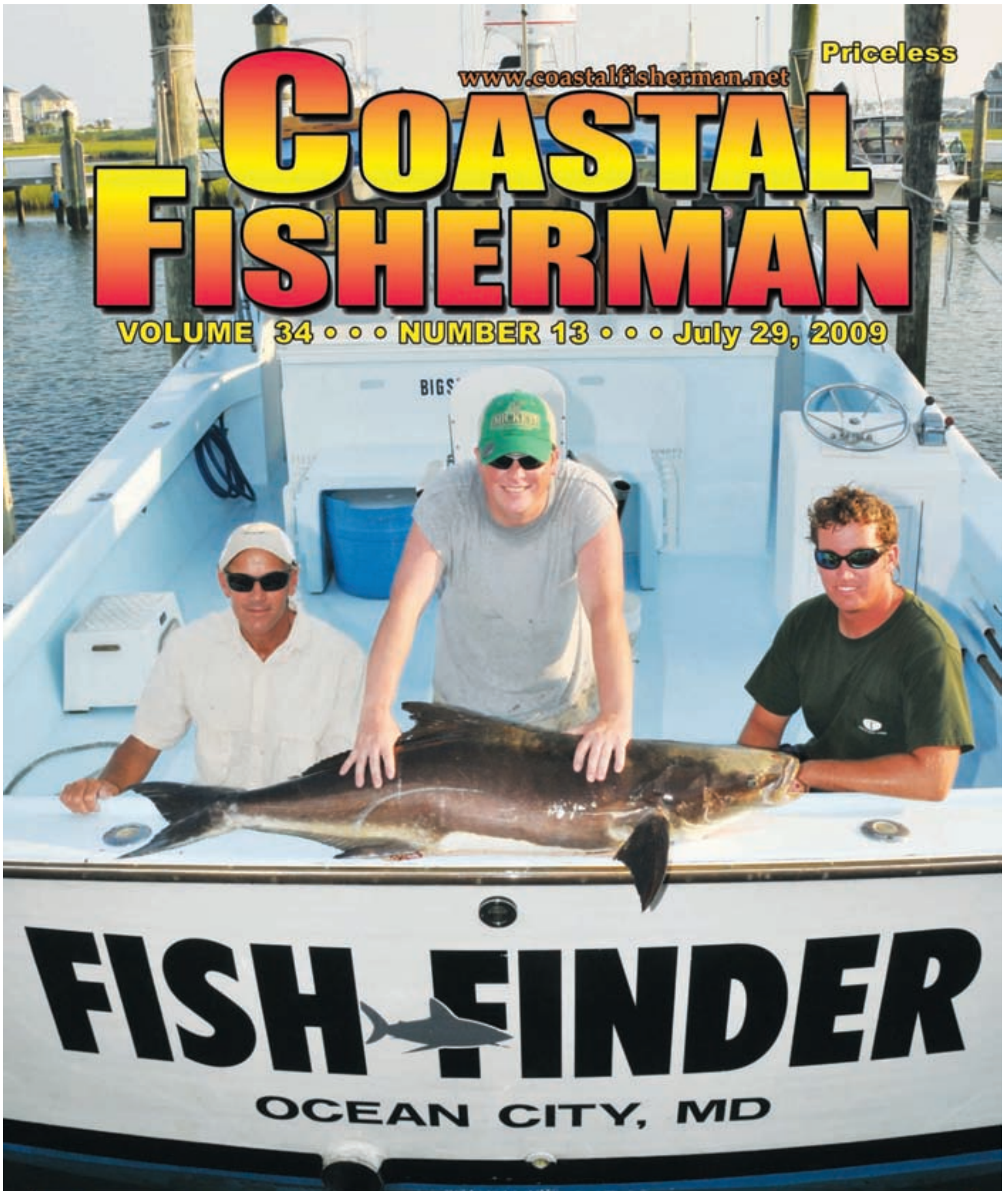


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On Saturday, Chris Toner of Joppa, MD, pictured with Capt. Mark Sampson and Mate Tyler Hill, set a new Maryland state record by landing this 71 lb. cobia while fishing on the "Fish Finder" with Vince and Krissy Deskiewicz of Smyrna, DE, Jeanette Deskiewicz of Ocean City, MD, Jackie Parker of Crofton, MD and Adam Yuhas of Ocean City, MD. The group was shark fishing in 70-feet of water outside of Great Gull Shoal when the "man in the brown suit" cruised by and ate a live spot. The old record of 67 lbs. was set by Mike Horsey in July 2007. Pictured in the slip at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



It's hard to believe, but next week, August 3-7, is White Marlin Open week, and just like I have done for many years, I want to wish all of the anglers and crews, both the "locals" and those of you who come to OC just for the tournament, good fishing and safe sailing. Not too many boats have even been fishing offshore at this point in the season, so it's kind of hard to tell what is there and what kind of tournament it will shape up to be, but put a few hundred boats out there and it's hard to tell what might be caught. I am confident we will see some impressive fish. So once again, good luck—make sure you know the minimums and the rules, be safe...and catch 'em up...hope to see

you at the scales...



Under relatively new federal regulations, anglers fishing in any tournament that offers a prize for billfish (marlin, sailfish, etc.), like the White Marlin Open, are required to use non-offset circle hooks only. This requirement is to better protect the billfish that are released, because unlike the traditional "j-hook," which can grab a fish anywhere, including in its stomach or gills, the circle hook works by grabbing and wrapping around the jaw of the fish, often in the corner of the mouth. This usually happens, it is assumed, as the fish turns and is swimming away with the bait. It wouldn't surprise

me that the fish is often hooked as it feels pressure and is actually trying to get rid of the bait. The circle hook is so named because its shape is more circular than the traditional "j" shape of a standard hook. The hook point is perpendicular to the shaft of the hook rather than parallel to it. The use of circle hooks actually began with commercial fishermen, especially longliners, probably because the hooks themselves actually do the hooking, and once the hook is wrapped around the jaw it is very difficult for a fish to get away. The use of circle hooks has required the development of very different techniques for rigging baits that are to be trolled, the usual method of fishing offshore in this area, and captains and mates have come up with some very inventive ways of rigging ballyhoo, mackerel, eels, etc. for marlin fishing. Circle hooks also require a different technique for hooking the

fish, mainly by pointing the rod at the fish and simply reeling rather than "setting" the hook, to put it simply. It has taken some getting used to, to say the least, making an already sometimes frustrating sport even more aggravating...and "Roddy" (the rodholder) may still be the best fisherman on the boat...



If you fish for stripers, or care about the striper population, there is an excellent article that you should read by Ted Williams in the current July/September issue of Fly Rod & Reel magazine. I ran across a link to it in the Virginia forum of tidalfish.com. It is too long for me to quote at length here, but the gist of the article is that the striper is once again in trouble, primarily from overfishing, in spite of what "fisheries managers" would have us believe. Some of the numbers that Williams

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On Saturday, we saw a couple of makos hit the scales and none were heavier than the 185 pounder decked by the crew on the "Act II". The mako, along with 6 dolphin, were caught on a ballyhoo in back of a blue and white Ilander in 30 fathoms, south of the Hot Dog. Pictured are Marion Wilson of Centerville, MD, Kevin Dalecki of Milton, DE, Joe Graney of Galena, MD, Mark Slapcinsky of Middletown, DE, Capt. Mike Orndorff and Mate Johnny Crites. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Jeffrey Snyder and Brian Ludwig teamed up to land this 163.4 lb. bluefin tuna while chunking at the Hambone. The fish measured 66-inches and had a 45-inch girth, and took 1 hour to get to the boat and an "eternity" to get into the 24-foot "Hooked Up". Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Double Lines continued: reveals are compelling, like the 2008 statistics for recreational anglers, which show that Virginia was down from 1,357,299 fish in the year 2000 to 647,542 in 2008. Maine went from 1,004,780 fish to 518,988 fish in the same time period. Another figure quoted by Williams is from a cooperative trawling expedition for wintering striped bass off North Carolina. Williams says, "This is not a population survey; it is strictly a tagging operation. Still, it's a good indicator of abundance. Since 1990 the best catch was 6,275 fish in the year 2000; the worst was 147 in 2009. The average from 1987 to 2006 was 2,212, but the average for the last three years was 516." Williams goes into the plundering of menhaden in Chesapeake Bay as well as the "recremercial" rod and reel anglers in the state of Massachusetts, who pay a measly \$65 fee and are allowed to kill and sell as

many as 30 stripers a day over 34 inches, mostly spawning age females. It's a very disturbing article if you care anything about the striper. Unfortunately, the reality is that the folks who could actually do anything about it look at the striper primarily as a commodity, and the population will probably have to crash again before anything is done...

I see where the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) has recommended a 2010 fluke (summer flounder) quota of 22.13 million pounds. This would be up from 18.45 million pounds this year. Unfortunately, even if the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) and the MAFMC pass this recommendation in August, NOAA Fisheries still has the final say and could reject it like they did last year. And of course, of the almost four million pound increase,


recreational anglers only get 40 per cent. Still, it gives some hope that the ridiculous minimum sizes of 18 and 19 inches in the mid-Atlantic area might be reduced a little...

Speaking of flounder, last week I wrote about George Henning at the OC Fishing Center trying an experimental ocean flounder rig of mine when he ran into very cold water on the bottom while fishing on the "Morning Star". Well, this week George tried again, and he reported catching four keepers and several other fish on the new rig. Don't know if I'll package it, but at least it's nice to know when something new works. Course I understand a certain famous mate didn't like it when the rig got tangled in his net...have to get Capt. Monty to spring for a new rubber or knotless model, I guess...


I wrote about a dropper

loop knot called a Kiwi Knot earlier in the season. A friend of mine, Dave Cropper, who is chief of the volunteer division of the Ocean City Fire Dept. as well as a professional paramedic/firefighter and a rope and knot nut himself (if you need any double braid spliced, he's the man), told me he had "been studying" one of my flounder rigs with the new knot and decided that "in the rescue world" it is basically the same as what is called a Butterfly Knot. It is used because it will hold no matter what the direction of pull on the knot. I have probably tied a least a thousand of these loops in mono rigs since I wrote the initial blurb, and I like it even more now. It is easy to tie, strong, and versatile...one worth learning...


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On Saturday, the crew on the "Sea Wolf" returned after a good trip to 30 fathoms outside the Hot Dog. John Nista from Wilmington, DE and Butch Shook from Bear, DE each released a white marlin while fishing with Jason Nista of Wilmington, DE, Brian Locke of Smyrna, DE, Dante Guerrieri from Boothwyn, PA, Capt. Josh Farr and Mate Steve Moore. The anglers also landed a yellowfin tuna and some dolphin during the trip. Pictured at Sunset Marina in West Ocean City.

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It certainly was an exciting week of fishing capped off by a new state record cobia and a wonderful 1st Annual Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament.

For those of you who didn't know Branch Kreppel, he was a beloved member of the fishing community who owned a diving service that came to the rescue of many boat owners and local marinas over the years and unexpectedly passed away back in November. The tournament was a huge success with good payouts to anglers, along with a nice contribution made to the Branch Kreppel Family Foundation. Kudos to Sunset Marina and all the volunteers and participants.

Although there weren't any blue marlin weighed during the tournament, there were some caught along with a good number of white marlin. The "Billfisher" took top honors in the Billfish Release Division, releasing 2 blue marlin and 4 white marlin during their 2 days of fishing. Capt. Jon Duffie ventured up to the Spencer Canyon on Saturday where they released 1 blue marlin and 2 whites. On



Warming water temperatures have been bringing marlin, yellowfin tuna and dolphin closer to shore, and now we are starting to see some wahoo show up. Eric Durkee of Marriottsville, MD and Dale Ensor of Reistertown, MD were fishing on the "Crazy Horse" with Capt. Lee Ensor and Mate Dave Caffrey when they boated this 44 lb. wahoo, a bluefin tuna and 3 dolphin. The fish were caught around the Hambone and the Fingers on trolled ballyhoo. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Sunday, they had similar results even though they changed strategies and fished down at the Rockpile.

The "Tighten Up" came in

2nd place with 2 blue marlin releases on Saturday, but weren't able to muster up any hook-ups on Sunday.

The "Reel Joy" released 1 blue marlin and 1 white marlin on Saturday to finish in 3rd place.

The "Billfisher" also took top honors in the Tuna Division with a 63 lb. yellowfin, which is the heaviest yellowfin caught in Ocean City so far this year.

The "Legasea" won 1st place with a 17 lb. dolphin caught on the first day of the tournament.

Overall, \$57,200 was awarded, and if a blue marlin was weighed, the number would have been closer to \$70,000. Keep an eye on this tournament next year. I have a feeling this is one that will grow in both participation and payouts.

BILLFISH

As mentioned earlier, the billfish bite was very good with over 30 white marlin and at least 9 blue marlin released over the last week. Boats went as far north as the Spencer and as far south as the Rockpile in 100 fathoms between the Poor Man's and Washington Canyons. We continued to see most of the action centered on the 30 fathom line outside the Hot Dog, where the "That's Right" returned from a trip on Sunday with 2 blue marlin releases and a white marlin release. Water temperature in that area has hovered in the low 70's where the billfish are feeding on dolphin and tuna.

COBIA

The big news on the inshore front was the 71 lb. cobia caught on Saturday by Chris Toner on the "Fish Finder". Chris and his fellow anglers were shark fishing on Great Gull Shoal when the cobia took Chris' live spot. This fish breaks the current record of 67 lbs. set back in 2007 by local cobia fishing legend, Mike Horsey.

We saw a 27 lb. 7 oz. cobia caught by Ryan Starner while fishing at Fenwick Shoal early in the week.

A couple of weeks ago we
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saw a nice 40 pounder caught on Winter Quarter Shoal, which is located around 26 miles from the Ocean City Inlet. Maybe this is a good sign that we will see better cobia action in local waters than we have seen over the last couple of years.

SHARKS

Surprisingly, we saw a couple of nice mako sharks caught over the weekend along with one caught early in the week by the "Restless Lady" in 30 fathoms outside the Hot Dog. On Saturday, the "Reel Instigator" boated a 136 pounder followed closely at the Sunset Marina scales by the "Act II" with a 185 pounder. The "Reel Instigator" hooked their mako during an overnight trip in 500 fathoms outside the Baltimore Canyon. The mako on the "Act II" was caught in 30 fathoms outside the Hot Dog.

FLOUNDER

Anglers continue to be frustrated by the large number of undersized flatties they need to weed through before they get their keeper. Most of the action is still in the East Channel, although we saw more keepers coming in from the north end by Harbour Island than by those drifting by the Rt. 50 Bridge.

Anglers are also catching flounder on the ocean reefs and wrecks. We have also heard reports of flounder being caught along the rocks just

south of Gudelsky Park.

The bait of choice is spot, followed by minnows and the Gulp! swimming mullet.

STRIPED BASS

We haven't seen a lot of keeper-size stripers being caught. Capt. Skip McGuire did report a good bite happening around the tip of the South Jetty, although "short" fish in the 25-inch range far outnumber those 28-inches and larger. Capt. Skip said you have to get in tight to the rocks to have much success, so be careful. As with flounder, live baiting spot is the preferred method for landing a keeper.

The nighttime bite around the Rt. 50 Bridge is still good with fish hanging tight to the bridge pilings.

As I was waiting for boats to come in to the scales at Sunset Marina last weekend, I couldn't help but notice a good amount of May worms slithering around the docks and the large schools of peanut bunker feeding on them. Occasionally, you would see a striper crash the water as they blasted through the peanut bunker. Keep an eye out for this scenario around the docks. You could pick up a keeper striped bass if you do.

DOLPHIN

A good number of dolphin are being caught up and down the line, with most of the mahi we have seen coming from tuna fishermen trolling in 30 fathoms outside the Hot Dog. Water

temperatures are in the low-to-mid 70's, making it ideal for these fast growing fish.

The good news on the dolphin front is that the average size of dolphin being caught is increasing. Reports from captains have dolphin hitting everything from ballyhoo to artificial lures.

TUNA

Similar to what we saw last year, bluefin tuna are dominating the bite with the vast majority being caught by anglers trolling ballyhoo around the Hambone. We did see some come in from chunkers this week, but most are being caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars.

We had a couple of fantastic days of yellowfin tuna fishing. On Wednesday, the "Pumpin' Hard" had 7 yellowfin (kept 4) along with a 150 lb. bluefin tuna, a white marlin release and a bunch of gaffer dolphin from the 30 fathom area outside the Hot Dog.

On Friday, the "Playmate" returned with 12 yellowfins from outside the Hot Dog and the "Marli" had 8 yellowfins and a bluefin in the same area.

CROAKER

Croakers are still roaming the bay with most catches being made around the Commercial Harbor and in the bay behind Assateague Island. Squid, shiners and Gulp! artificial baits have been productive baits to use.

SURF

Sue Foster at Oyster Bay Tackle reports, "We at Oyster Bay Tackle and Fenwick Tackle finally heard of croaker in the surf after dark. There were also huge rays that took over an hour to get in. A few bluefish were reported earlier in the week. The bluefish were biting on finger mullet on mullet rigs. We had lots of reports of croaker after dark from the beach on bloodworm and squid. We had reports of Norfolk spot on bloodworm, night crawlers and Artificial Fish Bite Bloodworms. Sharks and rays were biting bunker chunks or whole small squids. Assateague surf saw croakers and sharks, including some of the first spinner sharks."

SEA BASS

In addition to hooking into some of the larger flounderwe have seen, anglers fishing the ocean wrecks and reefs are also picking at sea bass. Weather was on the snotty side this past week, so we didn't see the normal amount of sea bass hitting the docks. Anglers using clams and squid for bait are having the best luck.

We have a busy tournament schedule coming up with the 1st Annual Marlin Club Ladies Tournament on Friday and Saturday at Sunset Marina, the Ocean Pines Flounder Tournament on Saturday at the Yacht Club and the White Marlin Open starting on Monday. See you at the scales.

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Lucas Franzetti and Roman Mychajliw teamed up to boat this dolphin while fishing with Juan Franzetti on the "Blue Heaven" in Massey's Canyon.



It's not very often you see blue marlin roaming the 30 fathom line outside the Hot Dog, but on this day John Conrad and Chip Horn, both from Lititz, PA released 2 blue marlin, estimated between 200 and 300 lbs., while fishing on the "Marli" with John Scheler and Dan Smith, also from Lititz, PA, Capt. Mark Hoos and Mate Mark Hoos, Jr. In addition to the blue marlin, the anglers also caught 2 yellowfin tuna and 4 dolphin during their trip. Pictured at the docks at Sunset Marina.

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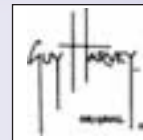
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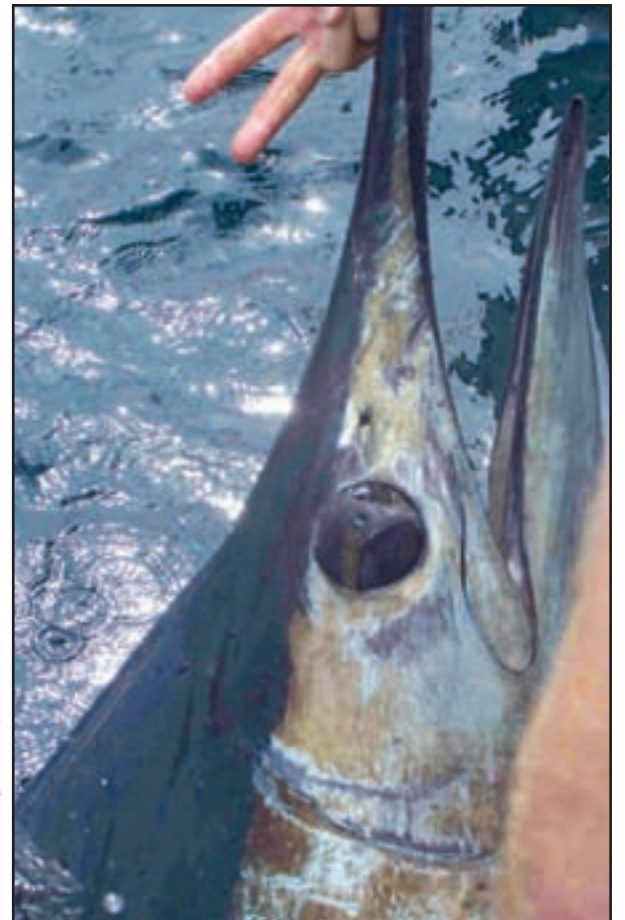


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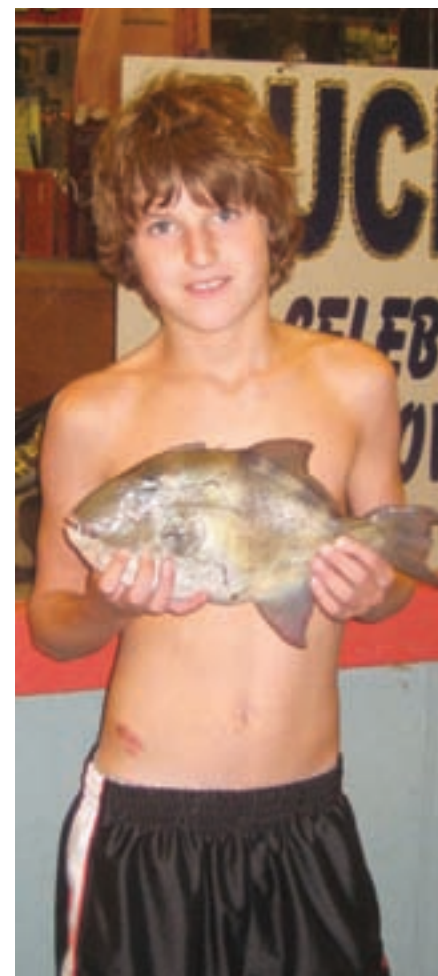
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This group on the "Playmate" really had a fantastic day on Friday, heading home with a white marlin release, some dolphin and 12 yellowfin tuna. Dion Stanton of Woodbine, MD released the white marlin while fishing with Scott Peters of Bishopville, MD, Billy Miller from Woodbine, MD, Rich Berry from Hay Market, VA, Jeff Farrar of Westminster, MD, Matt Adair of Arlington, VA, Shaun O'Neill from Mt. Airy, MD, Capt. Willie Zimmerman and Mate Justin Hart. The fish were caught in 30 fathoms outside the Hot Dog where Capt. Willie found 73 to 74-degree water temperature. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



As the water temperature gets warmer, new species of fish are moving closer to shore. Jamie Coats of Bel Air, MD caught this 15.5-inch triggerfish while drifting squid near the South Jetty. The 2 lb. fish was weighed at Buck's Place.



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Bob Salvatore, Kerry Lodish and Eric McGallicher were chunking at the Chicken Bone aboard the "Home Brew" when they hooked into this 144 lb. bluefin tuna. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



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Driftin' Easy

by Sue Foster



"We're planning our family vacation for a week in August! What kind of fishing should we expect?"

The last few days of July and the beginning of August is a month of warm water. Ocean temperatures are in the 70's and bay temperatures can be in the 80's. This is the time of year we see fish that are more typical to southern waters such as triggerfish, pompano, sheepshead, spadefish, porgies, redfish and grunts. You just

never know what you are going to catch! We see the usual flounder, bluefish, tautog, and stripers. Plus we also see croakers, big spot, spinner sharks, and occasionally some catches of cobia right in the bay! You just never know what's going to hop on the line in August!

"We're going fishing in the bay in our boat. What should we take? We want the kids to catch some fish!"

In the early spring, most anglers go flounder fishing because that's about all there is to catch. In the last few days of July and beginning of August, we usually see a pretty decent croaker run in the bay. Some years the run is better than others, but it's always good to have your croaker rigs and bait on board.

"What's a croaker rig?"

Nothing more than a scaled down version of a flounder rig! A top and bottom rig with two size #4 hooks is what you want for croaker. If you want to go for croaker and spot, use a size #6. Croaker eat just about anything except they are not that partial to live minnows. If you want to flounder fish AND croaker fish, use frozen shiners and squid strips. Croaker love any kind of cut bait, and they especially love worms, though it's usually not necessary to waste bloodworms on them when they would just as readily bite squid or a night crawler.

If you have kids and stop by the Rt. 90 Bridge, bait up with a combination of bloodworm, night crawler, or artificial Fishbite Bloodworm with a little strip of box squid or cut spot fillet on size #6 hooks. You won't be disappointed. Spot, croaker, grunts, porgy, blowfish, small sea trout, maybe a flounder, snapper blue, or sand shark are all possible catches this time of year. Casting underneath the bridge will catch you those ugly toad fish, so fish slightly away from the pilings to avoid hooking them.

"OK, the young ones had a ball, but the croaker were running kind of small at Rt. 90. Where can we find bigger croaker in the bay?"

Croaker schools move around, so sometimes you have to "hunt and find." Generally you can find croakers in the Thorofare in around 9 to 15 feet of water. If you have a fish finder, you will actually see the schools of croaker on it. Croaker tend to hang out around the entrance of Harbor Island just offshore of 14th Street to 9th Street in the East Channel. Croaker also can be found around the deep hole just offshore of 32nd Street where the townhouses jut out into the bay in the East Channel. Croaker are also caught in the Inlet and just around the corner in the bay behind Assateague Island, offshore of Mystic Harbor or Snug Harbor. Just outside the Inlet on the south side of the South Jetty holds croaker as well.

"OK, we're ready to go flounder fishing now!"

Live minnows and frozen shiners sandwiched with a strip of squid always works. But if you want to catch big flounder, take some of those smaller spot you caught around the Rt. 90 Bridge and put them in your livewell or aerated minnow bucket. Let the kids go out to one of the sandbars at low tide and throw the cast net on some small finger mullet and keep them alive. Take some of the big spot or legal croaker and cut them into some nice long strips for flounder.

Fish the deepest holes in the bay on the change of high tide (two hours before high tide and two hours after high tide). The deepest holes are in the Thorofare, the main East Channel close to the draw of the Route 50 Bridge, the Inlet, the entrance to Harbor Island, and the entrance to the Commercial Harbor. Live bait the spot or mullet and wait for the big one! You might also catch a striper or one of those lost cobias!

"Flounder in the Ocean!"

In the heat of August, lots of flounder move out into the ocean near the wrecks and artificial reef structures. Purnell's, Russells, African Queen, Great Eastern, Kelly's Reef.... all of these artificial reefs area have their share of nice flounder swimming

around. Drift with your regular flounder baits or take out some live spot or mullet, or strip of any kind of fresh cut bait. Jig your baits slightly up and down to avoid the skates and rays.

You may also catch some sea bass with fresh clam or cut squid, but don't forget about offshore flounder this time of year. They are out there! And when you catch one, even if it's a small one, there's likely to be more!

"We don't have a boat but want to go out on a party boat!"

The bay boats go out in the bay for flounder or croaker. That's a great way to spend the afternoon or a couple hours for the kids to have an outing and a good fishing experience. The party boats that go out in the ocean fish for sea bass, flounder, and croaker. The half-day is good for the "I'm not sure if I'm into it or not vacationer..." The full day is best for the serious angler, but may be a little too long for the young children.

"What's biting on the Piers?"

The Inlet, Oceanic Pier, Ocean Pier, 9th Street Pier, Route 50 Bridge, Homer Guldelsky Park, and the bulkhead along 2nd through 4th Streets see flounder, snapper blues, and croaker action during the day. For anglers using crab for bait, you may also catch triggerfish, sheepshead, or tautog. Anglers using worms may catch some nice Norfolk spot.

The piers in North Ocean City are mostly for catching small fish and crabs. Go to Northside Park at 125th Street, the Isle of Wight offshore 62nd Street and Rt. 90 Bridge or behind Convention Hall at 41st Street. Take bloodworms, night crawlers, or Artificial Fishbite Bloodworms on small #6 to #8 hooks and catch Norfolk Spot, croakers and sand perch. And don't forget the chicken necks! There's blue crabs under these piers!

At night, lures are used to catch stripers, a lot more bluefish, and shad and maybe trout. Croaker also bite at night on cut bait.

"What's snapping in the surf?"

August is the month for variety in the surf. There's usually pan fish for the vacationers using small kingfish

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rigs with bloodworm or artificial Fish Bite bloodworm. I like to tip my worm with a little strip of box squid or fresh bunker or spot strip. Norfolk spot, kingfish (whiting), croaker, small trout, even a few pompano are caught in the suds.

For anglers using finger mullet on a whole finger mullet rig, there are bluefish. Now, these blues are usually small, and not much bigger than the finger mullet at times, but fun to catch. Cut bait such as mullet, bunker, or box squid can catch you croaker or sand sharks. And kids love to catch sand sharks!

Flounder can be caught in the surf during August if you work for them. Find a clean beach with a nice drop off and cast and slowly retrieve strips of cut bait or work in a whole small finger mullet hooked through the eyes or on a mullet rig with the float taken off.

Night fishing in the surf can be fun in August and unpredictable too! You just never know what you may hook in to. Croakers can run really well at night, usually much better than during the day. So can big sharks and huge butterfly rays, so hold on!

Fishing in August can be fun, and a great time to take the kids...

Good fishing....

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



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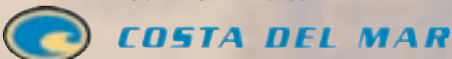
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- 1 pint half-and-half cream
- 1 lb. flounder fillets, cubed
- 1 TBSP. minced fresh tarragon or 1 tsp. dried tarragon
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper

In a large saucepan over medium heat, cook bacon until crisp.

Drain, reserving 1 tsp. of drippings.

Crumble bacon and set aside.

Saute onion and celery in the drippings.

Add broth and potatoes. Bring to a boil, reduce heat; cover and cook for 20 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

Combine flour and cream until smooth; gradually stir into soup.

Bring to a boil and cook and stir for 2 minutes.

Stir in the flounder, tarragon, salt and pepper and reserved bacon.

Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered for 5 to 10 minutes or until fish flakes with a fork.

Makes 2 1/4 qts.

Mahi-mahi with Bell Pepper Couscous

- 3 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil

- 1/3 cup parsley, chopped
- Juice of 1 lemon, plus 2 tsp. grated peel
- Juice of 1 lime, plus 2 tsp. grated peel
- Segments of 1 orange, chopped, plus 2 tsp. grated peel
- 1 TBSP. hot pepper sauce
- 1 TBSP. fresh thyme, chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 4 pieces mahi mahi
- 1 red bell pepper, chopped
- 4 scallions, chopped
- 2 1/2 cups chicken broth
- 1 1/2 cups couscous

In a shallow dish, combine 2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive oil, the parsley, lemon juice and peel, hot sauce and thyme; season with salt and pepper.

Add the fish and let marinate for 15 minutes.

Preheat grill or grill pan to medium.

In a medium saucepan, heat the remaining 1 TBSP extra-virgin olive oil.

Add the bell pepper and scallions, season with salt and pepper and cook until softened.

Add the chicken broth and bring to a boil.

Stir in the couscous, cover and keep warm.

Grill the fish until cooked through, about 3 minutes on each side.

Fluff the couscous, then mix in the chopped orange.

Serve with the fish.

Serves 4.

Blackened Fish Fillets

- 2 tsp. paprika
- 1/2 tsp. dried oregano, crumbled
- 1/2 tsp. onion powder
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 4 flounder fillets
- 2 TBSP. vegetable oil

Blend paprika, oregano, onion powder, cayenne, salt and pepper in a bowl.

Pat the fish dry with paper towels, then rub spice mixture into both sides of the fish.

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat.

Add the fillets and cook 4 minutes.

Flip fish over and cook 3 to 4 minutes until fish flakes easily with fork.

Serve immediately.

Serves 4.

Flounder Sandwiches with Tartar Sauce

- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 TBSP. sweet pickle relish
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 1/2 tsp. fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/3 cup yellow cornmeal
- 2 tsp. Cajun seasoning
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 4 flounder fillets, cut in half
- 2 tsp. canola oil
- Cooking spray
- 4 hamburger buns
- Lettuce, tomato slices, lemon wedges

Combine first 5 ingredients in a small bowl.

Combine cornmeal, Cajun seasoning, and salt in a shallow dish.

Dredge fillet halves in cornmeal mixture, shaking off excess.

Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Add oil and cook fish 5 minutes.

Coat fish with cooking spray, turn, and cook fish 5 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Spread 1 TBSP. of mayonnaise mixture on each bun half.

Serve each hamburger with 2 fillet halves, topped with the lettuce and tomato. Serve with lemon wedges.

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In the 1st Annual Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament hosted by Sunset Marina, the crew on the "Billfisher" won first place in the Billfish Points Division with 2 blue marlin and 4 white marlin releases during their 2 days of fishing. Pictured are anglers Jon Duffie, Sr. and Judy Duffie, Capt. Jon Duffie and Mates John Prather and Chris Hornung. The "Billfisher" team won \$27,925 for their first place finish.



On the second day of the Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament, Jon Duffie, Sr. of Gaithersburg, MD landed this 63 lb. yellowfin tuna and held on to win 1st place in the Tuna Division. Jon was fishing on the "Billfisher" with his wife, Judy Duffie, Capt. Jon Duffie and Mate John Prather. For his first place finish, Jon won \$2,925 in award money.

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On the first day of the Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament, Bill Pantoast boated a 17 lb. dolphin outside the Hot Dog and held on to win first place in the Dolphin Division. Bill was fishing on the "Legasea" with Jeff Lessin, Scott Devinney, Mark Slavin, Dominic DeSanto (pictured), Capt. Josh Ruskey (pictured) and Mate Jon Meade (pictured). Presenting the "Legasea" team with their \$2,925 check is Brian Tinkler of Sunset Marina.



The crew on the "Tighten Up" released 2 blue marlin on the second day of the Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament and won 2nd place in the Billfish Points Division. Pictured at the award presentation are Brian Tinkler of Sunset Marina, Chip Voorhees, Bill Horton, Capt. Keith Robinson and Mates Greg Mercer and Jay Keller. The "Tighten Up" crew took home \$8,115 in award money for their 2nd place finish.

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In the 1st Annual Branch Kreppel Memorial Blue Marlin Tournament, the team on the "Reel Joy" won 3rd place in the Billfish Points Division with 1 blue marlin release and 1 white marlin release. Pictured in the slip at Sunset Marina are anglers John Gudelsky, Taylor McCart and Susan McCart. Not pictured are Capt. Dale Gurgo and Mates Andy Helms and Dan Reid. The "Reel Joy" team won \$11,350 in award money for their 3rd place finish.



On Sunday, anglers on the "That's Right" returned to Fisherman's Marina with 2 blue marlin releases, a white marlin release and 5 dolphin, all hooked in 30 fathoms outside the Hot Dog. Paul Pergeorelis released a blue marlin, estimated at 450 lbs., while Mark Adams released another blue marlin estimated at 250 lbs. and Frank Lamka released a white marlin. Also fishing on the "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and Mate John Griffith were Jim Adams, Mike Adams and Bob Adams. All of the fish were hooked on trolled ballyhoo except for one blue marlin that attacked a spreader bar.








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Preston and Debbie Walls from Ridgely, MD and Bunky and Joyce Dulin from Skipton, MD enjoyed some good flounder fishing on Friday, ending their day with 5 flounder and a spadefish in the box. The flounder, measuring between 19 and 23-inches, were caught on live spot in the East Channel.

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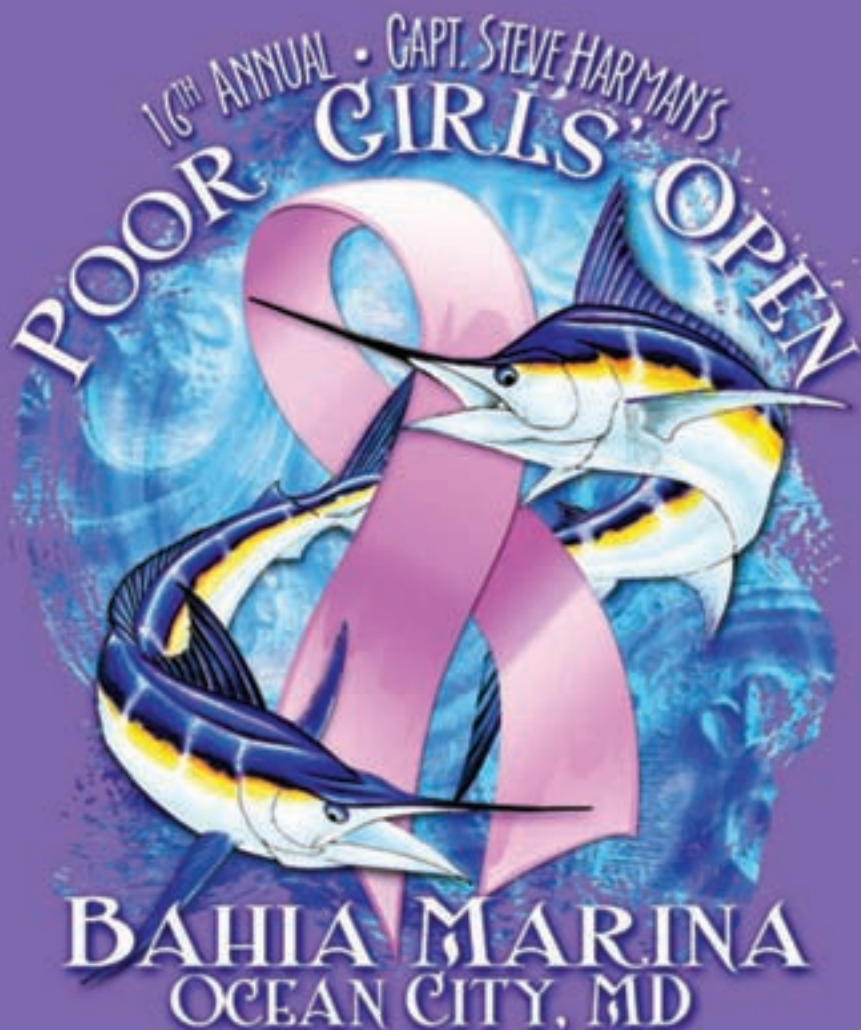
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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks! Now is the time to take that person you have been trying to get interested in fishing out on the water.

The Indian River Bay, Rehoboth Bay and Delaware Bay are just full of croakers. These fish will bite hard and are scrappy fighters on light tackle. Usually, when you catch one you are in for much more action. All you need is a small hook and a tiny piece of bait and you will be ready for action. Bloodworms or pieces of Gulp! are the ticket for these fish, and will almost guarantee plenty of activity. Other cut baits will also produce results.

Flounder are still being taken in the back bays and on the reefsites in the Delaware Bay. Action at the DB Buoy in the ocean is continuing to improve. Striper fishing in the



Wilson Hazzard of Lewes, DE (center) boated this 62-inch, 75 lb. wahoo while trolling a skirted ballyhoo in the Baltimore Canyon.

Indian River Inlet has been proving successful for those who are targeting the fish with live spot or eels.

Offshore action is showing just a bit of improvement, as a few more fish are being caught at Massey's Canyon and the 19 Fathom Lump.

Some successful fishermen this past week have been Mike Lombardi Jr. who weighed in an 8 lb. 6 oz. flattie that he took from the Indian River using live spot. Dillon Talley also used a live spot to take a 9 lb.

7 oz. doormat while drifting Massey's Ditch. Zachary Knight had a great day fishing the DB Buoy area with his dad, Rick, boating three flounder ranging from 20 to 25-inches.

The results of the 2nd Annual Sea Side Gas & Grill / Rick's Bait & Tackle Offshore Tournament ended up with the "Predator" taking the marlin category with the release of a 62-inch white marlin.

Dolphin Division Results:
1st Place: "Empty Hook" 23.5 lbs.

2nd Place: "Four Play" 20.5 lbs.
3rd Place: "Predator" 19 lbs.
Tuna Division Results:
1st Place: "Four Play" 122 lb. bluefin
2nd Place: "Stacey" 62.75 lb. yellowfin
3rd Place: "Stacey" 56 lb. yellowfin

Thanks to all who made the tournament a success!

From Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE, we received the following information.

Flounder fishing has been a strong point with a large spread of fish in the area. Croaker fishing will continue to improve with this nice summer weather.

Offshore fishing has shown some real good early season results. Bill Jr. of Bill's Sport Shop spent an afternoon after work at Massey's Landing and ended up catching a 23-inch flounder using a spec rig and a Gulp! swimming mullet in watermelon.

Chuck Nagel of Bill's Sport Shop reported catching short stripers and croakers at Massey's Landing. A trip to the Tea Cup produced a very good catch for Billy Glide, Kyle Aiery, John L. and Ron on the "Out of Line", with a 20 lb. dolphin, a 135 lb. bluefin tuna and a 65 lb. yellowfin.

Paige Millis, age 12, from Millsboro caught a 20-inch flounder at Massey's on a minnow. A customer reported catching 11 flounder and 29 sea bass at the DB Buoy yesterday, keeping 2 sea bass.

Captain Carey Evans of "Grizzly" Charters reported, "Frank Pogue had big fluke of the day honors with his 8 lb. 8 oz. flounder. We also caught a nice little mixed bag of tog and sea bass. Alex Levantowsky had the big fish of the day award, releasing a 16 lb. 4 oz. tog. Jim Skymba and family had an excellent mixed bag catch in the ocean of both tog and flounder. Jim's 6 lb. 14 oz. flounder took the big fish of the day award. Don Yocum and friends had a nice little mixed bag catch of tog, triggerfish, and flounder."

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At Rattle & Reel Sporting Center, Ron informed me that there are still a lot of flounder in the back bays. Croaker and spot are also providing plenty of action. Bluefish have been found in the Indian River Inlet on the incoming tide.

Dan at Henlopen Bait & Tackle confirmed that croakers are just about everywhere, including off the beaches. Broadkill Beach has become home for some bluefish, and the Delaware Reefsites are giving up plenty of flounder.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said that Delaware Bay croakers are getting larger and more plentiful each day. Many nice catches of better-sized hardheads came from the Broadkill and Star Reef Sites, and also from Reefs #6 and #7 at Brown Shoal. Mussel beds west of the G Buoy in the Anchorage also yielded good croakers. Shore fishermen at the Roosevelt Inlet got into hardheads as well. Clams, bloodworms and Fishbites were favorites of the feisty panfish.

Reef Sites #6, 7 and 8 remained productive, but fluke came from the open bottom also. Up and down contours in the hook of Brown Shoal gave up flatties, as did mussel beds west of the G Buoy in the Anchorage. Channel edges between #19 and #25 Buoys also produced flounder.

Flatties were still hanging out in shallow water, and guys did well casting jigs tipped with Gulp! around the Inner Wall and Ferry Jetty.

Sometimes when tides run too hard in the bay, ocean structure offers a better option for fluke fishermen. Reef Site #10 proved to be a good spot. Last Sunday, Captain Chet's group on the "Lil' Angler II" returned with 26 keepers, including a 5.95 pounder for Paul Pergeorelis. Tony, Diana, and Shane Vansant, along with Larry Burkins and Joe Pisarski, combined for a limit of twenty quality flatties from the reef. Diana outfished the boys with a fine pair of fluke weighing 7.64 and 5.67 lbs.

Flounder sharpie Joe Walker pulled a 9.07 lb. doormat from the rubble. The Old Grounds between the DB and DA Buoys held plenty of nice flounder. An effective way to catch those fish was to bounce a 2 to 4 oz. bucktail tipped with a Gulp! sand eel and a shiner along the bottom. Guys working the rocks of the Outer Wall had tog and triggerfish using sand fleas. Nice sheepshead have shown up on the Ice Breakers. Joe Kossek checked in a 10.12 lb. citation sheepshead that he captured at the Haystacks.

Slot-sized stripers were caught by anglers casting plugs and jigs at the Ice Breakers, as well as those drifting eels near

the drawbridge and railroad bridges on the Lewes Canal.

On the tuna scene, big bluefins were scattered on structure between twenty and thirty fathoms, such as Massey's Canyon, the Hambone, Chicken Bone, 19 Fathom Lump, Hot Dog and Tea Cup. Trolling ballyhoo with blue and white skirts way, way back or deep behind planers and Z-Wings accounted for many of the fish. However, guys chunking and fishing butters or sardines on the bottom hooked some bruisers too. The biggest brute of the week was a 163.4 pounder boated by Brian Ludwig and Jeff Snyder at the Hambone. Matt Purnell trolled up a 154.5 pounder at the Elephant Trunk. Kili Gomez got a 118.5 pounder at the 19 Fathom Lump aboard the "Joint Venture". Captain Larry Coyle's crew aboard "Makai" trolled ballyhoo in 40 fathoms between the Hot Dog and Poor Man's for three yellowfins up to 48 lbs. and a 19.4 lb. mahi for Brian Gardner.

White marlin have shown up inshore in good numbers. Several boats reported sightings and hookups of billfish in thirty fathoms. Edward Bundy and Curtis Detwiler both recorded white marlin releases outside the Hot Dog this past Saturday on the "Skipjack".

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Angler Joe Bonhoff of Bel Air, MD (right) released this 71-inch white marlin while fishing on the "Restless Lady" with Ron Mohler of Pasadena, MD, Joe Ernst of Glen Burnie, MD, Tom Hilton of Shrewsbury, PA, Ed Croft from Baltimore, MD, Capt. Todd Kurtz and Mate Kevin Kurtz (pictured). The crew also caught 2 yellowfin and 7 dolphin during their trip at the Hot Dog.

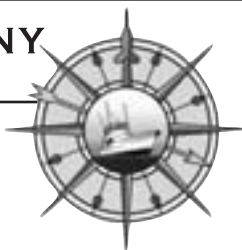


Matthew Johnson of Brookeville, MD caught and released this white marlin during a trip aboard the "Constant Threat" with Don Johnson and Art Nolan. The white marlin hit a trolled ballyhoo in the Washington Canyon.

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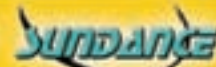
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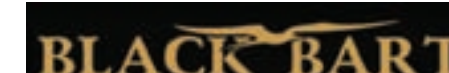


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Justin Haas of Albany, NY took heaviest fish honors with a 2 lb. 4 oz. flattie, caught while fishing on the "Tortuga" with Sal Scalici of York, PA, Ed Garrish from Baltimore, MD, Capt. Drew Zerbe and Mates Serge Garder and Chase Eberle. The fish were caught on squid and shiner combinations near the South Jetty. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



Brian Bowman and Bobby Ross, both from Pasadena, MD caught a big bluefin tuna, 2 yellowfin tuna and a couple of dolphin while fishing on the "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and Mate Mark Hoos, Jr. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo at the Hambone. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Chum Lines

by Mark Sampson



Last week I had to retire a couple of my fishing rods from service because the reel seats had worked loose and were rotating on the rods. A year ago they were doing the same thing and I fixed them by drilling a small hole through the reel seat and the fiberglass rod blank and then securing a small bolt in the hole. I knew it was only a temporary fix because over time, the bolt would start to work on the fiberglass,

enlarging the hole and destroying the blank beneath the seat. That time has come and now the rods share space in a corner of my attic with a number of other "retired soldiers" who served well but finally succumb to too many battles with big fish.

I've seen a lot of loose reel seats over the years, both on my own boat and back when I used to work in a tackle shop where sometimes irate customers would return rods that had the problem after just a season or two of use. I used to think that the problem stemmed from an error in manufacturing until I came to realize that with conventional rods it's almost always the result of excessive torque caused by anglers improperly reeling in medium-to-large fish.

"Reeling in a fish". That common term speaks to the root of a bad technique perpetuated by too many anglers and that can lead to the ultimate demise of a perfectly good fishing rod. A fishing friend of mine once said, "you don't reel in a fish - you rod in a fish." Yea, even to me that sounded kind of stupid the first time I heard it - but it's true! No matter what kind of tackle they might be using the basic lift-up-crank-down technique is usually the right one to use when dealing with ornery fish that actually have enough spunk and attitude to pull some drag and do anything but swim right to the angler.

Lift-up-crank-down, it's really a pretty straightforward process that, when done properly, is deadly effective on subduing a fish without subjecting the angler to any unnecessary strain or punishment. At least that's the way it should be, but for some reason way too many anglers try to improve on an already good technique by throwing in extra moves that do nothing but help throw a little more advantage to the fish. So let's

break this down and see what should and shouldn't happen as an angler "rods" a fish to the boat:

With a fish on the line and pulling drag the angler should do nothing but keep the rod tip up at about a 45-degree angle. Any cranking or pumping the rod is only going to work the angler, not the fish. Anglers must keep in mind that as long as there is a bend in the rod there is pressure on the fish, and from the time the hook is set until the fish is to the boat their goal should be to keep the rod bent AT ALL TIMES! I emphasize that point because once the fish finishes its first run, it's usually time to start the pumping process (lifting and cranking down). Too often anglers get so spastic and out of sync with their rhythm that they pull back too quickly on the rod which allows drag to slip, and then they lower the rod too quickly to match their cranking speed which allows the rod to straighten out. At the other end of the line the fish feels pressure...then no pressure... pressure... then no pressure. This can be a good way to pull a hook or at the very least sap the strength out of the angler before the fish is halfway in.

As they lift the rod, anglers should be watching their spool to make sure that no line is going off the reel. If it is, they need to either slow their lift or stop it all together. If line is not going off the reel they should continue to lift the rod straight to the center of their chest until the lower half of the rod is no more than about 45-degrees. With medium-to-heavy tackle, anglers should never pull a rod to the side as this will only help torque their back, causing pain that will have them out of the fight very soon.

Once the rod has been lifted up it's time for the angler to turn their attention to the rod tip as they begin to crank down. Here the most common mistake is dropping the rod and then cranking. Again, all that does is give the fish a slight moment of slack and a chance to turn its head! While watching the rod to ensure that it stays bent, the angler must now crank the reel

as they lower the rod. Timing is everything! The speed at which the rod is lowered must match the speed of the cranking perfectly so that the rod never loses its flex - that's what keeps a smooth and constant pressure on the fish.

Experienced anglers who have good lift-and-crank rhythm will never exert hard cranking pressure in attempts to winch the fish to the boat with the reel. Instead they'll (for lack of better terms) "rod" the fish to the boat and just use the reel to retrieve line that comes relatively easy when the rod is lowered at just the right speed. It's all about timing and finessing a fish to the boat by using the tackle to do the job it was designed to do. Brute strength has little to do with it, I've seen a lot of "tough guys" give up a rod after 15-minutes and a lot of women and even children go more than an hour while using proper technique.

Anglers who don't exercise the proper method of lift-up-crank-down not only stand a chance of breaking their backs or losing their fish, they also run the risk of tearing up their tackle by taxing it in ways it was not designed for. When someone attempts to just winch a fish in by steady cranking instead of using the rod as a lever to gain line one lift at a time, the side-to-side torque will eventually dislodge reel seats, break handles, twist reel feet, or destroy gimbals. Tackle doesn't come cheap these days and if only to protect their own investment, anglers should make an effort to learn and perfect their fish fighting skills. As a charter captain, I have a lot of inexperienced clients who seem intent to push my own tackle to beyond its limits almost every day of the season. All I can do is coax them along until they hopefully learn and do the right thing when working a fish to the boat - before too much of my stuff ends up in the attic graveyard.

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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George Ernst was fishing at the Old Grounds aboard the "Sou'wester" when he caught this 6 lb. 8 oz. flounder.



Johnny Horning from Laytonsville, MD was fishing with his dad, Capt. Charlie Horning on the "Fish Whistle" when he hooked into this 122 lb. bluefin tuna at the Hambone. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



Butch Emmert of Rehoboth, DE, along with Peter and Mark Layton of Milton, DE used cut bait to entice these 4 flounder while fishing at "B" Buoy. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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by Pat Schrawder



Routine Updating of Equipment

In the past few years, we have seen a real convergence of the design and operating software of marine electronics with the world of computers. The first evidence of that was in the types of displays. Historically, the displays on marine equipment were very difficult to see on an open boat in bright sunlight. The old CRT type displays were almost impossible unless you had some hood arrangement to shield them. As the computer world advanced into color liquid crystal displays, so did the marine equipment field. Initially, they were very expensive but, once again, as the computer market

evolved, improvements in displays and the price of them started to come down. The marine market has benefited from that immensely.

What you need to know, however, is that the new equipment on your boat, especially your GPS plotter unit and associated fish finder and/or radar unit, are actually operating on software that is just like computer software and that means it may need to be updated from time to time. Most major manufacturers of marine equipment are always working on software improvements and make them available to customers. In some cases, the end user can access this software via the Internet from the

manufacturer's website and perform the update themselves. In other cases, or for personal preference, the end user may wish to have an electronics dealer like ourselves or others do the upgrade. In either case, it is best to keep up with the software changes in order to get the best use out of your equipment. In some cases the upgrade is to solve a "glitch" in the original design of the item and in other cases it is just for improved and/or enhanced performance. Other items of equipment seem to be more or less trouble free and have no need for any updates.

The same can be said for the charts that go in cartography plotter systems. Most manufacturers of charts keep updating them for new information about buoy placements, major depth changes, etc. If you register with the manufacturer of your chart card, they will notify you of any changes and give you the option to upgrade. In other cases, the chart information can be downloaded off the Internet. Usually, these changes do not occur frequently and, in fact, may never change to the degree that you want to make the upgrade, but it is wise to check on it and make an informed choice.

Do you have an EPIRB of any kind on your boat? Good for you. That was a smart purchase but remember that it needs to be tested periodically and have its battery replaced every four or five years depending on the manufacturer. If it has a hydrostatic release, it needs to be replaced every two years. Also, the registration needs to be updated with the Coast Guard. That can be easily done via the Internet. If you haven't looked at your EPIRB lately, now is a good time to do so. The expiration date of the battery, hydrostatic release and registration will be clearly marked on the unit. Keep in mind that the batteries in these units have to be handled as hazz-mat items and require special shipping. We have units that are brought in to us for servicing and are picked up and delivered to one of the authorized service centers. Turn around time is usually one week.

If you have a life raft, it also needs to be checked on a regular basis as directed by the manufacturer. Typically, that time is five years. The surface of the raft is powder coated and, over time, that wears off allowing moisture and temperature variants to cause the raft surfaces to stick to each other. If that happens, you will be in bad shape when you have to deploy the raft. When the raft inflates, the parts that are stuck together may free themselves but they may pull one from the other, causing big holes in the raft and no inflation. The rafts must be shipped by truck due to their weight and size. That shipping can be very costly. We eliminate that shipping cost by having them picked up at our shop by the same company that picks up our EPIRB's. If you live near one of these facilities, you can take your raft in to them.

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Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball



The mid-summer fishing is going strong. With good weather paired with a little luck, the week looked promising for anglers hitting the water. The main interest still centers around cobia, and the old standby, flounder. Cobia hunters are finding steady action in the lower Bay. Although plenty of keeper fish are around, several fish are pushing to over 60-pounds. Latimer Shoal and the Nine Foot Shoal are producing well for those dumping chum and bottom fishing with both cut and live bait. The Baltimore Channel area is producing for top water casters. In a few weeks, these fish will begin gathering on bridge pilings and buoys.

Flounder, which are often

out of season right now are up for grabs, and are happy to oblige. Most folks are reporting modest catches, but quality fish. Although the number of trophy doormats is down this week, decent fish ranging from 3 to 7-pounds are making the trip worthwhile. Best results are coming from those offering live bait near bridge pilings and the tubes of the CBBT, lower bay wrecks, Back River Reef, and near the Cell in around 40 to 50 feet of water. Peanut bunker are working better than spot right now, although both baits are good choices.

The folks at Chris' Bait and Tackle report that tarpon anglers are still awaiting the reemergence of the silver

king. According to the experts, the cooler water temperatures are taking the brunt of the blame for absent sightings, rollings, and hookups. In the meantime, anglers are heading to Oyster to partake in the excellent croaker run, with the "Chimney" and Buoy 7 areas providing the best action. Within lower bay waters, croaker are everywhere from the HRBT to the CBBT. The area off Kiptopeke State Park is also a favorite location lately.

Spadefish are still available at the Chesapeake Light Tower, the Tower Reef, nearshore and inshore wrecks, the CBBT, and the Cell. Plantation Light is also producing quality fish this week.

Sheepshead peaked some interest this week, with big fish coming from the Bay Bridge-Tunnel structure. Jeffery Parks of Virginia Beach prevailed in a tug-of-war with a huge 13 lb., 7 oz. sheepshead that fell to crab near the First Island.

Triggerfish are also swarming around the CBBT, as well as on several inshore wrecks. Another great run of these aggressive fish is making anglers take notice. Triggers are easy to catch, and can save the day when the spades and sheepshead are not cooperating. Triggerfish will hit squid, clams, live bait, cut bait, or anything that is within easy reach.

Spanish mackerel are still dominating the trolling scene along the oceanfront. The bigger fish are coming from shallower water on small spoons trolled at a quick clip. Most of the fish are ranging from 16 to 21-inches, but a few 3-pounders are also

mixed in. The king mackerel scene is still slow, but a few reports of landed fish are trickling in. Expect this fishery to pick up later this summer and into the fall.

Drum are still on the loose in the lower bay, with red drum enthusiasts chasing large schools swimming on the surface along the Eastern Shore shoals lately. Anglers are also picking away at unassuming pods of black drum roaming the islands of the CBBT. Storm lures and bucktails are working well.

Deep dropping is still an excellent choice, with quality blueline tilefish, golden tilefish, blackbellied rosefish, and nice grouper on the menu. A massive 20 lb. 10 oz. blueline tilefish caught by Kenneth Bowe of Chester, Virginia became the new Virginia state record this week.

Black sea bass are available on inshore wrecks and deepwater structures. Amberjack are still taking most any live bait offered on several offshore wrecks and at the South Tower. Take plenty of bait, and plan for an eventful day if you make the run south.

Offshore, the billfish bite is improving daily with good numbers of white marlin and a smattering of blues crashing spreads this week. Further south, Carolina crews are finding a few sailfish. Nice yellowfin tuna are scattered in the same areas, and wahoo are becoming more common. School-sized bluefin tuna are still hitting on the inshore lumps, with the Fingers being a favorite area lately. Some big dolphin are showing here and there, along with a few surprise mako sharks.

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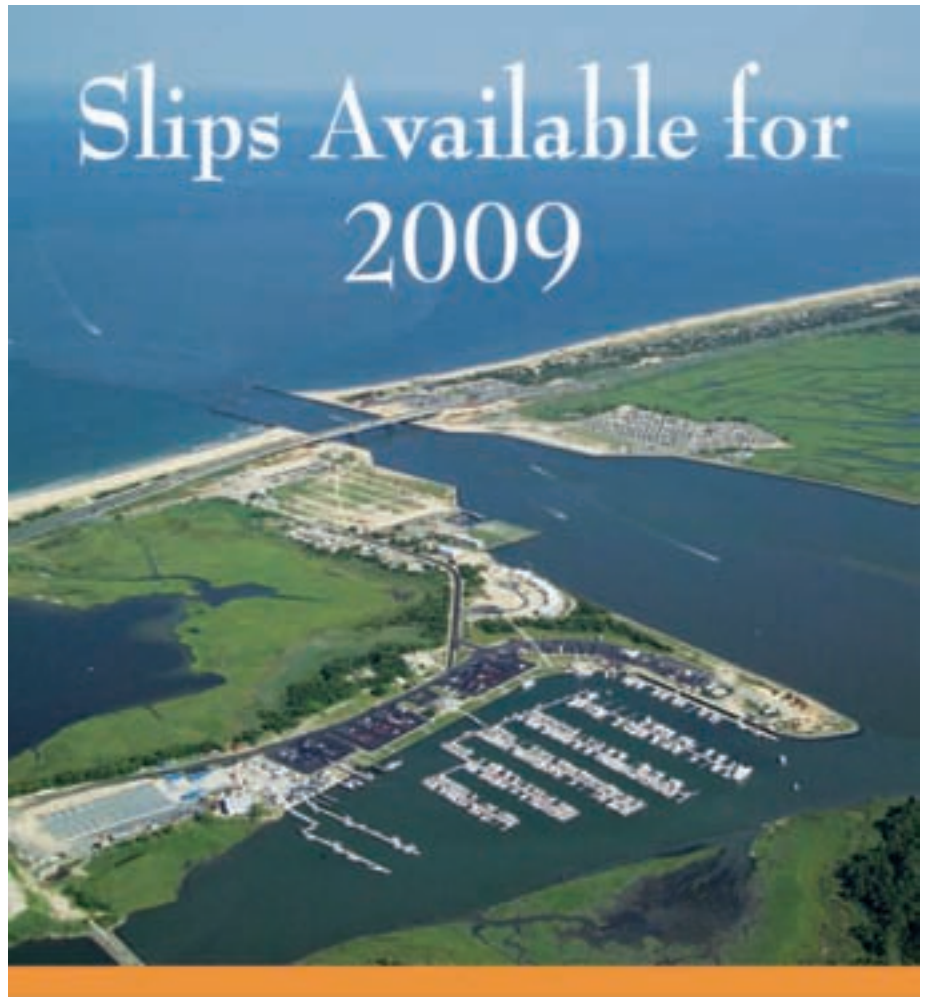
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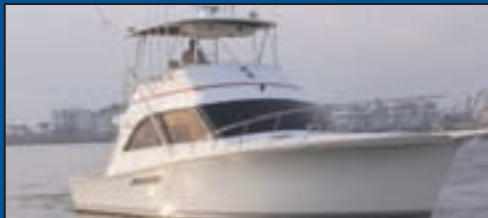
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 Tautog March 15, 2009 Capt. Kane Bounds "Judith M" 19 lbs. 8 oz.		July 17, 2009 Alex Levantowsky "Grizzly" 16 lbs. 4 oz.	 Thresher Shark June 19, 2009 Brent Applegit Fingers 642 lbs.		July 1, 2009 John Kazem "B" Buoy 376 lbs.
 Striped Bass May 17, 2009 Donald Hatfield Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 8 oz.		May 13, 2009 Derek Bair Indian River Inlet 35 lbs. 6 oz.	 Cobia  July 25, 2009 Chris Toner "Fish Finder" 71 lbs.		No Weights Reported
 Weakfish May 16, 2009 Chris Tilghman Rt. 90 Bridge 7 lbs. 8 oz.		May 24, 2009 Isaiah Ross Broadkill River 6 lbs. 8 oz.	 Bluefin Tuna July 13, 2009 Giuseppe Ferrarelli "That's Right" 170 lbs.		June 28, 2009 Collin Johnson "MEGA-BITE" 180 lbs.
 Speckled Trout No Weights Reported		No Weights Reported	 Yellowfin Tuna  July 25, 2009 Jon Duffie, Sr. "Billfisher" 63 lbs.		July 11, 2009 Walt Murphy "MEGA-BITE" 62 lbs.
 Flounder June 11, 2009 Avak Khachadorian "Morning Star" 9 lbs. 2 oz.		July 19, 2009 Jody McCullough Indian River Inlet 11 lbs. 10 oz.	 Longfin Tuna No Weights Reported		No Weights Reported
 Bluefish June 27, 2009 Mike Osifat Poor Man's Canyon 13 lbs.		May 24, 2009 Troy Schifflett 12 Fathom Lump 13 lbs. 13 oz.	 Bigeye Tuna June 27, 2009 Scott Pringle "Press Time" 210 lbs.		June 21, 2009 Doug Rinicker Poor Man's Canyon 102 lbs.
 Sheepshead June 11, 2009 Tassos Argyros Barnstable Wreck 11 lbs. 4 oz.		July 23, 2009 Joe Kossek Ice Breakers 10 lbs. 2 oz.	 Dolphin May 21, 2009 Chuck Dammann "Restless Lady" 30 lbs.		May 24, 2009 Ron Frank "Da Chief" 19.6 lbs.
 Black Drum No Weights Reported		May 22, 2009 Anthony Lano Coral Beds 82.3 lbs.	 Wahoo July 18, 2009 Keith Wolf Hambone 53 lbs.		July 25, 2009 Wilson Hazzard Baltimore Canyon 75 lbs.

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John Speziale of Bethany Beach, DE captured this 52-inch bluefin tuna on a trolled ballyhoo at the south end of the Hambone. John was fishing on the "Start Me Up" with Brad Robillard of Bishopville, MD, Capt. Mike Johnson and Mate Nate Gregory. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Brian Gardner was trolling a skirted ballyhoo in 40 fathoms, inshore of the Poor Man's Canyon when he hooked into this 19.4 lb. dolphin. Brian was fishing on the "Makai" with Larry Coyle and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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Darlene Anderson of Wellsville, PA caught this 20.5-inch flounder that tipped the scales at 2 lbs. 8 oz. while drifting a live minnow in the Indian River Inlet aboard the "Lil' Squirt".

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Charlie Smith and Chuck Smith, both from Pasadena, MD each caught a striped bass while fishing on the "Get Sum" with Kirsten Perry, Gary Smith, Harrison Smith and Marie Smith, all from Pasadena, MD, Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei. The stripers measured 29 and 30-inches and were caught in the East Channel while drifting live spot. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Jess Tenaro from Camden, DE reeled in this 64-inch, 140 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Why Not" with Dennis Morton of Middletown, DE, Andy Strouse from Wyoming, DE, Michael Polito of Dover, DE, Mark Roberts of South Bowers, DE, Capt. Wade Lober and Mate Bob Euler. The bluefin, along with 3 dolphin, were caught on trolled ballyhoo at the Chicken Bone. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Jamie and Jim Gill from Crofton, MD, Gordon Driver of Annapolis, MD, Landis Plumber from Bowie, MD and Mark Guest from Davidsonville, MD were fishing on the "Press Time" with Capt. Luke Blume and Mates Jason Genthner and Michael Murray when they caught 2 bluefin tuna, measuring 45 and 64.5-inches, a yellowfin and a skipper. The bluefin, along with 2 other releases, were hooked at the Hambone, while the yellowfin was caught in 60 fathoms south of the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.




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Jim Simon of Ocean Pines, MD caught this 25-inch, 6 lb. flounder while drifting a white jig with a 6-inch curly tail in the Ocean City Inlet.

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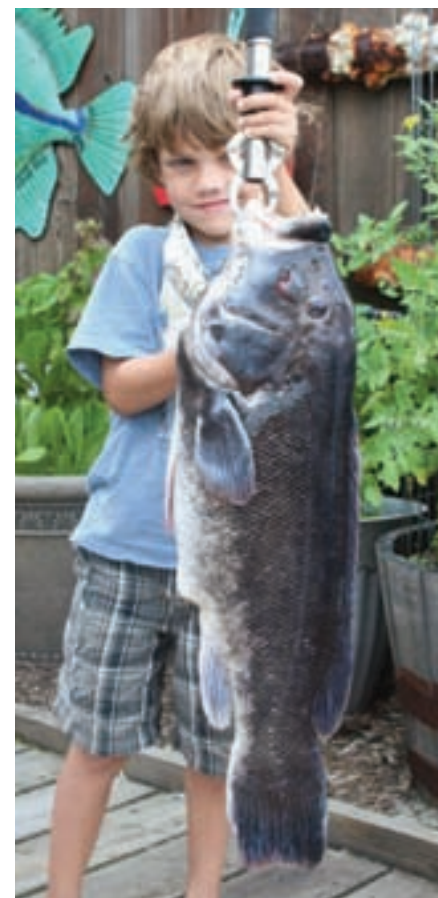
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Lucas Franzetti caught this 12 lb. tautog while fishing with sand fleas at the African Queen.




Garry Tilton pulled this 7 lb. 1 oz. tautog from a wreck at the mouth of the Delaware Bay and weighed his catch at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Brooke McGinnis, no stranger to the pages of the Coastal Fisherman, caught this 18.5-inch flounder while drifting a squid and shiner combination in the bay behind Assateague Island. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



Carl Baker, Carl Kacharian and John Baker, all from Baden, PA, Nick Kratochvil of Harmony Township, PA and Dennis Barlow of Ambridge, PA teamed up to land 2 bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Yellowfin" with Capt. Chuck Woodward and Mate Jimmy Ruppert. The largest bluefin tipped the scales at 115 lbs. and was caught on a trolled ballyhoo at the Chicken Bone. Weighed at Bahia Marina.

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Carol Bailey of Solomons, MD caught this 23-inch, 3 lb. 8 oz. flounder while fishing with Randy Ates on the "Henry O" behind Harbour Island.



Dan Ryberg of Lake Orion, MI released a white marlin while fishing on the "Ursula Priscilla" with Gregg and Tom Parent of Stevensville, MD, Rich and Bonnie Ryberg of Marquette, MI, Capt. George Merrick and Mate Tommy Milligan. The white marlin, along with 3 yellowfin tuna and 2 dolphin, were caught on trolled ballyhoo at the Hambone. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center in West Ocean City.

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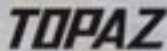
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Mike Jones of Slatington, PA was drifting a live minnow at the Bass Grounds aboard the "Stress Reliever" when he hooked into this 24-inch, 4 lb. 4 oz. flounder.



This 28-inch striped bass was caught by Katie Jones of Slatington, PA while drifting live spot near the Rt. 50 Bridge.

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Matt Quirk of Newark, DE muscled in this 27-inch, 6 lb. 12 oz. flounder while drifting live spot in the bay behind Harbour Island.



Mark Downey of Lynchburg, VA, Frank and Justin Lawther of Garden City, NY, Danka Hoffman of Potomac Falls, VA and Erik Lawther of Burlington, NJ teamed up to land this 160 lb. bluefin tuna and 2 dolphin while trolling ballyhoo at the Hambone. The anglers were fishing on the "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and Mate John Griffith. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.

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Mark and Jeffrey Angler of Perkiomenville, PA boated this 19-inch flounder while fishing on the south side of Burton's Island in the Indian River Bay. The young anglers used live minnows for bait.

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Wed. July 29	Low 08:10 am Low 09:13 pm	High 02:11 am High 02:58 pm
Thurs. July 30	Low 09:03 am Low 10:19 pm	High 03:10 am High 04:00 pm
Fri. July 31	Low 09:57 am Low 11:23 pm	High 04:11 am High 05:00 pm
Sat. August 1	Low 10:52 am Low -----	High 05:09 am High 05:53 pm
Sun. August 2	Low 12:18 am Low 11:44 am	High 06:01 am High 06:40 pm
Mon. August 3	Low 01:01 am Low 12:32 pm	High 06:47 am High 07:22 pm
Tues. August 4	Low 01:37 am Low 01:16 pm	High 07:30 am High 08:02 pm
Wed. August 5 Full Moon	Low 02:10 am Low 01:57 pm	High 08:12 am High 08:41 pm

These are Ocean City, MD tides at the Ocean City Inlet.
 Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
 Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide
 Wachapreague, VA - add 4 minutes for high tide,
 21 minutes for low tide
 Quinby Inlet, VA - subtract 6 minutes for high tide
 These tides are only meant to be a guide, as tides can be affected
 by storms and weather fronts.



Brad Elliot could not risk a loose hat when he landed this 20-inch black drum while fishing with peeler crab near the Assateague Bridge. Pictured at Buck's Place on Rt. 611.

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~ JULY ~

1st Annual Marlin Club Ladies Tournament
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~ AUGUST ~

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 August 1 • Ocean Pines Yacht Club
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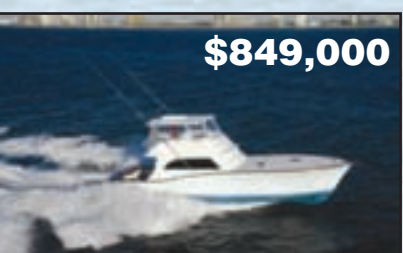
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