPs included no requirements for either management or monitoring. The current Draft Omnibus Amendment includes a management trigger for spot, which will help the Board in monitoring the status of the stock until a full coastwide stock assessment can be completed. High levels of spot bycatch present a challenge for managers, in terms of both yearly management and overall assessment of the stock health. For spotted sea trout, the Draft Omnibus Amendment includes measures to protect the spawning stock as well as a coastwide minimum size. These measures will be essential as increased coastal development presents management challenges to this very localized species. Coupled with adaptive management measures, the Draft Omnibus Amendment will provide options for both species to efficiently implement management measures should the Board determine that such measures are needed in the future.

Fishermen and other interested groups are encouraged to provide input on the Draft Omnibus Amendment either by attending public hearings or providing written comments. The Draft Amendment can be obtained via the Commission's website at www.asmfc.org under Breaking News or by contacting the Commission at 703.842.0740. Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 PM (EST) on July 20, 2011 and should be forwarded to Danielle

www.coastalfisherman.net

Brzezinski, FMP Coordinator, 1050 N. Highland St, Suite A-N, Arlington, VA 22201; 703.842.0741 (FAX) or at dbrzezinski@asmfc.org (Subject line: Draft Omnibus Amendment).

Angler catches VA state record snowy grouper



Roger Burnley of Virginia Beach, VA has established a new state record for snowy grouper with a 70-pound, 7-ounce fish caught May 22, 2011. The record fish was weighed and certified on an Ohaus digital scale at the office of the Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament, located in Newport News. The digital scale registered 70.48 pounds but the weight was converted and listed as 70 pounds and 7-ounces as the state record. The record-setting grouper bested the existing state record, set by Jere Humphrey of Norfolk, Virginia, on August 17, 2008, by nearly 2-1/2 pounds. Burnley is filing an application with the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) for acceptance of his catch as the IGFA All-Tackle Record for snowy grouper. Humphrey's 68-pound snowy grouper currently holds the IGFA All-Tackle Record.

Burnley caught his grouper "deep-dropping" near the Norfolk Canyon in 98 fathoms of water while fishing aboard the private boat Healthy Grin, skippered by Ken Neill, III, of Seaford. The fish had a length of 48 inches and a girth of 37 inches. The record fish was caught on a Shimano Trevala rod, mated with a Daiwa Saltist LD40 reel and spooled with 70-pound test Daiwa Saltiga Boat braided line. The record-setting grouper hit a custom made two hook bottom rig baited with squid and cut fish.

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Anglers Cullen and Mason Lester from Dunkirk, MD had a great time fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford, landing 2 flounder (1 pictured) measuring 19 and 20-inches. Both fish were caught on shiners in the bay behind Assateague Island.



Jim Geddes from Painted Post, NY was fishing on the "Staghound" with Matt McGuigan, Brad Marks and Capt. Bruce McGuigan when he captured this 160 lb. thresher shark. The fish took a mackerel bait at the Fingers and was weighed at Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle in Fenwick, DE.

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Steve Kagsaros and Brandon Quidas each caught a codfish, while Rodney Minwah landed himself a 3.5 lb. sea bass, all while fishing on the "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mate Dean Lo at a natural reef. Steve's cod tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 4 oz. and Brandon's weighed an even 5 lbs. All of the fish were caught on clams. Pictured in the slip at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.



Mark Adams caught the first sheepshead in Delaware over the weekend, weighing 5 lbs. 8 oz., while fishing on the "Katy Did" with Ralph Driscoll, Capt. Brent Weist and mate Dave Walker. Mark also landed a 23-inch flounder and Ralph scored a couple of 21-inch flatties using squid for bait at Reef Site 5. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



George Matarese, Terry Kempinski and Ed Brainard from Wilmington, DE, along with Louis Santori from Rehoboth Beach fought this 450 lb. blue marlin for 2 hours and 15 minutes before the big blue died during the fight. The anglers were fishing on the "Out-Rea-Geous" with Capt. Roy Rea and mate Anthony Cichocki when they hooked the fish on a trolled, skirted ballyhoo in the Wilmington Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Mike Grasso, Brent Mauer, Scott Cooper, Micah Grasso, Anthony Rims and Dave Secular got into the yellowfin tuna during a trip aboard the "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and mate Joe Bonvetti. The 12 yellowfins were hooked on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Wilmington Canyon. The heaviest tuna tipped the scales at 78 lbs. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.

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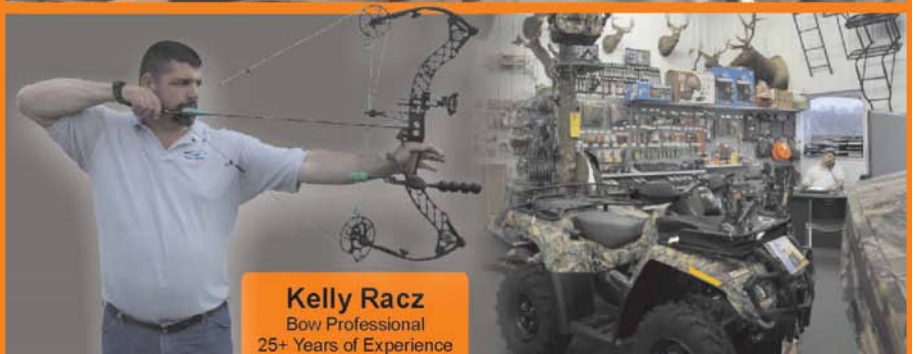
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But hands down, Ocean City is off to a blazing start for the summer season, making it the place to be if you are an avid fishermen. While low salinities in the Chesapeake have confounded some fishermen and high flows from storm events have made mountain streams and river fishing a challenge, inshore and offshore, Ocean City continues to dazzle. Offshore, yellowfin tuna numbers are excellent along with solid action for bluefin. Shark fishing is at peak in terms of diversity, with threshers, makos, blues, sandbars and hammerheads all turning up at popular locations like the Fingers, Hambone, Hot Dog and the Sausages.

Sharks Take Center Stage

The 31st Annual Ocean City Shark Tournament starts this weekend at the Ocean City Fishing Center. Captain Mark Sampson is the master of ceremonies, and does a great job interacting with the dockside audience. In addition to being one of the most knowledgeable shark fishermen in North America (some would argue the most knowledgeable), Mark has been an innovator of techniques throughout his career and has championed conservation ethics to minimize the mortality of sharks through promotion of catch & release, use of non-offset circle hooks and proper boatside handling. Mark sits on the National Marine Fisheries Service's Highly Migratory Species Advisory Board, and his contributions affect national policy of the conservation of sharks. So be sure to stop down to the OC Fishing Center to see the weigh ins, and meet Mark. We are indeed lucky to have him as part of our community of knowledgeable and talented captains.

Cod Continue

A couple of weeks back, I

mentioned the account of cod catches off the Maryland coast from a half century ago in a Maryland Fisheries publication. Offshore party boats are still catching them. Now, another visionary captain in the Ocean City community has stepped forward to help biologists and managers with Federal and State agencies to get a better handle on what appears to be an unusual event. Captain Monty Hawkins on the "Morning Star" has been tagging cod and working cooperatively with scientists from Massachusetts and NOAA to document this late occurrence of Atlantic cod off the Delmarva coast. Monty often donates his time and his own money to tag, film and document information on a variety of species from black sea bass and tautog to tilefish and now Atlantic cod. His passion for habitat enhancement and preservation is unparalleled in the mid-Atlantic region. Over the past two weeks, cod tagged and released from the "Morning Star" have been recaptured, some moving to artificial reefs off Cape May and Atlantic City. Cod have been documented off the Maryland coast in the past, but typically during the winter months. Is their presence in early June an anomaly, or is it a function of cold inshore water temperatures, food availability or habitat? Or some combination of these? With the help of Monty Hawkins and others that want to advance our understanding of fish behavioral ecology, we may know more soon. In the meantime, as long as our fishermen are catching cod off the Maryland coast, please be reminded there is a minimum size of 22" and a creel limit of 10 cod per person, per day, for private boats. Party boats have a 22" minimum size and no creel limit.

A Footnote on Spotted Sea Trout

Last week we answered a

question regarding the status of sea trout. On Friday, June 24th there will be a public meeting held by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) at the Tawes State Office Building in Annapolis, MD at 6:00 pm to address recommended changes to the interstate fisheries management plans (FMPs) for spot, Spanish mackerel and spotted sea trout. For spotted sea trout, the FMP recommends a 12" minimum size limit with comparable mesh size regulations in directed commercial fisheries. This size limit corresponds to the length at which data indicated 50% of spotted sea trout females reach sexual maturity. The development of the Omnibus Amendment does not necessarily mean that additional management measures will be put in place to regulate the harvest of Spanish mackerel, spot, and spotted sea trout; however, the ASMFC Management Board will consider a suite of measures that could be implemented through adaptive management should it become necessary.

What a Difference a Year Makes

Maryland's regulations for summer flounder last year, with a minimum size of 19- inches, resulted in a common theme of catches of undersize fish and frustrated anglers. Management measures allowed for a 1-inch reduction in minimum size for 2011. This year's regulations allow for anglers to keep up to 3 flounder per person per day at a minimum size of 18 inches. So far, we've heard of many more keeper fish, and several exemplary catches. This morning I had the pleasure of speaking to Ms. Barbara Skelley of Manchester, MD. Barbara was fishing near Harbour Island last week when she landed a 24" flounder weighing in at 5 pounds, 3 ounces. Her fish was checked in at Ake Marine, one of over 90 award centers located across the State of Maryland. Barbara's fish qualified her to be eligible for the thousands of dollars in prizes that will be given away to qualifying anglers in DNR's 7th Annual Maryland

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WEDNESDAY, April 20, 2011 - The "Get Sum" returned from their morning trip with an 18-inch keeper flounder and 8 throwbacks. They were fishing west of the Thorofare. The keeper was caught on a squid and minnow combination.

TUESDAY, April 19, 2011 - Flounder were reported hooked in the Thorofare, but not many keepers. The fish were around Dog and Bitch Islands.

Mike Kurtz did catch his limit of flaties in the Thorofare including a 5 lb. 10 oz. fish that measured 25-inches. All the fish were caught on live minnows.

Mate on the "Morning Star" landed a personal best tautog while fishing at an artificial reef today. The tog tipped the scales at 10 lbs. 3 oz. and was hooked on a green crab.

Tom Hart emailed me to say that he caught 3 throwback flounder, but no keepers during the 3 hours he fished in the bay behind the northern end of Assateague Island.

MONDAY, April 18, 2011 - Saw one flounder today, a 20-incher caught by Paul Vreeland down near the Assateague Bridge. Paul used minnows for bait.

Jake Emche landed a 31-inch striper in the Thorofare

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Fishing Challenge. The contest runs through Labor Day, and the qualifying finalists like Barbara will gather at Sandy Point State Park on Saturday, September 10th to see if they will win one of the grand prizes. For more information on the species and the minimum sizes and locations of the award centers, please visit the Maryland DNR website at:
<http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/challenge/index.asp>

Questions From Coastal Fishermen Readers?

I welcome any questions you may have on fisheries management, sportfishing licenses, or any other fisheries related questions. Please email your questions to:
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Until next week.....good fishing!

Marty Gary is Assistant Director/Fisheries Ecologist at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries Service.



Cole, Luke and Glenn Rutowski from Baltimore, MD decked 2 striped bass while fishing with live spot at the South Jetty. The fish weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and 8 lbs. 8 oz. on the scale at Bahia Marina.

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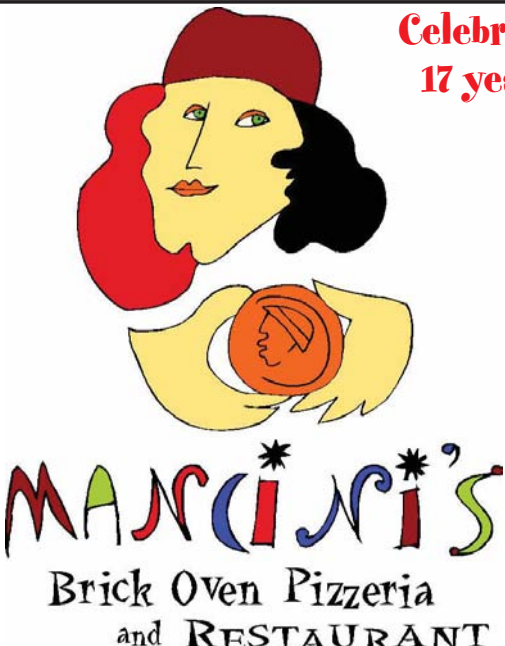
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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
Sea Bass 	May 25, 2011 Ricky Herbert "Morning Star" 6 lbs. 4 oz.	May 27, 2011 Hobby Isaacs Reef Site 11 5 lbs. 10 oz.	Mako Shark 	June 1, 2011 Zack Smith Washington Canyon 280 lbs.	NEW June 8, 2011 Chris Bowden "Misdemeanor" 231 lbs.
Tautog 	March 30, 2011 Scott Allison Ocean Wreck 19 lbs. 8 oz.	April 26, 2011 Sam Green DE Bay Reef 10 lbs. 2 oz.	Thresher Shark 	May 29, 2011 Charlie Lutes Fingers 470 lbs.	May 31, 2011 Alex Capozio "DB" Buoy 487 lbs.
Striped Bass 	April 20, 2011 Robert Remo Rt. 50 Bridge 36 lbs.	May 18, 2011 Bill Winkler Indian River Inlet 45 lbs. 2 oz.	Bluefin Tuna 	June 3, 2011 Dan Youngblood "Muff Diver" 94.4 lbs.	May 27, 2011 Joseph Cangianelli Poor Man's Canyon 75.2 lbs.
Weakfish 	June 1, 2011 Paul Gillespie East Channel 4 lbs. 6 oz.	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna NEW 	June 4, 2011 Tom Wisniewski Wilmington Canyon 94 lbs.	NEW June 12, 2011 Tony Burr Wilmington Canyon 90.6 lbs.
Speckled Trout 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder 	May 28, 2011 Bob Spetzler East Channel 8 lbs. 8 oz.	May 7, 2011 Mark Lowman Indian River Bay 8 lbs. 13 oz.	Bigeye Tuna 	May 31, 2011 Aaron Saulsbury Washington Canyon 172.4 lbs.	NEW June 12, 2011 C.C. Lee Wilmington Canyon 157.6 lbs.
Bluefish 	May 21, 2011 Alexa Lamplugh Fingers 14.8 lbs.	June 2, 2011 Lex Robertson 12 Fathom Lump 10 lbs.	Dolphin NEW 	June 11, 2011 Jason Hahn "Marli" 26 lbs.	NEW June 12, 2011 C.C. Lee Wilmington Canyon 23.1 lbs.
Sheepshead 	May 7, 2011 Sheldon Thomas Winter Quarter Shoal 3 lbs. 3 oz.	NEW June 12, 2011 Mark Adams Reef Site 5 5 lbs. 8 oz.	Wahoo 	No Weights Reported	May 22, 2011 Dave Woods Linden Kohl Canyon 11.9 lbs.
Cobia 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	White Marlin NEW 	Most Releases in One Day NEW June 10, 2011 Private Boat Baltimore Canyon 3 releases	June 10, 2011 "Blue Water Obsession" Wilmington Canyon 1 release

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



Randy Will and J.P. Ellis from Westminster, MD, Brian Knill from Mt. Airy, MD, John Brown from Taneyton, MD, Duvall Brown from New Oxford, PA and Bill Shamer from Finksburg, MD returned to Sunset Marina with 7 yellowfin tuna in the box after fishing on the "White Lightning" with Capt. Eddie Smith and mate John Griffith. The fish, along with 8 releases, were hooked on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Wilmington Canyon.



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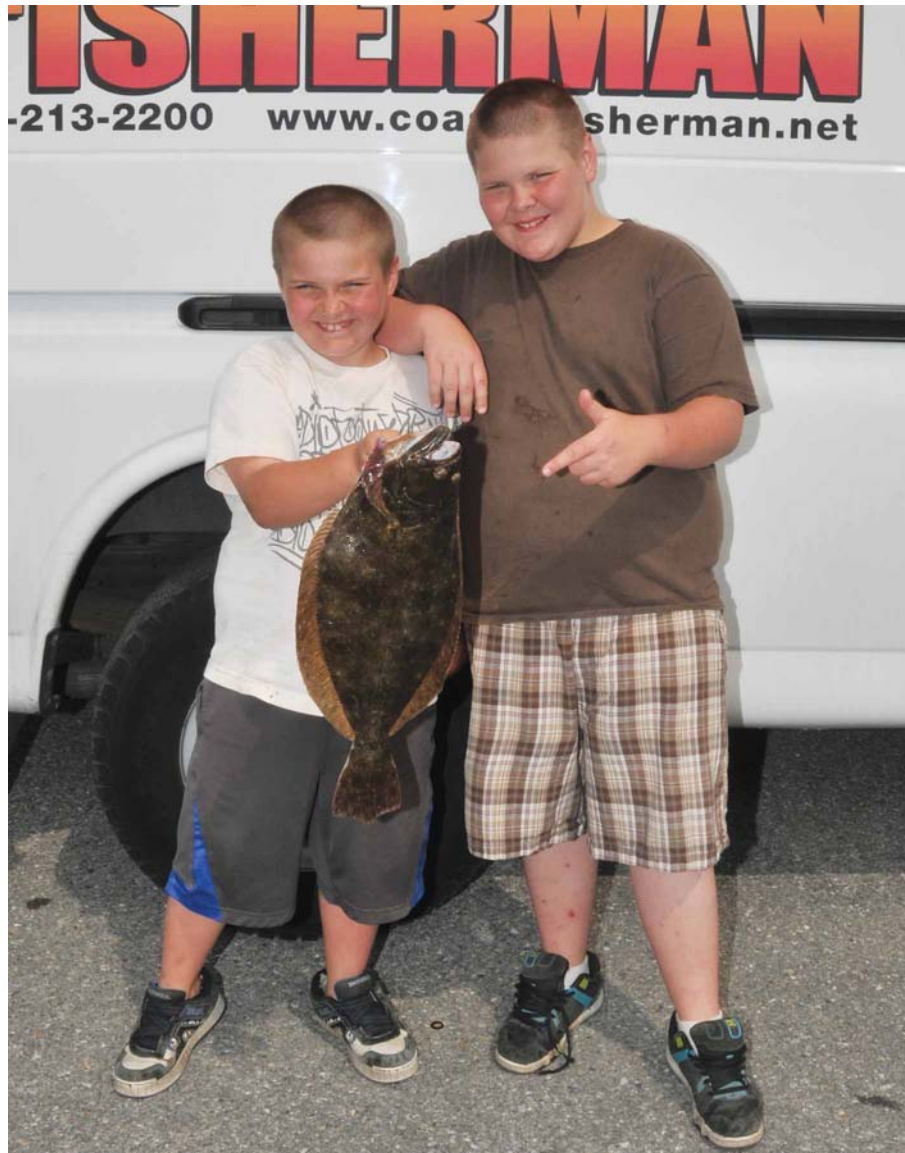
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Cody Martin from West Ocean City, MD caught this 22-inch flounder while fishing off the 4th Street Bulkhead with his brother Buddy Martin. The fish was hooked on a live minnow.



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A vibrant, artistic illustration of various fish swimming in blue water. The text "22nd Annual Luna-ment" is prominently displayed in a stylized, blue and white font. Below it, "Ocean City, MD" and "Chincoteague & Wachapreague, VA" are written in yellow. The dates "June 24th - 26th" and "Register Online Today!" are in white. The "2011 MSSA TOURNAMENT SERIES" logo is in the center, with the MSSA logo below it. The website "www.mssa.net" is at the bottom. Logos for "Gibson Originals.com" and "Sunset Marina" are also present.

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Christopher Clasing caught this 20.5-inch flounder while fishing with Capt. Bob Gowar on the "Bay Bee". The flattie was caught on a Gulp! artificial bait in the bay near the Ocean City Airport. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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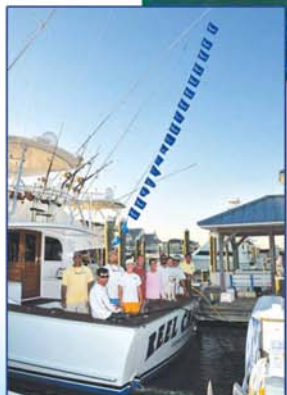
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Max Sontag from West Chester, PA caught these striped bass during an incoming tide in the Indian River Inlet. The fish measured 38 and 41-inches and were caught on Storm lures. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.




Kent Brittingham took advantage of a good striped bite in the Indian River Inlet and captured this 25 lb. 6 oz. linesider on a Storm lure. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.



Bobby Morgan from Odenton, MD was fishing with Marshall Bacott of Linthicum, MD when he boated this 20-inch flounder on a minnow/Gulp! combination. The fish was caught just south of the Rt. 90 Bridge.


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Drew Stuchlik was fishing with bunker from the surf near the Herring Point jetties when he hooked this 27 lb. 5 oz. striped bass. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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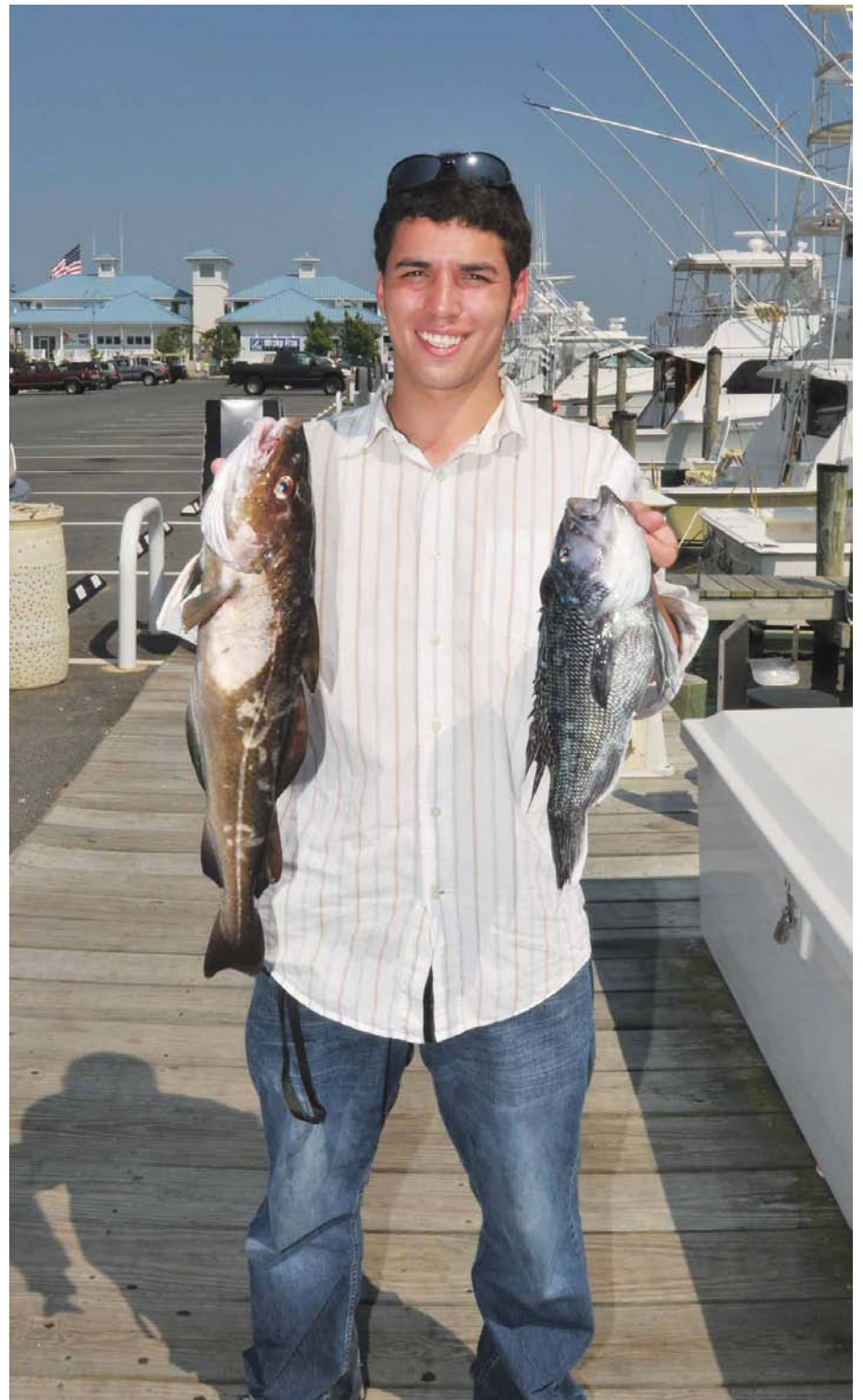
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	Low 02:40 pm	High 09:21 pm
Fri. June 17	Low 03:38 am	High 09:40 am
	Low 03:29 pm	High 10:09 pm
Sat. June 18	Low 04:24 am	High 10:29 am
	Low 04:17 pm	High 10:54 pm
Sun. June 19	Low 05:10 am	High 11:16 am
	Low 05:06 pm	High 11:39 pm
Mon. June 20	Low 05:54 am	High -----
	Low 05:57 pm	High 12:03 pm
Tues. June 21	Low 06:38 am	High 12:23 am
	Low 06:49 pm	High 12:50 pm
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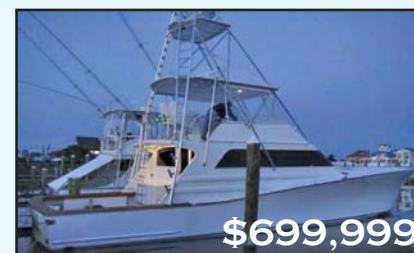


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