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Just in time for this week's Mako Mania Shark Tournament, shark fishing heated up over the Memorial Day weekend, highlighted by this 525 lb. thresher shark boated after a 1 hour fight by Dave Raine of Mt. Airy, MD while fishing on the "Rain E Daze" with Eric Bausch of Manassas, VA and Capt. Greg Ignash. The thresher was caught using mackerel for bait in 61-degree water at the Fingers. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



"One guy had hold of the flounder with both hands with a towel. The other guy was yanking on the leader as hard as he could. Then the fish was thrown off the bridge like a centerfielder was aiming for home plate."

This scenario was described to me by a friend of mine last week. Did the fish survive? Possibly, but the odds weren't good. In this age of sometimes ridiculous minimum sizes and low creel limits, some anglers actually act like they are mad with the fish if it doesn't make the grade, and they treat them accordingly. To use an old cliché, that is "like cutting off your nose to spite your face." Put simply, the fish didn't make the rules, and it's not their fault if they haven't quite grown up yet, at least as far as government regulators are

concerned.

Nowadays, most of us handle more fish that will be released than those that are kept. "Legal" flounder of 18.5 and 19 inches, depending on where you fish, are hard to come by. Stripers over 28 inches can be impossible to find at times. There are strict limits on bluefin tuna, and most billfish are turned loose anyway. Sea bass, tautog, trout—the list goes on. If we are to keep the mortality rates of those fish as low as possible so we have viable populations in the future, we need to handle them with a little more care.

Simply put, the best way to protect a fish that is to be released is to handle it as little as possible and get it back in the water as quickly as possible. It is pretty obvious, for instance, when you bring a

15-inch flounder to the surface to see that it is not a "keeper." So why net it and bring it into the boat? If you can, grab the leader and shake the fish off. If the fish won't shake off (a "keeper" would come unhooked in a heartbeat), hold it over the water with the leader and grab it behind the head, being careful to avoid the gills and stomach area. Wet your hands first to avoid removing as much of the protective slime from the fish as possible. If a fish has swallowed the hook, don't pull on the leader. Just cut it off and leave the hook. Rather than cut the leader short, however, leave it long. Studies have shown that leaving a longer leader will help prevent the hook from turning around in the stomach of the fish, a complication that can lead to higher mortality.

If you have to use a net, the type and material can make a difference. I like to use a rubber net, which, even though it is a little heavy, is much more "fish friendly." It is also less likely to snag your rig or lure. Likewise,

some of the newer "knotless" nets are easier on the fish as well.

If you fish for a trophy-sized fish that is to be released, such as a big striper or a red drum, it is natural to want a photo of that fish. If so, be prepared and have someone ready with a camera when the fish is landed. Again, this will lower the time the fish is out of the water. Also, avoid holding the fish up vertically by its jaw or gill plate. Instead, hold the fish horizontally and support it with two hands or lay the fish in front of you with the tail away from you and just pick up the head. This leaves most of the weight of the fish being supported by the sand or boat, whatever the case may be. Even though we were all guilty of doing it "back in the day," holding a fish vertically can actually cause its own weight to damage the internal organs. When you do put the fish back overboard or into the surf, keep contact with the fish by holding the base of its tail so you can

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Tommy Otto from Clayton, DE is obviously a good judge of hockey teams and also good at catching sea bass, landing this 3 lb. 4 oz. citation fish while fishing at Reef Site #11 aboard the "Martha Marie" with Capt. Les Clemmer. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Tom Weiss from Selbyville, DE was fishing from the surf off Fenwick Island when he hooked into this 44-inch, 29.3 lb. striped bass. Tom was using bunker for bait and weighed his catch at Hook'em & Cook'em Outfitters in South Bethany, DE.

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Dennis Spier took the trip down from Galloway Township, NJ and caught this 9 lb. 13 oz. flounder while drifting around Burton’s Island in the Indian River Bay. Dennis hooked the 30-inch flattie on a white bucktail tipped with a minnow and squid. Weighed at Hook’em & Cook’em at the Indian River Marina.

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Other general common sense suggestions to allow for better survival of your released fish include: don't handle a fish with a rag or towel; don't let a fish lay on the deck or the pier or bridge and beat itself to death; don't squeeze it so hard the eyes almost pop out; keep your hands and tools out of the gills if at all possible; if you fish the Rt. 50 bridge, use a circular bridge net and lower the fish back to the water; if the water is warm, use heavy enough tackle to catch the fish as quickly as possible; buy and learn to use a "deep throat dehooker" tool, and use circle hooks if possible. I make the last suggestion because not only are circle hooks much less likely to gut hook a fish, they are the best thing going when fishing out of a rod holder or sand spike. The one exception to the circle hook

effectiveness for injury prevention may actually be in the case of flounder. In my experience, flounder will sometimes swallow a circle hooks just as readily as a J-hook. My theory is this is due to the short distance between their mouth and stomach. One way to reduce the number of gut hooked flounder (nothing will eliminate them entirely) is to use larger hooks. An 18 or 19-inch flounder has a pretty large mouth, so there is no need for small hooks. I like to use at least a 3/0 or 4/0 hook on my flounder rigs, whether it is a "wide gap" Kahle hook or a standard octopus hook. I do use circle hooks for flounder at times as well—it's just that I don't feel they serve their purpose as effectively with flounder.

Helping a released fish survive is often just a case of showing it a little respect—if you can't do that, then you ought to sell your fishing rods and take up golf or bowling or whatever...

Speaking of hooks, circle hooks seem to fall into a several different "styles". There are the "octopus circles," the more extreme "round" circles (probably the original circle hooks), and a category that more closely resembles the Kahle or "wide gap" hook (yes, it can be confusing). The latter category has become one of my favorite hooks. They are pricey, yes, but very sharp and very effective, especially for live bait, though in the larger sizes I will also use them for such things as puppy drum rigs. Three of these you might want to look into are the Owner Mutu Light Circle 5114, the Daiichi Circle Wide D85VP, and the Gamakatsu Nautilus Circle, number 4241...these hooks have straight eyes, so I usually just tie them with a Non-Slip Mono Loop knot or a Palomar knot...



Bruce Koepfel from Manassas, VA landed this 38-inch striper while fishing off 60th Street in Ocean City. The 18 lb. linesider was hooked while using bunker for bait and was weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Bayard Conaway from Bear, DE landed this 49-inch striped bass after hooking it on a 1.5 oz. bucktail tipped with a white worm in the Indian River Inlet. The big striper weighed 28 lbs. 6 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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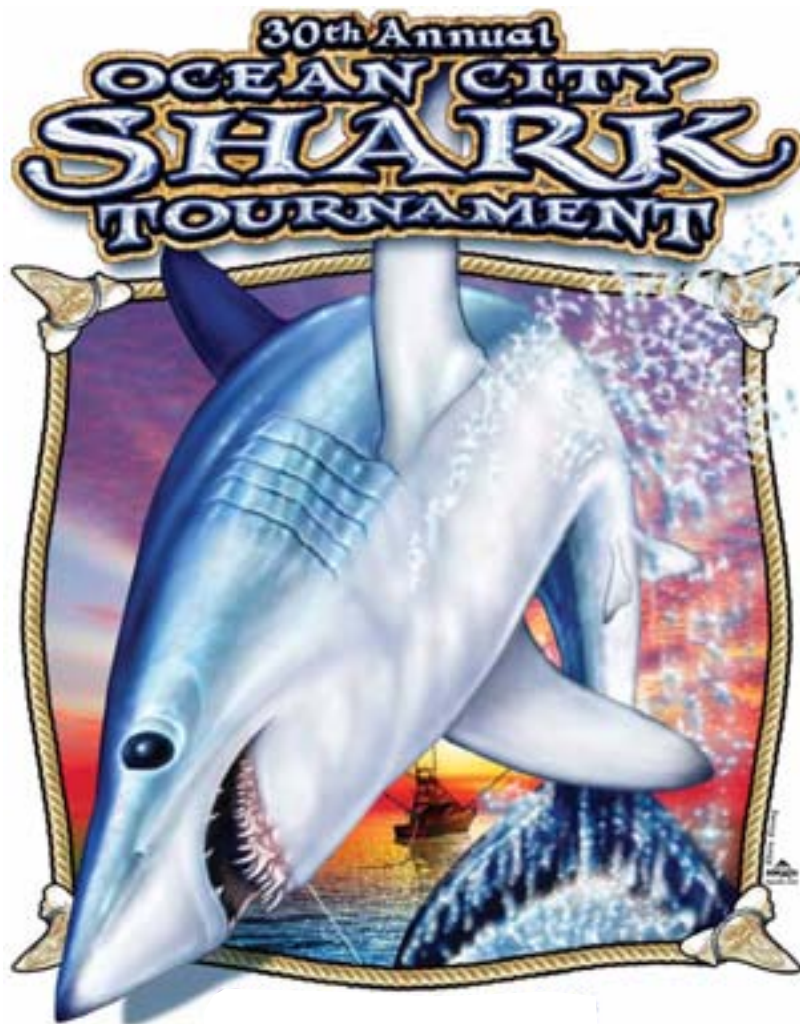
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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It was great fishing out of Ocean City over the long Memorial Day weekend. We saw good numbers of mako sharks hit the scales, in addition to a big thresher shark and the first bluefin tuna of the year caught on Sunday.

Sharks / Bluefin Tuna

Inshore water temperatures are hovering right above the magic 60-degree mark, resulting in makos, threshers and blue sharks being hooked just in time for the upcoming shark tournaments.

It's tough to say what stole the show this week. Was it the good numbers of mako sharks that showed up on Sunday or was it the 525 lb. thresher shark that also hit the scales on Sunday?

The big thresher was caught by Dave Raine on the "Rain E Daze" during a trip out to the Fingers. The fish was hooked on a whole mackerel and took an hour to get to the boat.

The largest mako brought to the scales this weekend in Ocean City was a 164 pounder caught on the "Hookin'



The crew on the "Jo Jo" out of Fisherman's Marina ventured out to the Marine Electric and returned with a 155 lb. mako shark and the first bluefin tuna caught out of Ocean City this year. Jacob Wick landed the mako while Dave Barnes hooked the 55 lb. bluefin, both while trolling ballyhoo in 61-degree water. Pictured with Jacob and Dave are Pam Barnes, Capt. Chris Watkowski and Mate Tony Congialdi.

Wubbas" during a trip to the Fingers. The fish ate a whole bluefish and was one of 3

makos hooked that day. They also released 3 blue sharks and a dusky during the trip.

Earlier on Sunday, the "Jo Jo" returned early with a 155 lb. mako in the box and the first bluefin tuna of the season out of Ocean City. Both fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo near the Marine Electric.

Although it was weighed in Delaware at Capt. Mac's High Performance Tackle, a boat that fishes in our local tournaments, "Shark Tooth", weighed a 180 lb. mako on Sunday that was hooked at the Sausages. The crew had a spectacular day, releasing 4 other makos, 1 blue shark and a sand shark.

Over the weekend, we saw 8 makos hit the scales, and many more released, with most coming in from the Fingers/Hot Dog/Sausages triangle.

Bluefish

The First Annual Bluefish Tournament, sponsored by the Ocean City Marlin Club, was held on Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a few choppers hit the scales, led by the crew on "Doc's Boat" who took 1st place honors with a 12.2 lb. gator caught on a trolled hoochie at the Sausages. Second place was won by the "All In" with a 11.4 pounder, also caught on a trolled hoochie, but at the Hot Dog. The third place fish was an 11.2 pounder caught on the "Ditch Digger Too" at the Hot Dog.

In the old days, bluefish tournaments were big in Ocean City and with 29 boats, big fish at the scales and a \$3,000 donation to the Catherine and Charles Kratz Memorial Foundation and Scholarship Fund, it looks like we may have another big bluefish tournament in Ocean City's future.

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our bay waters, especially around the Rt. 50 Bridge and off Gudelsky Park on the west side of the bay. Spec rigs are all you need to hook these feisty fish. This is a great fishery for kids, since the action is fast and furious.

Flounder

When the water was clean, flounder fishing was good this weekend. We didn't see any 25/26-inchers like we have seen in the last couple of weeks, but quite a few in the low 20's were caught. The throwback to keeper ratio looks like it is still running around 10 to 1. But hey, anglers are bending a rod and having fun. Isn't that what it's all about?

A good example of this is the "Bay Bee" that had 4 keepers on Monday and 31 throwbacks. Rumor has it that the mate, George Lenz, was sweating like Mike Tyson in a spelling bee.

Although anglers complained about the grassy conditions in the bay behind

Assateague Island, it was still the hot spot for the weekend, especially around the airport.

The nicest catch we saw was when Mike Brockmeyer and Bob Miller stopped by the office to have their picture taken with their 6 keepers, measuring up to 23-inches and 4 lbs. The fish were caught south of the airport while using minnows and flounder belly for bait.

We also saw keepers being caught in the East Channel, just north of the Rt. 50 Bridge at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor in some deep holes and also up around the Rt. 90 Bridge. Anglers using squid and minnows or shiners did well.

Striped Bass

Early risers capitalized on a fantastic striper bite around the South Jetty right before the weekend. Dave Black stopped by with a couple of beauties when he was lucky enough to be out there all by himself last Wednesday. The next day, when word got out, there were

more boats out at sunrise and it was "game on" for everyone. Anglers reported the best bites came on Storm lures. Those that tried to toss live eels were not having much luck.

The bite off the Rt. 50 Bridge is still good at night, especially at the turn of the tide.

It's funny how things change from year-to-year. One year it might be that Gotcha Plugs are the hot lure, then it might be red and white bucktails. This year, it is definitely Storm lures doing the most damage.

Tautog

With most anglers now targeting sea bass, tautog fishing has slowed considerably.

The "Morning Star" did bring back some nice ones last Wednesday, led by Robert Topci's 14 lb. 11 oz. blackfish.

Sea Bass

We saw a load of sea bass hit the docks this week.

Over the weekend, the

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"Marli", the "Angler" and the "Morning Star" all had good catches. The "Marli" and the "Angler" ventured out to the Great Eastern Reef, while Capt. Monty on the "Morning Star" would rather have a fillet knife in the eye than tell you where he was. Those willing to travel the 46 miles to the Bow Mariner wreck are being rewarded with nice catches as well.

On Sunday, Scooter Cone caught a 5 lb. 5 oz. sea bass, the largest we have seen this year, while fishing at a natural reef aboard the "Morning Star".

Tournaments


This weekend is the 14th Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament held at Bahia Marina. Weigh-ins are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 4:00-7:00 pm.

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Kurt Hofschild was fishing off the beach on Assateague Island and landed this 42.5-inch striper after hooking it on a bunker chunk. The big linesider weighed in at 23 lbs. 4 oz. on the scales at Buck's Place.

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Tom Flickinger caught this 48-inch black drum on a chunk of clam while fishing at the Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay. The fish weighed 69 lbs. on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.



Joe Okronley from Ocean City, MD enjoyed a day of fishing on the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Bob Gower and Mate George Lenz, and ended up with a 22.5-inch flounder caught on a squid and shiner combination in the bay behind Assateague Island. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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It was a good weekend for mako shark fishing and Lee Brown from Pasadena, MD started the holiday weekend off with a beauty. Lee was fishing on the "Fish Bonz" with Mike Hammond, Tony and Matt DiFatta, Tony Braun and Matt Rivenburg, all from Pasadena, MD, Capt. Mark Radcliffe and Mate Phil Knapp. The 148 lb. mako was caught at the Fingers while using bluefish for bait. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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On Saturday, the "Angler" returned from the Great Eastern Reef with a nice catch of sea bass and a monkfish. Allison Franklin of Salisbury, MD was reeling in a sea bass when this monkfish came up off the bottom and ate it. Cory Tridgell from Rockland County, NY caught a 19-inch, 3 lb. 10 oz. sea bass while using squid for bait. As always, Capt. Chris Mizurak was at the helm and Mates Dean Lo and Matt Temple handled the deck. Pictured at the Angler Dock in downtown Ocean City.

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Driftin' Easy

— by Sue Foster



Lots of articles are written about "how to do something" when it comes to fishing. I was thinking the other day while in my store that we are always telling new anglers things NOT to do. So this article is about all the things the angler should NEVER EVER do!

I had a few "NEVER EVERs" in my last beginner's surf fishing article. They are so important that I'll briefly mention them again. They also

apply to the bay and inlet anglers.

"Never wash your reel off in salt water."

It would be like driving your car in the ocean and expecting it to work fine the next day! The angler should always wash off rods and reels, from the tip of the rod to the butt of the rod, with a fine spray of fresh water from the garden hose! Many anglers spray off their reels but forget about the rods. Over the years, think about how many rod tips you replace as the little wires that hold the rod tip together corrode. So remember, give your guides and tip a squirt as well as your reel.

"Never forget and leave your bait in your car overnight!"

This also applies for live bait left in a hot car, even for a little while. I've heard many stories of the night crawlers turning into a single mass of brown yuck, the \$10 pack of bloodworms ruined while spending an hour in the grocery store, and the bag of live minnows keeling over before getting them into the live well. A little cooler in your car with ice will help preserve your bait while on the road getting to where you're trying to get!

"Never, ever leave the Berkley Gulp on your hook when you finish fishing."

It gets hard as a rock and you have to either chisel it off, or throw away your rig!

"Never try to take a treble hook out of a flopping fish without pliers!"

Since we are in the middle of bluefish season, this is worth mentioning. Local emergency rooms see quite a few Gotcha Plug hooks stuck in fingers and other areas of the body. While you are trying to get one hook out, the fish with flop around, and another treble hook can get you! I've been in the emergency room once with a MirrOlure treble hook deeply embedded in my finger. It's no fun. I have learned to take my time, not to get excited, and be very careful around hooks!

"If you are on a pier, inlet, or boat and casting lures to a school of bluefish, always look behind you before casting."

You want to catch fish, not people!

"Never let your fresh or live bait fall into melting ice water."

Whether it is fresh bunker, a bag of live bloodworms, or a tray of live minnows or eels, it is important to have your bait on ice, not in it. Once your ice begins to melt, your bait can fall in the melting ice and live bait can die and fresh bait can get soft and mushy. Drain your cooler of ice periodically during the day.

"Never go fishing out in the boat without your net!"

If you forget it, go back and get it. You'll surely hook the big fish on the day you forget your net. Same is true if you're a bridge fisherman.

"Never, ever put your hand in the mouth of a strange fish."

If you're not sure, don't do it. Respect the teeth on saltwater fish. It is also important not to put your hands ON any strange looking creatures such as skates, rays, sharks, oyster toads, and especially star gazers. Use your pliers. Star Gazers have those big eyes that look towards the heavens and are prehistoric looking. They have a spine on them that can give you an electric shock. Rays have nasty spines on them that some people are allergic to, and sharks have been known to grab a leg when anglers pick them up by the tail to return them to the surf! Drag them across the sand towards the water. Be ready to let the fish go if it twists towards you. Sand sharks don't have teeth, but some other sharks do. Look before you grab!

"Never forget the sunscreen and sunglasses!"

UV rays are intensified on the water.

"Never forget to take a rag."

I can't tell you how many times I've forgotten the rag. You're on the pier or the boat, with nothing to grab a slimy fish, nothing but your pants to wipe your hands on, nothing but the spare t-shirt to wipe the bluefish blood off the deck of the boat. Actually, you should take a spare rag or two and have it stashed away somewhere.

"Never leave important things like the rag, pliers, etc... on the edge of the boat."

The boat starts up suddenly, and splash! It's in the water! And that includes your butt too! I've known people that have gone overboard too!

"ALWAYS have your hat securely on your head while boating or on the pier."

Wind catches your hat, and the hat goes flying in the water! Now how many times has that happened!

"Never ever go fishing with only one rig!"

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"Never fish with old line."

During this last striper blitz on the beach, I can't tell you how many people came in to change their line AFTER they lost a nice fish. Monofilament fishing line can go bad just sitting in the garage after a couple years. Extreme hot and extreme cold also takes a toll on your line if your equipment is kept outside, in an attic, garage, or under the house. Run your line through your index finger and thumb. If it feels rough and chafed, it's time to change it. Tie a swivel to the end of your line, yank on it, and if it snaps easily, past the pound test it is rated for, change your line! Don't let that trophy fish get away!

Good fishing.....

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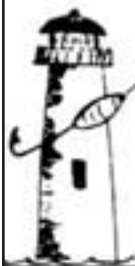
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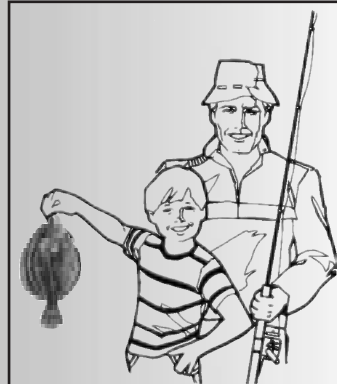
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Who said anglers aren't catching their limit of flounder? On Friday, Mike Brockmeyer from Fallston, MD and Bob Miller of Bel Air, MD caught 6 flatties while drifting minnows and flounder belly in the bay behind Assateague Island. The largest flounder measured 23-inches and weighed 4 lbs.

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- 3 TBSP. minced parsley
- 2 TBSP. lemon zest
- 2 TBSP. fresh lemon juice
- 1 TBSP. green onion, minced
- 2 tsp. fresh dill, minced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 flounder fillets
- 2 cups sugar snap peas
- 1 1/2 cups carrots, cut into matchsticks
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
Combine potatoes and water, boil until tender.

In a small bowl, combine butter, parsley, lemon zest, lemon juice, green onion, dill and garlic; set aside.

Cut 4 (15x13 inch) rectangles of parchment paper; fold each rectangle in half lengthwise and open out flat.

Place 1 fillet on one-half of each parchment sheet in the middle near the crease.

Top each evenly with sugar snap peas, carrots and cooked potatoes.

Sprinkle each with salt, pepper and butter mixture.

Fold paper edges over to enclose fish; cut off open corners of parchment to make a half moon.

Pleat and crimp edges to make airtight seal.

Place packets on a rimmed baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes.

Open packets carefully to release steam.

Serve immediately.

Serves 4.

Striped Bass with Mushrooms

- 4 TBSP. butter
- 5 large shallots, thinly sliced
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 pack white mushrooms, trimmed and quartered
- 4 striper fillets, skin on, 1-inch thick
- 2 TBSP. extra virgin olive oil
- 3/4 cup white wine
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- Chopped parsley for garnish

Heat the butter in a large skillet.

Add the shallots and thyme and cook for about 7 minutes.

Season with salt and pepper.

Add the mushrooms, stirring occasionally until brown and tender.

Season the fish with salt and pepper.

Heat the oil in another large skillet over medium-high heat.

Add the fish, skin side down and cook until the skin is crisp.

Transfer to a plate. Add the wine to the skillet and scrape up any brown bits using a wooden spoon.

Boil over high heat until syrupy, 2 to 3 minutes.

Add the cream and simmer to thicken slightly.

Season with salt and pepper.

Pour the cream sauce over the mushrooms in the skillet, then add the fish, skin side up.

Simmer until the fish is just firm, 5 to 7 minutes.

Garnish with parsley.

Serves 4.

Grilled Marinated Swordfish

- 6 swordfish steaks
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 lemon, juice only
- 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 TBSP. dried basil
- 1 TBSP. dried oregano
- 1 tsp. celery salt
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper
- Parsley for garnish

Combine oil, the juice of 1 lemon, garlic, basil, oregano, celery salt and pepper.

Mix well. Brush both sides of the fish generously with the mixture.

Place the steaks in a shallow dish; pour marinade over fish.

Refrigerate for 2 hours, turning steaks every 30 minutes.

Grill about 6 inches from coals for 5 minutes.

Turn and baste with marinade.

Grill for 6 to 7 more minutes.

Serve brushed with the melted butter and top with fresh parsley.

Serves 6.

Bacon Wrapped Scallops with Spicy Mayo

- 1 1/2 pound large scallops
- 1/2 pound thin-sliced bacon
- Extra-virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup hot chili paste
- 1 lime, juiced
- 3 TBSP. chopped cilantro
- 2 heads Bibb lettuce
- 3 avocados, sliced

Heat the broiler.

Wrap each scallop in a piece of bacon and secure it with a toothpick.

Place the scallops onto a baking sheet, drizzle them with

olive oil and season them with salt and pepper.

Broil them for about 10 to 15 minutes until the bacon is cooked through, turning once.

Make the spicy mayo by combining the mayonnaise, chili paste, lime juice and chopped cilantro.

Stir well and refrigerate until ready to use.

To serve, line a large platter with the lettuce leaves.

Top each with a bacon wrapped shrimp, 2 slices of avocado, and a spoonful of spicy mayo.

Serves 20 appetizers.

Grilled Striped Bass with Cucumber Salsa and Lime

- 4 fish fillets
- Olive oil
- 1/8 tsp. garlic powder
- 1/8 tsp. onion powder
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- Salsa

Using a basting brush, coat the fillets with the olive oil.

Sprinkle all of the spices over fish.

Heat grill to 350 degrees.

Grill striper for 4 minutes.

Turn and grill for approximately 4 minutes.

Serve with Salsa.

Cucumber Salsa with Lime

- 1 seedless cucumber, cut into small dice
- 1/2 small red onion, cut into small dice
- 1/3 medium green pepper, cut into small dice
- 1/2 medium jalapeno, stemmed, seeded and minced
- 2 TBSP. minced fresh parsley
- 2 TBSP. lime juice
- Salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients in a medium bowl.

Let stand for 10 minutes.

Note: Salsa can be covered and refrigerated for up to 2 hours before serving. Makes 2 cups.

Serves 4.

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The tautog were really snapping on this sea bass trip on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Mike Kinder and Rich Silvani. Robert Topci of Gettysburg, PA (right) landed himself a 14 lb. 11 oz. tog while using shiners for bait (not kidding). Earl Sheats from Pocomoke, MD caught a 9 lb. 2 oz. tog on a diamond jig and Leland Fletcher from Woodbridge, VA hooked his sea bass while using clams for bait. All of the fish were caught at a natural reef. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



John Goethe landed this 27.75-inch, 8.06 lb. flounder and is currently sitting in 3rd place in the Bill's Sport Shop Flounder Tournament.



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Skylar Crowley from Ocean Pines, MD caught her first striped bass while fishing from the beach on Assateague Island with her mom, Jes (pictured) and her dad, Marcus. Skylar's fish measured 28-inches.



Tommy Cline from Germantown, MD captured this 29-inch, 7 lb. 15 oz. flounder while casting a bucktail in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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John Rinker from Long Neck, DE caught this 26.5-inch flounder while drifting a live minnow in the Indian River. The fish weighed 5 lbs. 13 oz. on the scale at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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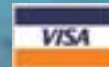
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With the exception of this one weekend, resident and non-resident anglers between the ages of 16 and 64 fishing in any Delaware waters - including ponds, impoundments, streams, rivers, bays and ocean - are required to purchase a fishing license and display it while fishing. Clammers and crabbers are also required to have fishing licenses. Delaware residents older than 65 and both residents and non-residents under age 16 do not have to purchase a license. Licenses are required for non-residents age 65 and older.

Fishing licenses for Delaware residents cost \$8.50, while non-residents pay \$20 a year or \$12.50 for a seven-day license. Licenses may be purchased at DNREC's Richardson and Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, or at any of more than 60 license agents located in sporting goods stores, hardware stores, bait and tackle shops and other businesses throughout the state.

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On opening day of the 1st Annual Memorial Day Bluefish Tournament, Kathleen Prather of Hagerstown, MD muscled in a 12.2 lb. chopper and held on to win 1st place in the tournament. Kathleen was fishing on "Doc's Boat" with Richard Prather, Tyler Fath, Cornelius Strait and Capt. John Prather. The bluefish was caught on a trolled hoochie at the Sausages and won the "Doc's Boat" crew \$300 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Second place in the Bluefish Tournament was won by the crew on the "All In" with an 11.4 pounder caught by Robby Fortman of Baltimore, MD. Robby was fishing with Curtis Macomber, Rob Harbaugh, Hal Carmean, Chris Carbaugh, Steve DeLong, Capt. Chad Meeks and Mate Rusty Reddish. The 2nd place bluefish was caught on a trolled hoochie at the Hot Dog and was worth \$5,748 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



James Ferm caught an 11.2 lb. bluefish on the final day of the Bluefish Tournament and held on to win 3rd place and \$200 in award money. James was fishing on the "Ditch Digger Too" with Margaret Ferm, Mate John Albanese, Capt. John Ferm and Mate Bobby Fletcher. The 3rd place fish, along with a couple of 11 pounders, were caught on trolled hoochies and ballyhoo at the north tip of the Hot Dog. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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May 28 - 30, 2010

1st Place

"Doc's Boat"
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Kathleen Prather, Tyler Fath, Cornelius Strait,
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2nd Place

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Robby Fortman, Curtis Macomber, Rob Harbaugh,
Hal Carmean, Chris Carbaugh, Steve DeLong,
Capt. Chad Meeks, Mate Rusty Reddish

3rd Place

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Dave Black from Ocean City, MD took advantage of a good, early morning striper bite at the South Jetty, hooking these two beauties while casting a Storm lure. The largest striper measured 39.5-inches and weighed in at an even 22 lbs. Pictured at Sunset Provisions.



On Sunday, the “Morning Star” was fishing at a natural reef and arrived back at the Ocean City Fishing Center with a beautiful catch of sea bass and tog caught on clams and Gulp! artificial baits. Fishing with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder were Terri Brown, Murray Adams, Scooter Cone, Andrew Sr., Andrew Jr. and Michelle Urbanwoski and Tara Hemphill. Scooter’s sea bass won top honors, weighing in at 5 lbs. 5 oz.



Rob Karp of Lester, PA caught this 65-inch, 115 lb. mako shark after hooking it on a whole mackerel just outside the Marine Electric. Rob was fishing on the “Reel Naughty” with Bob Lamplough of Concordville, PA, Capt. Scott Lamplough and Mate David Walker. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On the final day of the Bluefish Tournament, Rob Harbaugh of Bishopville, MD captured this 162 lb. mako shark while fishing on the “All In” with Hal Carmean, Steve DeLong, Robby Fortman, Curtis Macomber, Chris Carbaugh, Capt. Chad Meeks and Mate Rusty Reddish. The mako was hooked on a bluefish fillet in 30 fathoms at the Hot Dog. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Karli Rogers was fishing at night off the north side of the Indian River Inlet when she landed her first keeper striped bass, measuring 38-inches and weighing 19 lbs. The linesider was hooked on a Storm lure.



Bill Greenwood caught this 49-inch red drum while surf fishing off the beach on Assateague Island. Photo courtesy of Buck's Place.

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Doug Gatz from Hagerstown, MD captured this 44-inch striper while surfcasting off Assateague Island.



Shannon Coyle of Milton, DE used a bucktail to fool this 40-inch, 22 lb. 6 oz. striper while fishing in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.



The Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay produced this 65.6 lb. black drum caught by Raymond Eichelberger while fishing on the "Jam-Man II" with Captain's Chris Ragni and Rocky Morgan. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Eric Badorrek from Selbyville, DE was drifting a minnow/squid combination near the Rt. 90 Bridge when he hooked into these two flounder measuring 20 and 23-inches.



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Tackle Shop

by Larry Jock



At the 2007 ICAST show in Las Vegas, where all the fishing tackle manufacturers present their products, an unknown company called "e21" unveiled their new Carrot Stix fishing rods and ended up winning Best In Show honors for both their freshwater and saltwater models.

Carrot Stix



The company had been producing golf clubs, and the Carrot Stix rods were their first entry into the fishing tackle world. Well, being a tackle junkie, I was intrigued enough to purchase one of the rods at Rattle & Reel Sporting Center.

The first time I used it was back in January, when I spent three days in the ocean jigging for stripers and ended up with over 100 releases, all while using the Carrot Stix and a diamond jig. Man, was it fun! The stripers were on the small side, but that was alright since I was using their 7' 3" CLTX-731MH rod that is only rated for 6-18 lb. test line with medium-heavy power and fast action.

The first thing I noticed about the rod was how light and well balanced it was. Generally speaking, Carrot Stix rods are around 25% lighter than comparable rods. The rod I used weighed a paltry 4 oz., which is really nice when you have been jigging for three straight days.

The rod was also very sensitive, and I can see that coming in handy when I use the rod while fishing for flounder.

Although I have had anglers tell me that they broke a few of the Carrot Stix rods when striper fishing, I do wonder if it was because their rod didn't match the line they were using, and they had their reel locked tight. I checked a few online customer reviews, and didn't find this was a problem that anglers were having. I know that I had some strong fighters on the line, and the rod was really doubled over, but I never felt it was in jeopardy. The rod felt durable and well made.

According to the company, "Carrot Stix™ technology incorporates the first nano-Bio-fiber technology (from actual Carrots) with the lightest and strongest metal (Scandium). Nano-Bio-fibers are extracted from carrots. These strong, flexible fibers are added to our bonding matrix to create a super strong bio-polymer, which is used in the creation of our ultra high modulus graphite blanks. This results in an incredibly light yet strong and responsive blank that lends itself to diverse applications and techniques."

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I really like the one Carrot Stix I currently own, and I'm looking forward to adding another one to my collection.

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Feeling the heat after girlfriend Tenille Schrier (right) caught a 165 lb. thresher shark a couple of weeks ago, Dean Williams from Ocean City, MD ventured out on the “Hookin’ Wubbass” and landed this 164 lb. mako shark on a whole bluefish at the Fingers on Sunday. Fishing with Dean and Tenille were Joe and Karen Hoover of Berlin, MD and Madison Williams of Pittsville, MD. The crew also released 2 other makos, 3 blue sharks and a dusky. Pictured at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City.



The crew on the “Marli” had an excellent sea bass trip on Sunday at the Great Eastern Reef. Pictured are R.J., Jacob and Ray Stuckey, from Kingsville, MD, Brian Porter, Jr. from Forest Hill, MD, Rich Hutchins of Annapolis, MD, Charles Kohler from Ocean Pines, MD, Mike Runk from Westminster, MD, Capt. Mark Hoos and Mates Eric Strauss and Rick Tshudy. Not pictured on the dock at Sunset Marina was Capt. Brian Porter.



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On Sunday, Scott Adams from Baldwin, MD captured this 180 lb. mako shark on a whole mackerel while fishing at the Sausages aboard the “Shark Tooth”. Scott was fishing with Dillard Howell, Brice Bogart and Capt. Kurt Howell. Pictured at Capt. Mac’s High Performance Tackle in Fenwick.



Dave Neumayer from Gettysburg, PA was drifting a Black Salty during the outgoing tide in the East Channel when he hooked into this 20-inch flounder. Dave also had 4 throwback flounders while fishing near the Rt. 50 Bridge.



Chad Tingle from Selbyville, DE muscled in this 45-inch striper while fishing at the Indian River Inlet. The fish weighed 29 lbs. on the scale at Fenwick Tackle.



Marvin "Shark Bait" Rucker from Manassas, VA caught a 4 lb. sea bass, while Dwayne Foster from Rockville, MD landed himself a pair of sea bass weighing up to 4.5 lbs., and Lee Adigail of Chevy Chase, MD caught a cod, all while fishing on the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Mike Kinder and Tucker Colquhoun. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks. Fishing continued to be fairly steady with back bay catches of flounder and bluefish. The flatties are moving around and taking a variety of baits, but more catches are being reported on squid and minnows.

Bluefish are falling for just about any cut bait or any small lure you might toss out there.

Massey's Ditch has been holding flounder, stripers and bluefish.

In the ocean, sea bass action has been fair to good. Capt. Brent Wiest on "Five 4 Fighting" scored a 4 lb. 8 oz. sea bass while fishing near "B" Buoy. Reef Site #11 has also been holding some good numbers of sea bass. Squid, minnows, clams or sand fleas



Donald Simon traveled down to the Eastern Shore from Temple, PA and was rewarded with this 8 lb. 7 oz. flounder. The 27-inch flattie was hooked on a Gulp! artificial bait in the Indian River Bay. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.

are a great way to trick these tasty critters.

A few flatties have also been found in the mix. Flounder action should pick up in the ocean as water temperatures rise. Action in the Indian River and Rehoboth Bays was consistent, and Tom Wise took the opportunity to fool a 7 lb. flattie that earned him a state citation.

Stay tuned for information on the upcoming tournament we will be holding in conjunction with Sea Side Gas & Grill. The "Inshore Tournament" will be held July 17th to July 24th. At the awards presentation we will be having the "Pork Roll Project" performing. This a great blues band that will also

be playing at the Pavilion on the Boardwalk in Rehoboth.

From Bill's Sport Shop on RT# 1 in Lewes we received the current standings in their flounder tournament.

1st Place - William Rawlings - 9.45 lbs.

2nd Place - Don Ruth - 9.12 lbs.

3rd Place - John Goethe - 8.05 lbs.

4th Place - Don Ruth - 6.66 lbs.

Bill's also reported linesiders in the Indian River Inlet, non-stop sea bass action on ocean wrecks, and drum and flounder fishing in the Delaware Bay. In the Indian River Inlet, Shawn Carpenter nailed a 17 lb., 39-inch striper on a rubber fish, Drew Martin

hoisted a 19.6 lb., 39" striper over the rocks, and Kerry Lodish caught a 26.5 lb., 42" striper in addition to a 32.85 lb., 47-incher.

Shawn Baynard caught seabass weighing up to 5 lbs. with Capt. Ben on the "Wreck Stalker" and a 3 lb. lingcod using clams on a wreck south of the Indian River Inlet.

David Markey of Lewes, DE reported catching 16 seabass weighing up to 3 lbs, and a 21.5" flounder at Reef Site #11 on minnows aboard the "Reel Addiction".

Anglers on the "Skipjack" caught 300 sea bass with 130 keepers using clams and squid. Capt. Chris said this was the best bass trip in three years.

Captain Chris on the "Jam Man", reported that they went 8 for 8 on black drum, scoring an 84.6 pounder using surf clams for bait at the Coral Beds.

At Henlopen Bait & Tackle on Savannah Road in Lewes, Denise reports stripers being taken at Herring Point on fresh bunker.

From Rattle & Reel Sports Center on Long Neck Road, Ron said that the Indian River Inlet is holding bluefish and shad. The VFW Slough is still producing flounder for anglers using squid and GULP!.

Bert at Hook'em & Cook'em Bait & Tackle reports that the Indian River Inlet has produced stripers measuring up to 40 inches and bluefish in the 2-4 lb. range. Flounder in the inlet and back bays are being tricked by anglers soaking minnows and GULP!. Sea bass fishing has been good but not great. Site #11 and the "DB" Buoy areas have been producing some fish.

Between the Lightship and the Fingers, some big blues have been taken by anglers targeting sharks. Stripers, blues and skates are tugging the lines of guys fishing from the surf.

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Six-year-old Haley Betz from York, PA caught this 19.5-inch flounder while drifting over the flats north of the Thorofare during the incoming tide.



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Nathan Follmer from Ocean City, MD used bunker to catch this 40-inch striper while surfcasting off the beach in North Ocean City. The fish weighed 22 lbs. on the scale at Fenwick Tackle.



Michael Sullivan of Hockessin, DE went on an overnight shark fishing trip, and returned with this 3 lb. 3 oz. sea bass. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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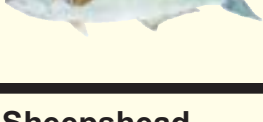
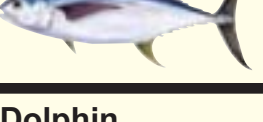
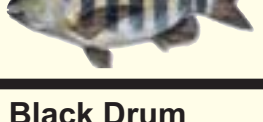
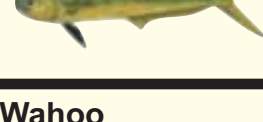

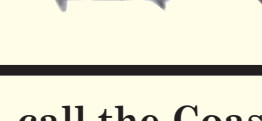




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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
Sea Bass 	NEW May 30, 2010 Scooter Cone "Morning Star" 5 lbs. 5 oz.	NEW May 23, 2010 Art Shapiro "Lil' Angler II" 3 lbs. 9 oz.	Mako Shark 	NEW May 30, 2010 Dean Williams Fingers 164 lbs.	NEW May 30, 2010 Scott Adams Sausages 180 lbs.
Tautog 	February 2, 2010 Frank Graziano "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 10 oz.	April 27, 2010 Brian Osborne "Karen Sue" 10 lbs. 2 oz.	Thresher Shark 	NEW May 30, 2010 Dave Raine Fingers 525 lbs.	May 16, 2010 Bill Doherty, Jr. Twin Wrecks 216 lbs.
Striped Bass 	April 23, 2010 Tom Walker Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 4 oz.	May 7, 2010 Bill Winkler Indian River Inlet 42 lbs. 15 oz.	Cobia 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Weakfish 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Bluefin Tuna 	NEW May 30, 2010 Dave Barnes "Jo Jo" 55 lbs.	May 16, 2010 Tom Dorwart Norfolk Canyon 66.4 lbs.
Speckled Trout 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder 	April 24, 2010 David Trout Sinepuxent Bay 7 lbs. 1 oz.	April 15, 2010 Brian Wirts VFW Slough 11 lbs. 5 oz.	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefish 	May 21, 2010 Clark Kline "Reel Attitude" 12 lbs. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	Bigeye Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Sheepshead 	May 23, 2010 Dave Pasun Inshore Wreck 7 lbs. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported	Dolphin 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Black Drum 	No Weights Reported	May 2, 2010 Lucas May Coral Beds 85 lbs. 8 oz.	Wahoo 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

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Nate Reyerson from Bel Air, MD was fishing on the “Get Sum” with Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Chuck Wentzel when he caught this 21.5-inch flounder in the bay behind Assateague Island.



John Conley, Brian Conley, Greg Creed and Dennis White, all from Salisbury, MD, ventured out to 20 fathoms between the Jackspot and the Fingers and caught 9 chopper bluefish on trolled ballyhoo. The anglers were fishing on the “Ramsi” and are pictured at Sunset Provisions.

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Chum Lines

by Capt. Mark Sampson



When I graduated from high school and moved out of my parent's home, one of the first things I did was to run to Salisbury and buy a freezer. I'm



sure that for a lot of folks that sounds a bit strange as their own recollection of the first days of "freedom" probably jog memories of well, let's just say doing things other than

buying a freezer. But for me, at least at the moment, I knew that even with my upcoming stint of college approaching I'd be spending a lot more time hunting and fishing than ever before, and therefore, with all the fish and game that I just "knew" I'd have the opportunity to slay, I didn't want to be held back by having to deal with a little weenie freezer in the top of the kitchen refrigerator or roommates complaining that I'm packing away so much fish and fowl that they can't find a place to put their mint chocolate-chip or frozen Snickers bars!

So I went to Sears and bought a 14 cubic foot chest freezer and never looked back. The purchase was one of the few smart investments I made during those "dumb youthful years" and though that

particular freezer has long since found it's way to the great appliance graveyard in the sky, I have never been without at least one freezer of similar or sometimes larger proportions. I'm here to say now that anyone who fancies themselves a sportsman in any capacity should have one of their very own, because until someone has had the privilege of owning a decent size freezer, they'll never understand what a useful and money saving tool they can truly be.

Being that I proudly bear the title of biggest "cheapskate on the dock" (Editors note: I agree!), some might wonder how I can justify not only the \$400 purchase price of such a luxury, but also the cost of the kilowatts to keep the thing pumping out Arctic temperatures even during the heat of the summer. The answer is simple; I save enough money by having the darn thing that if I had to, I could buy a new one every year, pay the electric bill and still come out ahead. Of course I don't have to buy a new one every year because with a little TLC the things seem to live for more than a decade and their energy consumption really doesn't seem to be that bad.

In fact, the cost of operation is one reason for choosing a chest rather than an upright freezer. Since cold air falls, when a chest freezer is opened there's not as much lost as when the door of an upright is opened. Chest freezers are also more versatile. Large bulky items like five gallon buckets, flats of butterfish, big bags of ice, and entire cases of bait will usually fit easily inside. Upright freezers usually have fixed shelves that are only so high and not very deep, so they aren't as accommodating to all the crazy stuff a sportsman might be inclined to try and stuff into them.

As we know, the fish don't always bite and the deer don't always find their way down the trail we're sitting over, but when everything "clicks" and we happen to be at the right place at the right time we can sometimes end up with

incredible opportunities to bring home an annual supply of meat in a single outing. The most obvious advantage of owning a big freezer is the ability to stock it up with fish and game when they become available and the resulting joy of not having to purchase as much (if any) meat in the off-season. During economic times like this, when every penny counts, it sure is nice to start the winter with a full freezer of natural food that's as good for you as it is good tasting!

Both inshore and offshore anglers know that sometimes an entire season's worth of bait can suddenly become available. But they're out of luck if they have no place to "put it up." Here again, with a decent size chest freezer sitting in the basement or garage, a fisherman can collect fresh bait as it comes along, package it just the way they like for their own use, and be ready at a moments notice when the bite turns on.

Then again, owning a freezer can also get folks in trouble if they don't take the time to properly wrap, label, and manage what goes in and what comes out of the alliance as well as conduct a little routine maintenance. Every time a freezer is opened warm-moist air from the outside rushes in and condenses on the interior walls creating frost. This requires that most chest freezers be emptied out, defrosted and cleaned at least once a year and probably more often if they're used a lot. Cleaning and defrosting is no big deal, it's just something folks have to remember to do in order to keep their units functioning efficiently.

Upright freezers do have the advantage that everything can be neatly stacked on shelves and it's all right in front when the door is opened. With chest freezers it's important that everything that goes in is properly wrapped, labeled, and stacked in such a way that nothing works its way down to the bottom and is forgotten about, resulting in freezer burn. Folks who wish to really stay

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Patrick Palumbo caught this 45.75-inch striped bass while surf fishing off Assateague Island. The striper weighed an even 33 lbs. and was caught using bunker for bait. Weighed at Buck's Place.



Proving that he is still the top fisherman in the Kurtz family, Michael Kurtz of Selbyville, DE caught this 6 lb. 4 oz. flounder while drifting near Gudelsky Park. Weighed at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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on top of things can keep an inventory list beside the freezer and log "in" or "out" every item. It can also be helpful to have some kind of wooden or plastic grate on the bottom of the freezer that allows air to circulate beneath items stored down low and to protect the bottom of the unit from being scratched up. It's also important not to pack unfrozen items in a freezer too tightly because they can spoil before they freeze if air cannot pass between them.

To meet my own needs, I now have two 14 cubic foot freezers. I find that it's more versatile to have a couple modest size units instead of one

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extra large freezer because it's more efficient to keep them full and "elcheapo me" can always consolidate items and shut one down if I only have half a load. A decent freezer is not a luxury for sportsmen,-- it's a necessity that will allow those who hunt and fish to be more efficient and will pay for itself many times over. And come to think of it, a nice chest freezer could be the perfect graduation present for that senior on your list!

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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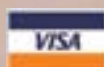


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AN UPDATE ON THE MARINE ELECTRONICS "SHAKE OUT"

Earlier this year, I wrote about the financial "tough times" of two long time marine electronics manufacturers-Raymarine and Northstar. I said that both were having difficulties and that Raymarine was hoping for a buyout. The top contender seemed to have been Garmin but, literally down to the wire, FLIR Systems, Inc. acquired the outstanding shares of Raymarine Holdings Limited for \$180 million including repayment of all of Raymarine's indebtedness. They acquired the entire business operations of Raymarine and all of its subsidiaries.

According to officials at Flir, the operations of Raymarine

will remain the same and they are hopeful that they can continue to work closely with Furuno, Simrad and Garmin with respect to Flir's thermal imaging systems.

That's all well and good and is exactly what would be expected from their formal statement, but it remains to be seen how it works out as a matter of practicality. If Raymarine could not generate enough sales to keep the company afloat, will Flir be able to produce more? If Raymarine's heavy debt situation was a result of poor management, keeping the same staff would seem counterproductive.

Nevertheless, Flir is a successful company and hopefully, for existing Raymarine customers, Flir has a

plan that will keep the brand viable.

Not as much is written about Northstar. Their company has taken a back seat in recent years but still has loyal customers. However, the fact is that they have less in the way of equipment offerings and little new product other than their broadband radar, which is the same as Simrad's and Lowrance's. The writing may be on the wall. If you search for Northstar products from popular vendors, they are showing "close-out" sales and/or very little stock of anything Northstar on the shelf.

Hard economic times have a way of "weeding out" small companies, but these two have been large participants in the marine electronics industry for many years. We'll just have to keep a watchful eye on them and hope they survive the storm.

Not all of the big companies are in trouble. Furuno is still positioned well financially but their extremely popular GP1650/1850 series of color

GPS chartplotter/sounder series has been discontinued and will be replaced by a newer, state of the art model. Unfortunately, the new units will not be available until the 2011 season. That leaves a hole in the marketplace for this season. It remains to be seen which product will fill the gap or whether folks just wait until next year to see what Furuno comes out with.

The bottom line on all of this is repair. As always, a unit that works well and does what you need it to do is still only a good purchase if you can get it serviced when it malfunctions. This would be my concern with any company that is having financial difficulties or going through a change of ownership.

Next week we'll take a look at some of the products that are out this year in the small, stand alone GPS plotter/fish finder units and try to do some comparisons.

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Claire Vey of Manchester, MD caught this 19.5-inch flounder while fishing in the bay aboard the "Pony Island Express" with Capt. Howard Cleaver and Mate Matt Graves. Pictured at Old Town Marina in downtown Ocean City.

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VA / NC Fishing Report

Virginia Marine Resources Commission
"The Saltwater Review"

Happy Memorial Day! We hope the unofficial start of the summer season opens with some great fun, lots of cookouts, and awesome fishing!

Chincoteague

According to Donna at Captain Bob's, flounder are still biting in Chincoteague. The Queen's Sound (on both sides of the bridge), the Four Mouths (along the embankments), and Cockle Creek (around the holes) have really been producing. Silversides and a mixture of Gulp and jumbo minnows are producing the best results. The Assateague Channel continues to produce in front of Tom's Cove, and there have even been reports of keeper-flounder from the pier. Snapper bluefish have also arrived in the area, and the surf continues to be hot with striped bass and black drum.

Wachapreague

Staff at the Wachapreague Marina report that flounder fishing has been good at Green and Drawing channels. The throwback ratio in the area has been 10 throwbacks for every keeper flounder.

Cape Charles

According to the staff at Chris' Bait and Tackle, black

drum fishing was good but spotty over the weekend. Anglers reported a few cobia (up to 50 pounds) while drum fishing. Spadefish have also begun to bite around Buoy 13, and flounder have started to pick up in the bay (a citation-sized 8-pound flounder was caught near Buoy 36).

Lower Bay/Bridge Tunnel

Flounder and red drum were reported from the staff at Cobb's Marina last week. Flounder were caught on Ocean View Beaches and around the 1st Island of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Red drum, along with a few black drum, were hooked at Latimer Shoals. Croaker have begun to bite in Little Creek, as well.

A few anglers reported black drum releases (38 and 48 inches), according to the staff at Sunset Boating Center. Red and black drum were reported off of the 3rd and 4th Islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, and flounder were reported at the Hampton Bar.

Kathy, at Wallace's Marina, reported the first cobia of the season last Wednesday. The big fish was 57.5 pounds. An 8 lb., 10 oz. flounder was also brought in this week, along with reports of three red drum release citations. The weather is starting to improve, and the

water has warmed up, so fishing is improving!

Dr. Julie Ball, IGFA International Representative for Virginia Beach, contributed the following:

Anglers are itching to get out on the water and break in the summer fishing season, so folks are watching the weather for the Memorial Day weekend closely. One of the main species on the menu is drum. Boats of all sizes will head to the Eastern Shore shoals hoping for a chance to tangle with a big red or black drum.

Action with the larger black drum picked up over the past week. Several boats released a handful of fish ranging over 46 inches. The best bite is still near Buoys 13 and 16, but the Nautilus Shoal area and Buoy 10 off Fisherman's Island are also providing better action lately. Sea clams and chowder clams are working well on the bottom in 20 to 30 feet of water off of Fisherman's Island. Boats are also finding red drum mixed in with the black drums, especially when providing crabs as an offering with the clams.

Big red drum are still roaming the shoals and breakers off Fisherman's Island and within the inlet, especially at night in 4 to 8 feet of water. A few anglers are also reporting several catches of small to medium-sized thresher sharks from these same areas.

The prelude to the summer fishing pattern is right on target with the debut of one of the most anticipated warm water residents, the cobia. Sightings of cobia around the lower bay were confirmed last weekend as anglers began catching fish. Some of these fish are pushing to over 54 inches and up to around 60 pounds. Several citation-sized fish were registered at Chris'

Bait and Tackle last weekend. Hopefully, this is a sign of a good cobia season.

The arrival of the much anticipated Atlantic spadefish will become a favorite over the next few weeks. These graceful fish are appearing at the Chesapeake Light Tower and inshore wrecks, but the water temperatures are still a little cool for takers.

Flounder action is still somewhat slow but improving. Folks are catching flatfish, but finding fish meeting the minimum size requirements in the bay is a challenge. A few keepers are coming from near the bend at the 3rd island, but the best catches are still coming from the inlets, where Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle reports that keepers are taking minnow and squid combinations within the basin area. On the Eastern Shore, Chris' Bait and Tackle reports that the flounder action out of Oyster is outstanding. Folks are taking limits of big flatfish ranging from 3 to 8 pounds using strips of squid and cut bait in the main channel.

Striped bass are still a good choice, with catches of rockfish to over 44 inches coming from the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel and the islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Smallish croaker and sea mullet are active throughout the lower bay, especially near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Todd at Bayside Tackle reports hardheads to around 2 pounds are coming from off Willoughby using squid. A few keeper-sized speckled trout, nice puppy drum (juvenile red drum), and snapper bluefish are still biting within Rudee Inlet. Bluefish are also available inside Lynnhaven Inlet.

The deep dropping scene is still good if you want to make the run out to 50 fathoms or more. Boats making a go are rewarded with scattered blueline tilefish and a few golden tilefish. Grouper, wreckfish, and blackbelly

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John Burbage of Ocean View, DE, Eric Van Orden of Ocean City, MD, Scott Carey from Dagsboro, DE and Bill Nordstrum, Mike McCarty and Phil Williams, all from Cary, NC went fishing on the "Pelican" with Capt. Arch Bracher out of Oregon Inlet, NC and ended their day with 1 bluefin tuna and 5 yellowfin tuna in the box. The crew released another 11 bluefins during the trip.

VA/ NC Fishing Report continued: rosefish await deeper offerings. With black sea bass now available, many boats hit the wrecks last week with some success. Anglers found scattered sea bass, with some pushing to around 4 pounds. The headboats out of the Fishing Center also found good numbers of sea bass to over 5 pounds last weekend.

The offshore trolling scene should heat up soon off of Virginia.

Outer Banks, NC

Before the latest weather system moved in, dolphin were the talk of many boats that were trolling. Large numbers of dolphin were being reported by the charters, as well as good catches of all three species of tuna and a few billfish.

Bottom fishermen continued to see blueline tilefish, triggerfish, black sea bass, small snappers, and snowy grouper.

King mackerel were available around eight miles

June 2, 2010 Coastal Fisherman Page 53 offshore. Inside three miles, the cobia bite continued to be strong along with the bluefish bite.

Pier and surf fishing had bluefish, croaker, spot, puffers, and numerous rays. In the sounds, the speckled trout still are tough to find with flounder working the shallow waters of Oregon Inlet. Sheepshead and black drum were around the Oregon Inlet Bridge.

The surf fishing south of Oregon Inlet produced sea mullet around the jetties, Ramps 34 and 30, and behind the motels. Puppy drum were being caught in the morning hours down at the Point and in the Avon area. Pompano were also around Ramp 43.

Offshore fishing out of Hatteras Inlet has been tough. The dolphin were biting very well before the recent blow, and that has a lot of anglers frustrated. A couple of billfish were in the mix as well. The sound fishermen had good catches of cobia, speckled trout, grey trout and bluefish.

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Corey Stine from York, PA (right) was fishing with his dad, Scott Stine when he hooked into this 22-inch flounder while drifting a squid and minnow combination in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport.



Rick Bolgiano and Ben Wood, both from Harford County, MD, caught a couple of tautog during a trip aboard the “Morning Star” with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder. Rick’s blackfish measured 19-inches while Ben’s measured 21-inches and weighed 6 lbs. Both were caught on green crabs. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Ed Richardson, his son Edward and Mike Riley boated this 100 lb. mako shark while fishing at the tip of the Norfolk Canyon.

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"Big Bird" Cropper of Ocean City, MD had to take his suspenders off to measure this 41-inch striper caught on a Roy Rig while fishing at the North Jetty.

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Fri. June 4 Last Quarter	Low 08:00 am Low 08:18 pm	High 01:41 am High 02:13 pm
Sat. June 5	Low 08:40 am Low 09:08 pm	High 02:30 am High 03:15 pm
Sun. June 6	Low 09:22 am Low 10:06 pm	High 03:22 am High 04:09 pm
Mon. June 7	Low 10:05 am Low 11:03 pm	High 04:14 am High 05:01 pm
Tues. June 8	Low 10:51 am Low 11:57 pm	High 05:03 am High 05:50 pm
Wed. June 9	Low 11:39 am Low -----	High 05:51 am High 06:38 pm

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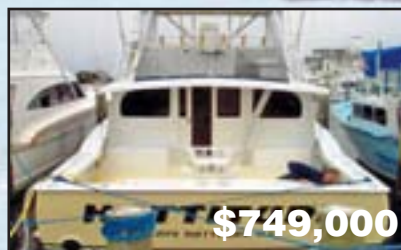
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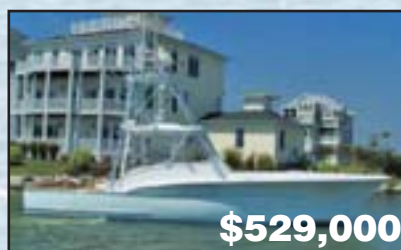
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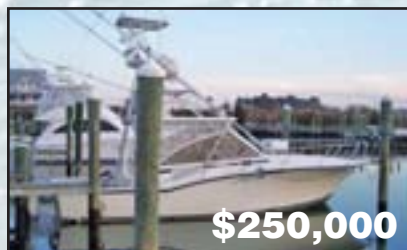
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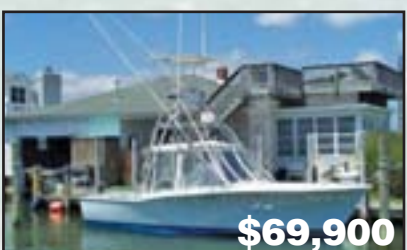
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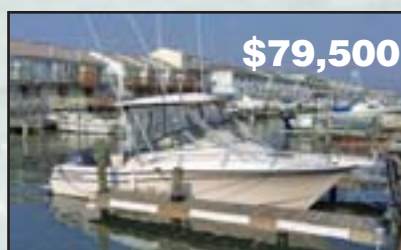
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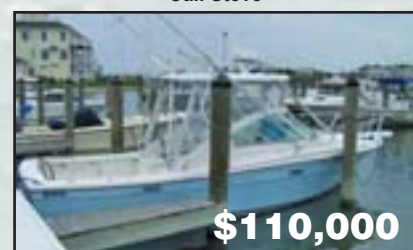
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