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Windy weather made it difficult for anglers to find clean water many days last week, but that didn't stop Phillip Chandler of Chadds Ford, PA from landing the largest flounder caught so far this year. Phillip captured the 30-inch, 11 lbs. 5 oz. doormat while drifting minnows in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.

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*Capt. Franky*



On the last day of May, Rick Hull from Woodlawn is all smiles after catching this 4 lb. 13 oz. sea bass during a trip aboard the head boat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Jake Shaffer. Rick fooled the knothead with a chunk of clam while fishing over a natural ocean bottom. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Jake Allnutt was fishing at night off the wall at the Ocean City Inlet and landed this 34-inch striper after hooking it on a jighead tipped with a white Zoom artificial bait. The fish weighed 12 lbs. 12 oz. on the scale at Oyster Bay Tackle.



Sophie Gressens, an exchange student from France, celebrated her graduation with a fishing trip to the Coral Beds where she battled this 50.1 lb. black drum after hooking it on a chunk of clam. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



David Oliphant from Perry Hall, MD, Chuck Wenzel from West Ocean City, MD and Dean Pecunes from Bel Air, MD ended their day with 3 flatties in the box of the "Martini Time" after drifting white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts around the South Jetty during the incoming tide. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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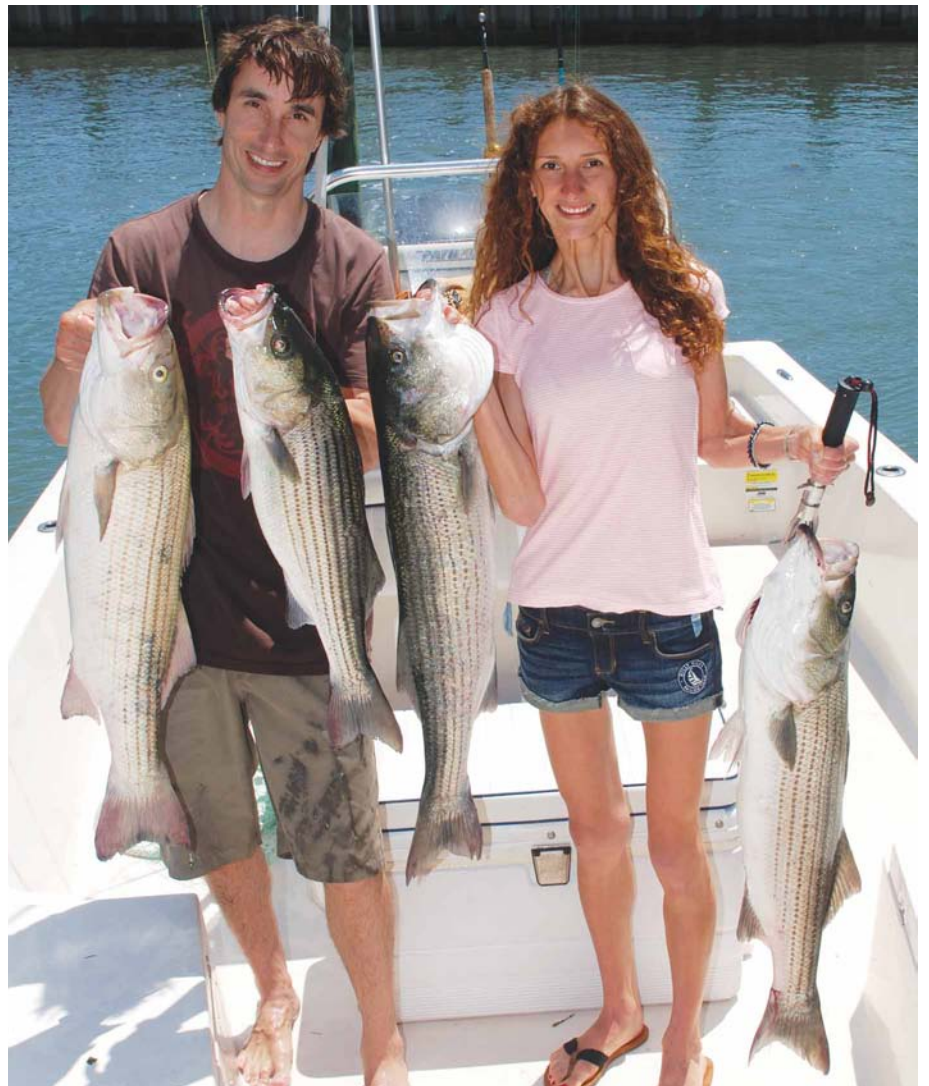
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- Shoot vertical photos
- Smile!

*As always, we do our best to run the pictures we receive; however, we are sometimes unable to run all of the pictures due to space restrictions and other circumstances.*



Edward Richardson, Dave Polzin and Ed Richardson teamed up to land this 254 lb. thresher shark after hooking it on a bunker fillet at the Marine Electric. Weighed at Ake Marine in West Ocean City.



Anglers fishing around the South Jetty have had some good days catching striped bass, as shown by the limit caught by John and Dasha Lentz of Alltackle Ocean City. The pair were fishing with Chris Trovitch on the "Alehouse" when they hooked the linesiders on live spot. The largest fish measured 37-inches.

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# Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It was a week dominated by windy weather, making it tough for flounder fishermen in the bay and too nasty for those heading out into the Atlantic. It's unfortunate, because it seems like there are good catches to be had when anglers can get out on the water.

## Striped Bass

Although it has been a horrible spring for surfcasters off Assateague Island, the striper bite has been excellent around the South Jetty and in the Ocean City Inlet. Not only have the fish been numerous, but they have been large with several fish close to, or over 40-inches being caught over the last 2 weeks. Just as this paper was going to press on Monday, Ed "Greenie" Greene reported a 40-incher caught that morning while he was tossing a Rat-L-Trap around the South Jetty during the last of the incoming tide.

On Saturday, Hugh Cropper took his kids out for some striper fishing and caught 3 fish measuring up to 42-inches. All were caught on fresh bunker.

On Friday, John and Dasha Lentz fished with Chris Trovitch from AllTackle Ocean City and caught their limit of linesiders at the South Jetty on live spot.

Their largest weighed 16.2 lbs.

The fish weren't limited to the rocks around the South Jetty. Several fish were caught during the week by anglers drifting along the north wall of the Inlet and also around the Rt. 50 Bridge at night.

## Flounder

The windy weather made it difficult to get a good drift in the channels and made matters worse by creating dirty water throughout bay.

The charter boat, "Get Sum" had a good day on Friday, returning with 9 keepers in the box. Capt. Nick was fortunate to find a small sliver of clean water around the South Jetty where his anglers caught their fish on white Gulp! Swimming Mulletts in 62-degree water.

Although many anglers believe the myth that you can't catch flounder at night, it simply isn't true. On Tuesday night, Jason Hughes landed a fat 22-incher while tossing a Storm lure off the Rt. 50 Bridge. Veteran bridge fishermen will tell you that this is more common than most people think so don't be afraid to give it a try.

On a side note, Steve Doctor from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Service asked me to remind

anglers to complete the Volunteer Angler Survey for summer flounder. It seems like participation has begun to wane and the data is important since the DNR uses the information when setting flounder regulations each year.

I also want to mention that the bulkhead running between 2nd and 4th Streets in Ocean City is now open. Last year, this is where Bob Gummer's 12 lb. 6 oz. doormat was caught. Flounder fishermen using live spot off the bulkhead have caught some nice flounder over the years. Anglers fishing from the bulkhead need to get their free registry by going to a local tackle shop or calling 1-855-855-3906.

## Bluefish

Right now, bluefish are roaming the waters behind Ocean City and I'm not talking about just small, snapper blues. We saw some nice size choppers caught as well last week, not only in the Inlet but in the East Channel and up in the Thorofare.

Late last week, a pair of anglers fishing on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" caught their limit of nice size bluefish while fishing on the north end of the East Channel.

On Friday night, there was a great bluefish bite for anglers fishing off of the Oceanic Pier.

## Sea Bass

Unfortunately, the windy weather kept head boats either at the dock or close to shore

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most days last week, but when boats could get out we saw some nice size fish come in and a couple anglers return with their limit.

Last Wednesday, Capt. Monty on the head boat, "Morning Star" reported his best day of sea bassing this year with a steady pick all day. On Friday, the charter boat, "Fish Bound" returned with their limit of sea bass for 4 anglers in addition to catching 20 ling cod and some tog weighing up to 13 1/2 lbs.

On Saturday, anglers on the "Jezebel" headed out to the Great Eastern Reef where they caught 27 sea bass, 7 ling cod and a tog. The sea bass were caught on squid and minnows.

## Weakfish

Over the past couple of years, anglers have been excited with what seems to be a rebound for weakfish in Delmarva waters, including the Delaware Bay, where good numbers of weakfish have been caught already this year. Locally, anglers fishing off the Oceanic Pier on Thursday night experienced an incredible weakfish bite with over 100 fish hooked. Many were too short to keep, but the action was fast and furious.

## Sharks

Makos, threshers, blue sharks and duskies were the stars last week. We saw quite a few makos in the 115 to 125 lb. range make it to the scales during the week, especially on Memorial Day and last Saturday. Most of the sharks were caught around the Fingers, Hambone and Chicken Bone areas, where water temperatures hovered in the low 60's.

We have already seen more thresher sharks landed this year than all last season when the

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thresher bite was uncharacteristically slow. The largest thresher caught so far this year came in on Thursday when the "No Limits" arrived at the Ocean City Fishing Center with a 440 pounder caught on a strip of bluefish at the Fingers.

On Friday, anglers on the "Nontypical" had a great sharking day, releasing 2 small makos, a 200 lb. thresher, a hammerhead and some dusgies and blue sharks.

The charter boat, "Muff Diver" was fishing between the Chicken Bone and the Hambone on Saturday where they released a great white shark estimated at 300 lbs. along with 5 blue sharks and 2 dusgies.

### Tuna

Tuna fishermen are chomping at the bit to break the inlet in search of warm, offshore water. Unfortunately, the only significant tuna reports have come in from commercial fishermen longlining 155 miles off the beach.

Very early last week, the "Reel Chaos" hooked several small yellowfins in 500 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon and the

charter boat, "No Quarter" caught 3 yellowfins in 1,000 fathoms in the Poor Man's where Capt. Kyle reported water temperature at 66.7-degrees. That water has since moved on with nothing within reasonable reach for the fleet.

### In the Surf

It hasn't been a good spring for surfcasters. Right now, you will find shad, skates, spot, kingfish, trout, sharks and a lot of blowfish in the suds. Strippers have been few and far between.

### Upcoming Tournament

Well, here we go! Bahia Marina's 17th Annual Mako Mania Shark Tournament is June 7th, 8th and 9th with weigh-ins from 3:30 to 7:30 PM each day.

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Make sure you get there early because it is a popular tournament and can fill up fast.

See you at the scales!



This 440 lb. thresher shark was captured by angler Brian Cavey of Pasadena, MD during a trip aboard the "No Limits" with Kenny Graves, Capt. Tom Perry and mate Paul Daisey. The 96-inch shark ate a strip of bluefish at the Fingers in 59.2-degree water. The crew released a pair of blue sharks and a dusky shark during the trip. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Jason Hughes from East Berlin, PA was surprised when this 22-inch flounder attacked the Storm lure he was tossing off the Rt. 50 Bridge at night during high tide. Jason, pictured with his sister, Ashley Cook, and his brother-in-law, Kevin Cook, weighed the 4 lb. 8 oz. flattie at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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### 5<sup>th</sup> Annual OCMC Ladies' Tournament

Chairmen: Franky Pettolina & Amanda Shick  
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Awards Banquet: August 3, 6:30 p.m.

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### 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Canyon Kick Off

Chairmen: Bill Regan & Annette Cropper  
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Awards Banquet: July 7, 6:30 p.m.

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Fishing Days: (2 of 3) Aug. 30, 31 & Sept. 1  
Awards Banquet: Sept. 1, 6:30 p.m.

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Fishing Days: (1 or 2 of 2) July 20 & 21  
Sunday Carnival & Awards: July 21, 5 - 8 p.m.

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### 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Challenge Cup

Chairman: Jon C. Duffie  
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Awards Banquet: Sept. 14 6:30 p.m.

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## Change of Plan!

**"Let's get up early and go flounder fishing!"**

My husband and I decided to jump in our boat on my day off and go fishing. The week before we did pretty well on flounder in the bay behind Assateague and decided to go back there and drift around the duck blinds (buoys 12 thru 14) to see if we could scare up some more keeper flounder. I had also read in the *Coastal Fisherman* online ([www.coastalfisherman.net](http://www.coastalfisherman.net)) that some black drum were caught on clams around the Verrazano (Assateague) Bridge. I had brought home a pint of salted clam and thought I'd like to give that a try. Anyway, that was the plan.

"What's the weather going to be like honey?" I asked my husband, so I could dress appropriately. He replied, "77 degrees high and wind is

supposed to be 10-15 from the south. Chance of rain."

So, I throw on a pair of light-weight capris, a light-weight, long sleeve fishing shirt with a short sleeve t-shirt underneath in case it got hot and my light-weight rain coat. My husband, Bob, comes out with a pair of shorts and a long sleeve fishing shirt and a light raincoat. We're dressed for a warm day but prepared for a little rain.

We get to the Commercial Boat Ramp and it's kind of chilly, but it's only a little after 6:00 AM so I figure it will get warmer in an hour or so. I grab Bob's extra windbreaker that was lying in the truck and threw it in the boat "just in case".

It's low tide and still going out. We cut the corner and ride back behind Assateague and the water is dirty and getting dirtier. Not one single boat is drifting anywhere. Last week, there were several boats fishing there first

thing in the morning. (This was not a good sign.) This is when you have to make a decision. The tide will be slack in 20 minutes or so. Do you waste your time and try a spot that doesn't look so good? No! "Let's try the Thorofare. I know they caught some there early yesterday morning!"

So we leave the dirty water behind Assateague and take a quick look at the inlet that is also dirty and no one is fishing there either and head towards the Route 50 Bridge. We see several boats fishing just south of the Bridge and I see someone sling a fish in the boat. (OK, that's a good sign when you see several boats in one spot and someone catch a fish! Especially after it's been blowing hard for several days.) We ride under the draw and my husband comments that the water is pretty clean looking here. So we drop down and he catches a keeper flounder immediately. OK, the day is young and hopefully we'll catch several more. I see a boat close to the bridge jigging their rods up and down and they are catching bluefish after bluefish. (Wow! That looks like fun!)

My husband catches a blue on his flounder rig, and I try casting my flounder rig towards a boil in the water and hook one too. My husband says if you want to catch bluefish, put on a lead head and Gulp or a bucktail jig. The tide is totally slack low and we haven't had another flounder bite, so I go looking though my tackle. We have three old bucktails and a pack of 1/4 ounce lead heads with us. That's it on jigs. I do have a couple packs of four inch swimming mullet Gulp. I would rather have had some 3/8 or 1/2 ounce lead heads and more bucktails in the 1/2 to 3/4 ounce range. But we had to use what we had! I rigged up a lead head in a hurry, straight to the Power Pro Slick line and slipped on a chartreuse Gulp. My husband moved the boat closer to the diving terns and sea gulls that were working the water right at the edge of the sand bar next to Bird Island (The big island just north of the Route 50 Bridge). You could see the bluefish churning under the birds. I casted and had a hit and the bluefish bit my lead head off. My husband got one in, and then lost his bucktail jig. OK! Time to take a short break and tie on

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some 30-pound Fluorocarbon leader to the Power Pro with a Uni-knot to tie two lines together. Power Pro is great but abrasion resistant it is not! It's always best to tie in some leader material of some sort. (Hint: We didn't need Fluorocarbon for blues. Any monofilament leader material would have worked, but that's what I had in my box.)

The leader material worked better and we caught several more bluefish before the birds disappeared. (We still had a couple bite offs, but I hate to use a metal leader. Sometimes blues will shy away from that.)

"Let's go to the Thorofare and see if there's any flounder. The tide was starting to come in and I knew there was a "bite" there the day before. It had gotten colder and the sun was hiding behind the clouds. It even rained for about 20-minutes while we were catching some blues. Our teeth were chattering and we were making comments about the weatherman and what we'd like to do to him. I had my husband's XXL extra windbreaker on looked like a "rag-a-muffin". We both were shivering. (Next time, we're going to throw a couple sweatshirts under the console no matter what the weather report is!!!!) We saw several people out on the water with shorts on looking cold, so we weren't alone!

So we go to the Thorofare, and can't even get a bite. We're freezing and the fish aren't biting. "Let's go back and see if we can catch some more bluefish!"

So we go back to Bird Island and the birds are diving and going crazy. Another boat is there casting and catching. We immediately start catching blues and hickory shad, one after another. At least we were warmer catching fish! We kept half a dozen and released the rest. (Bluefish in the one to three pound range are excellent to eat if you cut out all the dark meat and bake it with your favorite sauce!) By the time six other boats found the action, the place got crowded. One boat decided to anchor. (Not nice when everyone else is drifting!)

So, we had caught and released over 50 blues and shad and wound up having a ball except for being cold! We had planned to flounder fish, but quickly changed the plan to catch

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fish that were biting! Next time we go out, we're going to have more casting jigs in the box just in case!

The wind came up even more, and the birds were disappearing. The reason it had gotten so cold was because the wind was from the southeast, not the south. An east wind seems to bring the blues into the bay. It also makes the air cooler as the ocean water temperatures were still in the 50's. Brrrr...

Lesson learned? Be more prepared and have more casting heads and bucktails on the boat! (Here I was an owner of a tackle store, and didn't have enough tackle in the boat!) Always keep an open mind, and switch to something else if the fish you are targeting aren't biting. Watch other boats and see what they are catching and where they are fishing, but please don't get in their way! And always carry an extra jacket or sweatshirt in the boat, especially in the spring!

Good fishing...

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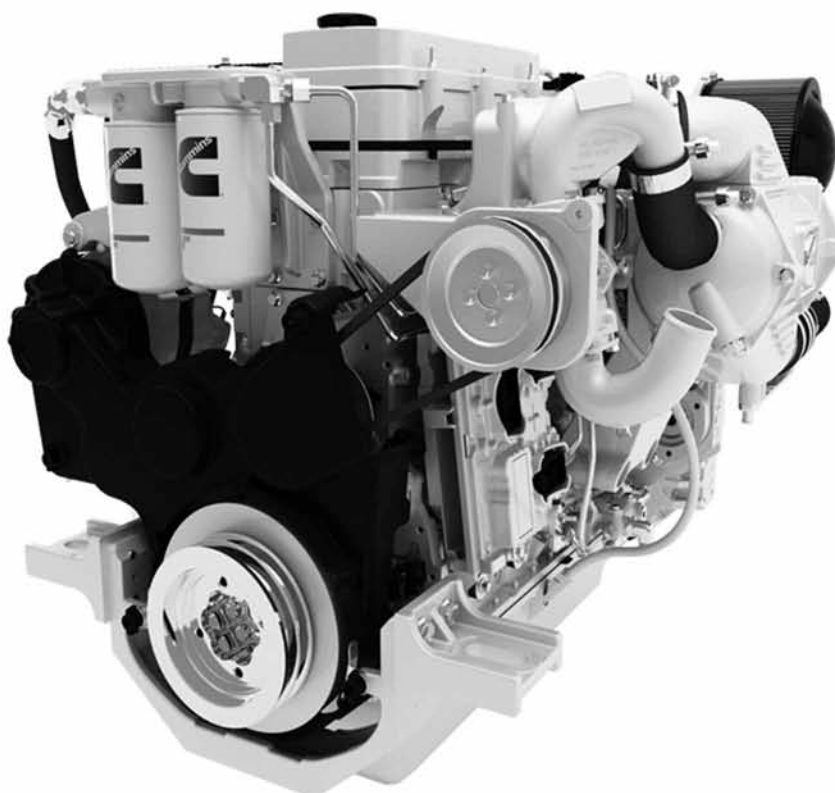


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The Del-Jersey-Land Reef produced this interesting combination for angler Wesley Bernard. Wesley caught a flounder and a cod, each weighing 4 lbs. 3 oz., while fishing with clams on the "Dana Lynn". Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.


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Sharon and Stephen King from Aberdeen, MD had a frighteningly good day, landing their limit of bluefish and an 18-inch flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Ocean City Guide Service" with Capt. John Prather. All of the fish were caught on spec rigs and Gulp! artificial baits on the north end of the East Channel. Pictured at Castaway's Campground.

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Karen and Brad Richwine from Williams Grove, PA were drifting in the Thorofare when they caught this pair of flounder on Gulp! Swimming Mulletts. The fish measured 18 and 23 1/2-inches. Pictured at Bahia Marina.



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Matt Kelly landed this 24-inch flounder while drifting live minnows in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport. Matt was fishing on the "Thrillseeker" with Larry Golden.



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Myra and Hugh Thomas Cropper of West Ocean City, MD joined their dad, Hugh Cropper for a morning of surf fishing off the beach on Assateague Island, where they landed 3 stripers, a black drum and a kingfish. All of the fish were caught on fresh bunker and the largest linesider measured 42-inches and weighed 22 lbs.



Danielle Blanchard from Buck's Place caught this 16-inch flounder in the West Channel on a Gulp! and minnow combination.

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Will Bradley from Wilmington, DE and Ayden and David Wiley from Arlington, VA brought home some sea bass for dinner after fishing on the head boat, "Judy V." with Capt. Roger Meekins. Pictured back at the dock at the Indian River Marina.

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Ron Capone from Milford, DE caught this 37-inch striper on a chunk of clam while surfcasting off Fenwick Island. Ron weighed the 15 pounder on the scale at Bill's Sport Shop.

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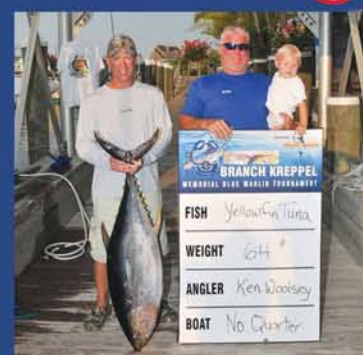
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# Delaware Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



Like it has been all spring, anglers were hampered by windy weather almost every day last week making it uncomfortable in the bay and downright snotty in the ocean.

Bert at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina reported a slow flounder bite in the Indian River Inlet, although a whopper was caught on Wednesday when Phillip Chandler landed an 11 lb. 5 oz. doormat while drifting live minnows. Other than that, it was pretty slow for flounder fishermen.

Anglers in the Indian River Inlet did experience a good nighttime striper bite around the South Jetty. There are a lot of Hickory shad in the Inlet, so there's no doubt the linesiders are in there having a feast. Those landing larger stripers are having luck tossing bucktails or livelining shad and eels around the rocks or just outside the Inlet.

We have definitely seen more trout caught this year, and on Sunday a nice 5 pounder was caught in the Inlet by an angler casting a Swim shad.

Bert said that there were a few bluefish blitzes throughout the week for anglers fishing with metal jigs.

Surfcaster off the beaches in Delaware are finding a mix



**J.T. Compton, age 13, landed this 252 lb. thresher shark while fishing on the charter boat, "MEGA BITE" with Kevin Compton, Brendan Sullivan and Capt. Tom Murphy. The thresher made the mistake of eating a bluefish fillet in 55.5 degree water at the Fingers. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.**

of kingfish, spot, croaker, blowfish, sharks, skates and stingrays. They are landing an occasional striper, but the absence of bluefish has been noticeable.

Windy weather made it difficult for anglers to get to their favorite inshore haunts in search of sea bass last week. The headboat "Judy V." did have an action packed day on Saturday, although most of the

fish were too small to keep. The charter boat, "Capt. Ike II", did have a good day on Saturday, but had to run 30 miles offshore to find some keeper fish.

At Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, Mike Behney mentioned that there have been a lot of throwback tautog caught off the pier at Massey's Landing and the flounder bite there has been pretty steady for anglers fishing with spec rigs tipped with Gulp! artificial baits.

Mike spent some time last week fishing from the surf off Cape Henlopen and he said the suds were loaded with kingfish. He had over 30 fish in just 2 hours. Fishbite bloodworms and crab flavored strips were deadly.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said the season's first mako hit their dock last week. Wes and Shane Olson and Barney

Gallagher were drifting in 59 degree water at the tip of the Baltimore Canyon when they boated the 85 pounder (*Coastal Fisherman* has a 100 lb. minimum for shark pictures). Joe noted a few other blackeyes came from inshore.

Shark fishermen also encountered threshers on twenty fathom structure around the Fingers. Captain Ed Sigda and the guys aboard the "Snow Goose" released a whopper thresher while drifting in Massey's Canyon on Friday. After an hour long battle, they put a tag in the fish at boatside, where its fork length measured over 8 feet. The weight was estimated between 400 and 500 pounds. In addition, they released 16 blue sharks.

Ocean bottom bouncers picked at sea bass on Reef Site 11 and around the Radford and Poole wrecks in the Del-Jersey-Land reef site. John Mattson and friends fished with Captain Carey aboard the "Grizzly" on Monday, and put a mix of 121 keeper bass, ling and cod in the box. On Monday, anglers aboard "Katydid" worked the reefs for 114 bass, including Lou Pennella's 4.7 pound knothead, 99 ling, a bucket of big bergalls, and a pair of codfish. Captain Brent Wiest decked the heaviest cod, which weighed 22.7 pounds.

Cod have staged a comeback off Delaware's coast the past couple seasons, and it's pretty cool seeing impressive specimens like that once again. Wesley Bernard was fishing at the Del-Jersey-Land reef site on the "Dana Lynn" when he had the uncommon duo of a 4.2 pound cod and a 4.2 pound flounder.

Offshore bottom fishing was good. The boys on "Candy's Reel Choice" deep dropped in the Baltimore Canyon on Friday for an assortment of 15 golden tilefish weighing up to 30 pounds, plus rosefish, ling and sea bass.

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<b>Tautog</b> 	January 1, 2013 Mike Acito "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	January 1, 2012 John Murter "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	<b>White Marlin</b> 	None Reported	May 27, 2012 Grant Clubb "Chain Reaction II" Baltimore Canyon
<b>Striped Bass</b> 	January 1, 2013 Charlie Sitskorn "Slack Grabber" Little Fenwick	January 1, 2012 Josh Fallon "Patty Wagon II" Little Gull	<b>Blue Marlin</b> 	None Reported	May 28, 2012 John Elmes "Reel Desire" Washington Canyon
<b>Weakfish</b> 	April 28, 2013 Joel Robinson Lewes Beach	May 12, 2012 Adam Ford Broadkill Beach	<b>Bluefin Tuna</b> 	May 12, 2013 Chris Gaba "Hook'n Up" Baltimore Canyon	April 29, 2012 Mike Sears "Wrangler" Baltimore Canyon
<b>Flounder</b> 	April 1, 2013 Kevin Weber "Patty Wagon" Sinepuxent Bay	April 14, 2012 Aric Gilley "Martini Time" Thorofare	<b>Yellowfin Tuna</b> 	May 17, 2013 Kenny Twilley "Muff Diver" Baltimore Canyon	May 11, 2012 Eric Myers "Foolish Pleasures" Baltimore Canyon
<b>Bluefish</b> 	April 21, 2013 Noah Graulich Cape Henlopen State Park	May 13, 2012 Big Bird Cropper Rt. 50 Bridge	<b>Longfin Tuna</b> 	None Reported	None Reported
<b>Black Drum</b> 	April 11, 2013 Bill Powell Assateague Surf	April 20, 2012 Lennie Foxwell Assateague Surf	<b>Bigeye Tuna</b> 	None Reported	June 9, 2012 Matt Boomer "Four Eights" Wilmington Canyon
<b>Sheepshead</b> 	None Reported	May 26, 2012 Robert Reno "Stroker" African Queen	<b>Dolphin</b> 	None Reported	May 1, 2012 Eric Polansky "Always Late Too" Baltimore Canyon
<b>Thresher Shark</b> 	May 26, 2013 Charlie Lutes "Shark Killer" Fingers	May 26, 2012 Baron Daiker "Tuna Tango" Fingers	<b>Wahoo</b> 	None Reported	May 27, 2012 Michael Willis "Karen Leigh" Baltimore Canyon

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**Delaware report, cont'd.**

Back inshore, black drum action was holding up well in the Delaware Bay. Kevin Parker pulled in a 69.2 pound drum he battled on light spinning gear at the Coral Beds. Brandon Jackson brought in a 58.1 pound boomer. Zach Jackson got one weighing 52.5 pounds. Captain Brian's anglers aboard the "Lil' Angler II" had good drumming Sunday evening. They returned with four fish, including P.J. Sneeringer's 73 pounder and a 57 pounder for Tara Wiker. Sophie Gressens came all the way from France to catch her first black drum. She's an exchange student who celebrated graduation by boating the 50.1 pound citation earner aboard the "Fish Hawk". A good drum bite developed northeast of Brandywine. Captain Carey had a one person charter there Friday evening aboard the "Grizzly", and reported that his angler was busy fighting fish the whole time. Wild man Jim Weidman reeled in 14 drum himself during a crazy bite. Jim kept one for the table and released all the others. Wayne Wilson and friends set up east of number 14 Buoy on Saturday afternoon and caught 10 drum weighing up to 70 pounds.

The return of weakfish

continues to please Delaware Bay fishermen. Nice trout have been taken by those casting lures around the submerged Roosevelt jetties, the Ferry Wall and Inner Wall. Soft baits such as Gulp!, Bass Assassins and Fin-S-Fish have been effective. Jeff Purdy was tossing a paddletail worm on a red jighead at the Ferry Wall when he connected with a 5.6 pound sea trout. Not to be outdone, Jeff's dad, Vince Purdy, caught a 5.3 pound weakie and a 1.9 pound speckled trout there the next day. Those fish also fell for the red jighead and purple paddletail combo. Glenn Barrett was reeling in a spot he hooked while fishing from the Cape Henlopen Pier when it was inhaled by a 3.5 pound gray trout.

Other bottom bouncers in the Bay and along Lewes Beach and the ocean surf reported increasing numbers of croakers, kingfish, blowfish and spot. Pieces of bloodworm or Fishbites on small hooks did the trick on the tasty panfish.

Anglers throwing plugs around the Outer Wall at night got into stripers. Stripers in the 18 to 25 inch range were taken from Lewes Canal by those bottom fishing with clams or cut bait.

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This 22-inch flounder was slayed by Steven Silvestro from Emerson, NJ while tossing a Storm lure off the Rt. 50 Bridge. Photo courtesy of Talbot Street Bait & Tackle.



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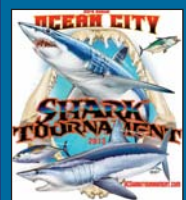
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# Ship Shape

—by Capt. Steve Katz



## Shore Power – Be Sure

Many of today's boats have a shore power electrical system providing the convenience of household power when onboard. This is comprised of a power cord supplying Alternating Current (AC) power from land to the boat. This could be a simple, lightly loaded circuit to recharge the batteries or heavily loaded circuits operating on-board systems such as HVAC, cooking, hot water, lighting, ice makers, bait freezers and more. The AC power system complements the Direct Current (DC) power system and batteries, commonly 12 volt, 24 volt or both. Unlike a home, many boats have two electrical systems that require special attention when operating, modifying or repairing. There are also overlapping usage of wire colors between the DC and AC systems that can confuse even experienced technicians. This week I want to talk about three aspects of shore power - safety, improvements and procedures.

### SAFETY

It is almost impossible to buy a new hair dryer that does not come with a giant warning label that tells you not to use it while in the bathtub or around a wet environment. Boats are definitely a wet environment, although safety warnings on shore power systems are not as prominent or followed as they should be. A GFCI - Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter outlet has been popular in homes for years and is included in the American Boat Yacht Council (ABYC) standards for certain areas on boats. Similarly, for over 30 years, European marinas have had ground fault devices (RCBO) built-into the

dockside power supply. Here in the United States, we have taken a slightly different approach in recent ABYC standards requiring a ground fault device (ELCI) on-board the boat, close to the shore power inlet connection. Both of the above methods provide ground fault protection for the entire boat - a great safety upgrade for existing boats. For those interested, a GFCI outlet provides a 5mA ground fault protection to an individual circuit where an ELCI provides a 30mA ground fault protection to the whole boat.

The reverse polarity indicator on the main electrical panel provides an indication that there is a problem with power supplied to the boat, possibly with the power cord, dock wiring, etc. The reverse polarity light/alarm, required to meet ABCY standards, indicates the reversal of the ungrounded (black) and the grounded (white) conductors. Connecting your boat to an improperly wired shore-power system can create potentially harmful conditions for personnel as well as creating damaging galvanic currents. An isolation transformer can eliminate this possibility and does not require a reverse polarity light/alarm.

Bonding (the electrical interconnection of many on-board metal components such as tanks, engines, railings, and fittings) may seem like a corrosion topic, but it is also part of the safety system for AC power. Do not confuse the green AC safety grounded wire with the green bonding wire. They are different systems with different wire gauge requirements but are interconnected on-board. This bonding can provide a path for an erroneous "hot" electrical current that will trip the breaker and stop the flow of

electricity. Without this bonding, the breaker may not trip and the energized metal object could shock (electrocute) a person who touches the object and a ground.

This green wire in the shore power cord is very critical and should never be compromised. If the shore power cord green wire is not properly connected on land, an on-board fault could result in AC electrical current entering the seawater and possibly electrocuting anyone in the water near the boat. While this may be more lethal in freshwater, it is a danger in saltwater as well. Unlike residential wiring, the green and white wire are only connected together at the source of power, which is commonly on land at the dock (or on-board generator); this is to allow dangerous current on the green wire to leave the boat and enter the shore based ground system.

### IMPROVEMENTS

If you are in the market to replace or upgrade your shore power cord (the popular twist-lock style cords were invented by Harvey Hubbell III in 1938), you might want to investigate some new styles of shore power connections that are reportedly easier to



connect/disconnect and/or increases our safety. The SmartPlug and Easily Engaged Lock, (EEL) are improvements in the traditional shore power connections. According to the manufacturers, "The SmartPlug is a revolutionary shore power system designed to replace the outdated and problematic twist-type design in use today. It's intuitive to use and provides greater

protection against loose connections and corrosion - the leading causes of shore power failure and fires".

EEL ShorePower™ Marincos new, patented locking system eliminates the need for the traditional locking ring, creates a watertight seal every time, and ensures a safer boating experience. While the EEL is compatible with existing inlets, the Smartplug requires a new matching inlet.



### PROCEDURE

ABYC recommends the following safety procedure when connecting or disconnecting a shore power cord:

- 1) Turn off the boat's shore power connection switch before connecting or disconnecting the shore power cable.
- (2) Connect shore power cable at the boat first.
- (3) If polarity - warning indicator is activated, immediately disconnect cable.
- (4) Disconnect shore power cable at shore outlet first.
- (5) Close shore power inlet cover tightly

Shore power is nothing to take for granted. Check your shore power cords often, looking for corroded or burned connectors and monitor your electrical panel for abnormal conditions. Your boat will run better and you will create a safer environment for everyone.

*Captain Steve Katz is owner of Steve's Marine Service serving Annapolis and Ocean City, MD.*













Brandon Jackson (bottom) caught a 58.1 lb. black drum and Zach Jackson (top) boated a 52.5 pounder, both while fishing with clams on the “Local Girl” at the Coral Beds. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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# Chum Lines

—by Capt. Mark Sampson



At the end of the canal behind my West Ocean City home, there's a fifty-foot stretch of shallow water that ends in a little bit of marsh where I'm often fascinated by what I see crawling, swimming or walking in the water that is usually less than a foot deep. Minnows, mullet, menhaden and toadfish, blue, hermit, fiddler and horseshoe crabs, snails, muskrats, turtles, a neighbor's Labrador retriever and all kinds of birds. I just never know what to expect, and observing from the higher elevation of my house gives me the opportunity to watch the critters do their thing without spooking them off to deeper water.

Last October, on a particularly warm afternoon, I happened to look at that little patch of water and saw a foot long silvery fish holding motionless in about eight inches of water. I mentioned to my wife, "If I didn't know better I'd swear that's a barracuda." Grabbing the set of binoculars that we keep in the kitchen for such occasions, I zoomed-in on the fish and quickly realized that indeed we had a barracuda in the backyard, just soaking up the sun and waiting for a minnow! During the summer months we'll sometimes

encounter a barracuda or two offshore, but that was the first time I've ever seen one in the bay and I remember thinking at the time, "OK little cuda, it's October and you'd better get your tail wiggling south because you're not going to like it around here in a few weeks."

Every year local anglers catch or encounter fish that they either have absolutely no idea what they are looking at, or as with my barracuda, just baffle us as to why they are here. Whether such fish are observed in the bottom of a minnow trap, on the end of a fishing line, swimming around a dock or free-jumping many miles offshore, they're always a surprise and they highlight the fact that there are no fences in the ocean and it's inhabitants can and will go as they please. The following is a short list of fish that for one reason or the other "seem" as if they shouldn't be here but sometimes are:

Anyone who has bottom-fished down in Florida has surely encountered at least some of the various species of grouper, snapper and grunts. In fact, those fish can be somewhat common as far north as Virginia. But once you get above the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay, catching one becomes a very rare event.

A few years ago, while bottom fishing on the 1st Lump, we caught a 6-inch black grouper. Another time, while diving on one of the Fenwick Shoal wrecks, I peered into a section of the structure only to see a 50-pound cubera snapper staring back at me. A little more common than snapper or grouper are grunts, which we seem to catch a half dozen of every year while bottom fishing in the late summer.



There are many species of butterfly fish around the world and all are tropical, but it's not too uncommon for Delmarva anglers to find them in their spot or minnow taps. These beautiful fish are sometimes marked by bands of bright orange or yellow and often have a large black spot toward their tail. Anglers will usually recognize these 3 to 5-inch fish as something they've seen swimming in aquariums more so than in their bait traps. Lookdowns are another tropical species that are caught in traps or sometimes by anglers using small hooks to catch spot. Lookdowns are a very silvery fish with a tall but narrow body. They have a very flattened head that looks as if they ran into a wall, and with their mouth at the very

bottom of the head and their eyes much higher up it appears as if they are always "looking-down" - hence the name.

Delmarva anglers are accustomed to catching the "northern pufferfish" which we affectionately refer to as "blowfish" or "blowtoads." But on very rare occasions someone lands a smoothback puffer or porcupine fish. Growing up to three feet in length, smoothbacks can be quite large and are mostly gray in color. Porcupine fish sport a brown and white camo pattern and are best known for their long porcupine-like spines that turn them into a pincushion when the fish is inflated. Both of these species are more at home in warm southern waters than they are up here in the mid-Atlantic.

Stargazers are actually quite common in these latitudes, but anglers catch them so infrequently that they are often a source of confusion. While they somewhat resemble a toadfish, stargazers have a more rounded body and a straight mouth on top of the head and their eyes appear to be looking up to the stars. Stargazers bury themselves in the bottom and ambush their prey as it swims over. The most interesting thing about these fish is that, like an electric eel, they can develop and deliver a charge through their head, something you won't see, but you might feel if you touch them between the eyes.

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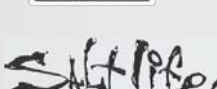
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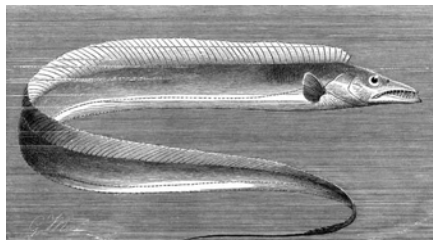
On Saturday, Patrick Snell caught this 126 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Blackjack" with Don Schline, Joey Collins, Capt. Eric Schline and mate John Adams. The mako ate a whole mackerel in 62-degree water at the Fingers and was weighed at Bahia Marina.

A couple years ago in late July we actually saw tarpon about five miles out on three different occasions. While these fish are no strangers to the Eastern shore, they are almost never seen north of the Virginia/Maryland line. The fish we saw were in schools of at least a dozen and looked to be roughly 5-foot long. Seeing them so close to our inlet and knowing that not too far south from here they're routinely caught inside the barrier Islands makes me wonder if someday they might take up residence in Ocean City's back-bay waters. Wouldn't that be a thrill for local anglers!



Take the head (and teeth) of a barracuda, the body of a long flat-bodied eel and cover it in aluminum foil and you've

got yourself a cutlassfish. Also known as a ribbonfish, these almost scary looking creatures are occasionally hooked by local anglers fishing offshore,



but in other areas they are also known to frequent inlet and bay waters. Cutlassfish will reach lengths of up to five feet but most will be considerable smaller than that. In the south they are commonly kept for use as a trolling bait for king mackerel but around here they usually just scare the bejeepers out of any who catches one. Cutlassfish are scary looking but harmless – unless you put your finger in their mouth!

*Captain Mark Sampson is an outdoor writer and captain of the charter boat "Fish Finder", docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.*



Ed "Greenie" Greene of the Ocean City Fishing Center was tossing a Rat-L-Trap around the South Jetty when he hooked this 40-inch striper on 10 lb. test at the end of the incoming morning tide. It took Greenie 20 minutes to get the big linesider to the boat. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



On Sunday, Joshua Blume of Berlin, MD muscled in a 22-inch flounder, while his sister Emily captured a snapper bluefish, both while drifting minnows in the East Channel. The anglers were fishing with their parents, Cathy and Capt. Luke Blume.

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Blue Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size	Mako *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Cobia	44"	-	Thresher *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"	Tiger *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"	Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Golden Tilefish	28"	35 lbs. or 40"	Tuna:		
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"	Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lbs. or 32"
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Red Drum *	Any Size	45"	Bigeye ***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"
Sailfish *	Any Size	-	Bluefin ***	60"	100 lbs. or 60"
Seabass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	Yellowfin ***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	Wahoo	60"	35 lbs. or 40"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"	Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"
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Bo Wilkinson muscled in this 46-inch striped bass while surf fishing at 3R's Road near the Indian River Inlet. The fish was estimated to weigh 30 lbs. and was caught on a chunk of fresh bunker.



Junior angler, Karley Knotts caught her first black drum in the Delaware Bay while fishing on the "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest. The fish was hooked on a surf clam and weighed 36.1 lbs. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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*"When fishing for black drum, it is important to remember that they are predominantly bottom feeders, and that is where your bait needs to be. Here are some tips for keeping your bait on the bottom in heavy current like we see in the Delaware Bay."*

**TIP #1** - As the current picks up, shorten your leader. I have at times gotten as short as 8 inches. Most pre-package drum rigs are 36 inches, so don't be afraid to cut them down, or better yet learn to snell your own.

**TIP #2** - This year we are using flat bank sinkers to keep the sinker from rolling in the heavy current. When your baits are not pinned to the bottom and are walking away (rolling sinker) with the current, the bait comes off the bottom just like if you had a long leader. If you don't have flat sinkers and your baits start walking, go up in weight.

**TIP #3** - Fish with the rods in the holders and leave slack in the line to counter the rocking motion of the boat. Fishing this way also allows the drum to swim off with the bait and not feel any resistance, letting the circle hook do its job."

*Capt. Brian*



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# DINING ON DELMARVA

## The Galley

—by Mama Jock



### Baked Flounder with New Potatoes

1 1/4 lbs. new potatoes,  
cut into 1/2 inch pieces  
2 TBSP. extra-virgin olive  
oil  
3 tsp. chopped fresh  
thyme  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
Cooking spray  
2 cups cherry tomatoes  
1/4 cup pitted kalamata  
olives  
2 TBSP. capers, drained  
3 cloves garlic, smashed  
1/4 cup white balsamic  
vinegar or white wine  
4 flounder fillets

Preheat oven to 400

degrees.

Toss the potatoes with 1 TBSP. olive oil, 1 tsp. thyme, salt and pepper to taste in a bowl.

Coat a trimmed baking sheet with cooking spray; add the potatoes and spread in an even layer.

Roast until browned and crisp, tossing halfway through, about 35 minutes.

Toss the tomatoes, olives, capers and garlic with 1 tsp. olive oil, 2 TBSP. vinegar and 1 tsp. thyme in a bowl.

Coat another baking sheet with cooking spray; add the tomato mixture and spread in an even layer.

Roast until softened, 15 minutes.

Mix the remaining 2 tsp. olive oil and 1 tsp. thyme, 2 TBSP. vinegar, salt and pepper to taste in a bowl; brush on fish.

Place the fillets on top of the roasted tomato mixture and return to the oven for about 10 minutes.

Divide among plates and serve with the potatoes.

Serves 4.

### Grilled Soft Shell Crabs

12 soft shell crabs

Marinade:

1 cup salad oil  
2 TBSP. white vinegar  
1 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. tarragon leaves  
1 tsp. lemon-pepper  
seasoning  
1 tsp. lemon juice  
1/8 tsp. garlic powder

Mix ingredients together.

Let stand several hours at room temperature to let the flavors blend before using.

Makes 1 cup.

Liberally baste bottom side of crabs with marinade and carefully place, bottom-side down, on barbecue grill.

Grill over slow fire, at least 12 inches from coals for 5 minutes.

Liberally baste top of crabs with marinade, turn carefully, and grill 5 more minutes.

Serves 6.

### Panko Crusted Tautog with Garlic/Lemon Sauce

4 tautog fillets  
1 cup flour  
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1/2 cup olive oil

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3 TBSP. butter  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1/2 lemon, juiced

Place flour and dash of cayenne in a pie plate; dredge the fillets on both sides, shaking off excess.

In another dish, place beaten eggs mixed with a small amount of water, mixing well.

Place fillets in egg wash, then coat with the panko bread crumbs.

Heat olive oil in a large frying pan until it just begins to smoke.

Fry fish for 3-4 minutes, depending on thickness or until golden brown on both sides.

Drain on paper towels.

In a separate pan melt the butter, saute the garlic until lightly golden and add juice of the lemon to taste.

Add the cooked fillets to the butter mixture, lightly

coating each side.  
Serve with wild rice.  
Serves 4.

## Shrimp with Feta and Dill

1 1/2 tsp. olive oil  
1 large onion, chopped  
1/2 cup dry white wine  
3 large garlic cloves, minced  
1 (14 oz.) can fire-roasted diced tomatoes  
1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes  
1 lb large shrimp, peeled and deveined  
1/4 cup feta, crumbled  
1/4 cup fresh chopped dill  
2 cups cooked brown rice

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

Add onion; cook, stirring frequently, until golden brown, about 5 minutes.

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Charlie Donohue from Philadelphia, PA caught this 19-inch flounder on a chartreuse Gulp! Swimming Mullet while drifting in the Thorofare. The fish weighed 2 lbs. 4 oz. on the scale at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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## The Galley, cont'd.

Stir in wine and garlic; simmer 1 minute.

Add tomatoes and pepper flakes; bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 3 minutes.

Add shrimp; simmer over medium-low heat, stirring often, until shrimp are just opaque in center, about 4 minutes.

Remove from heat. Stir in feta and dill and let stand until feta softens slightly.

Spoon 1/2 cup rice onto plates and top evenly with shrimp and sauce.

Serves 4.

## Flounder with Creamy Spinach Sauce

6 flounder fillets

6 TBSP. butter

4 TBSP. flour

1 box frozen chopped

spinach, thawed and well drained

Salt and pepper, to taste

1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg

1 TBSP. garlic, minced

1/4 cup onion, minced

1 1/4 cup plain greek

yogurt

1 bunch scallions, thinly sliced

1/4 cup parmesan cheese, grated

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

In a large saucepan, melt the butter.

Whisk in the flour; cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until smooth.

Reduce heat; stir in spinach, salt, pepper, nutmeg, garlic and onion.

Stir and cook just until heated.

Remove from heat and gradually stir in yogurt.

Grease a baking pan with



Early last week, Hix, Hix Sr., and Alicia Gilbert teamed up to release 2 thresher sharks and 7 blue sharks while fishing with whole mackerel outside the Fingers, north of the San Gil.



Employing the "Lewes Harbour Stretch", anglers Johnny Coffey, Jimmy Coffey and Dillin Bennett show off the nice striped bass caught while fishing on the charter boat, "Gale Force" in the Indian River Inlet. The fish were hooked on white bucktails tipped with white worms. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.

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Back in May when the Delaware tautog season was open, Terry Murray put together a great catch of tog, weighing up to 6 lbs., and a 21-inch striper. All were caught at the Outer Wall on green crabs and minnows. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.

olive oil.

Spoon in the spinach mixture.

Place the fillets over the spinach and sprinkle with salt and pepper, to taste.

Place the scallions on top and sprinkle with the parmesan cheese.

Bake for 15-25 minutes.

Serves 6.

1 TBSP. prepared mustard  
1/2 tsp. salt

Preheat oven 325 degrees.

In medium size skillet, cook carrot in butter until tender.

Add onions, dill weed and basil; cook 1 minute.

Remove from heat; gently stir in crab meat.

Spoon into shell.

Beat remaining ingredients and pour over crab mixture.

Bake on bottom rack of preheated oven for 50 to 55 minutes until knife inserted near center comes out clean.

Let stand 15 minutes.

Serves 6.

## Deep-Dish Crab Pie

1/2 cup finely chopped carrot

2 TBSP. butter

1/4 cup sliced green onions

1 tsp. dill weed

1 tsp. basil

1 lb. crab meat

1 unbaked pie shell in 10-inch quiche pan

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3 garlic cloves, minced  
1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes  
1 (14 oz.) can Italian peeled tomatoes  
1/4 tsp. salt  
3 TBSP. prepared pesto  
Grated zest of one lemon  
10 pitted black olives, chopped (not cured in oil)

Cook linguini according to package instruction, omitting salt, and adding asparagus during last minute of cooking.

Drain and keep warm.

Heat 1 tsp. oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat.

Add shrimp, garlic, and pepper flakes; cook, stirring frequently, just until shrimp turn pink.

Transfer to plate.

Serves 4.

## Grilled Calamari and Orzo Salad

1/2 cup whole wheat pasta  
1 lb. fresh calamari  
2 tsp. olive oil  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
1 pint grape tomatoes, halved  
1 (7 oz.) jar roasted red bell peppers, thinly sliced (not oil packed)  
1/4 cup scallions, sliced  
1 TBSP. capers, rinsed and drained  
Zest and juice of 1/2 lemon  
1/4 cup fresh parsley, chopped  
6 cups your choice of greens

Cook orzo according to package directions, omitting salt.

Drain and rinse under cold

running water; drain again and put into large bowl.

Prepare grill.

Toss calamari with 1 tsp. oil, 1/4 tsp. each salt and pepper.

Place in pan and grill, turning occasionally, until cooked through.

Cut calamari bodies into 1/2 inch thick rings and tentacles into small sections; add to bowl with orzo.

Add tomatoes through parsley, remaining salt and pepper and 1 tsp. olive oil; toss to combine.

Divide greens and top with calamari salad.

Serves 4.

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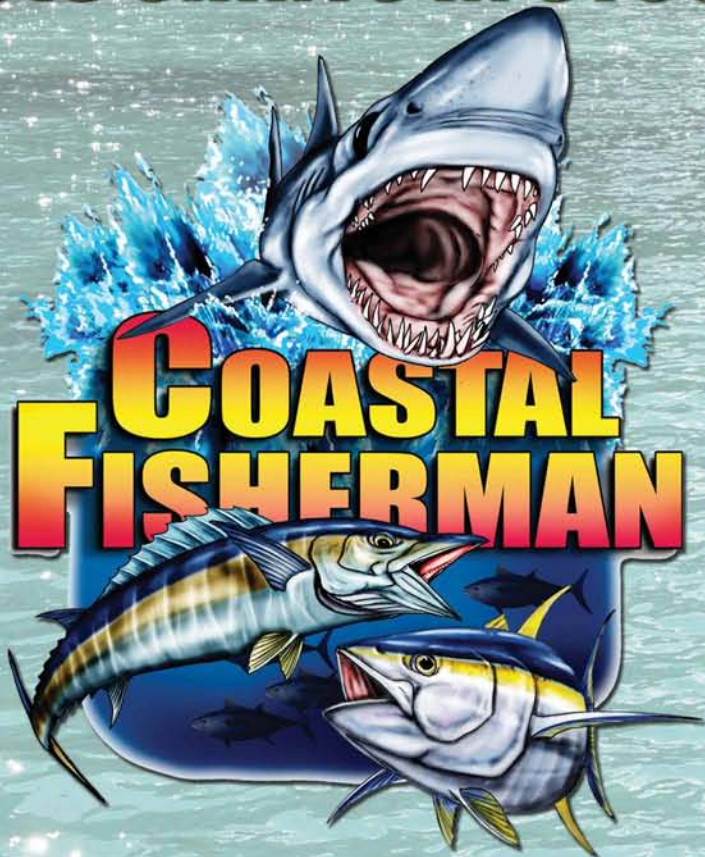
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## Heaviest Fish of the Year

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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
<b>Sea Bass</b> 	February 2, 2013 Jerry Thadenfelder "Morning Star" 5 lbs. 9 oz.	January 8, 2013 Mike Behney Cape May Rocks 5 lbs.	<b>Mako Shark</b> <i>100 lb. minimum</i> 	May 27, 2013 Collin Macomber "All In" 201 lbs.	No Weights Reported
<b>Tautog</b> 	February 6, 2013 Arthur Guido "Morning Star" 18 lbs. 6 oz.	May 10, 2013 Robbie Hummel Reef Site 11 14 lbs. 10 oz.	<b>Thresher Shark</b>  <b>NEW</b>	May 30, 2013 Brian Cavey Fingers 440 lbs.	<b>NEW</b> May 27, 2013 J.T. Compton "MEGA-BITE" 252 lbs.
<b>Striped Bass</b> 	May 24, 2013 Zach Goodrich South Jetty 38 lbs.	April 29, 2013 Steven Matarese, Jr. Collins Beach 37 lbs. 12 oz.	<b>Bluefin Tuna</b> 	May 17, 2013 Aaron McAdoo Baltimore Canyon 39 lbs. 8 oz.	May 12, 2013 Chris Gaba Baltimore Canyon 70 lbs.
<b>Weakfish</b> 	May 16, 2013 Kate Yarzutkina Assateague Bridge 9 lbs. 3 oz.	April 28, 2013 Joel Robinson Lewes Beach 7 lbs.	<b>Yellowfin Tuna</b> 	No Weights Reported	May 17, 2013 Mike Ransing Wilmington Canyon 60 lbs.
<b>Speckled Trout</b> 	April 28, 2013 <b>NEW</b> Big Bird Cropper Assateague Bridge 3 lbs. 8 oz.	June 1, 2013 Vince Purdy Ferry Wall 1 lb. 15 oz.	<b>Longfin Tuna</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
<b>Flounder</b> 	May 10, 2013 <b>NEW</b> Bob Ferguson Thorofare 6 lbs. 4 oz.	May 30, 2013 Phillip Chandler Indian River Inlet 11 lbs. 5 oz.	<b>Bigeye Tuna</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
<b>Bluefish</b> 	May 17, 2013 Dustin Dell Northside Park 11 lbs. 8 oz.	May 18, 2013 Chris Clifton Conquest Beach 9 lbs. 8 oz.	<b>Dolphin</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
<b>Sheepshead</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	<b>Wahoo</b> 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
<b>Golden Tilefish</b> 	May 18, 2013 Sam Gass "Reel Desire" 44 lbs.	No Weights Reported	<b>White Marlin</b> 	Most Releases in One Day  None Reported	None Reported

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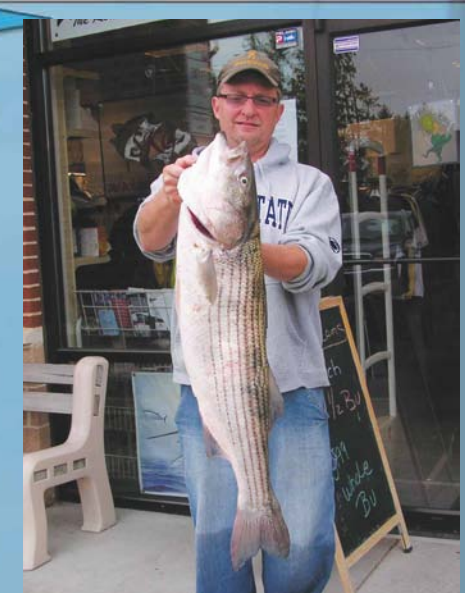
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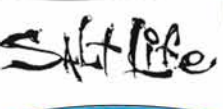





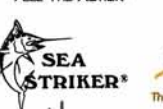

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# Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball  
I.G.F.A. Representative



The evolution of the summer fishing scene is on target, with most species providing action consistent with this time of year. But as usual, fishing is dependent on the weather, and with the recent drop in water temperatures, some of the action slowed. But expect the early summer development to be back on track with the warming trend last week.

Even with water temperatures fluctuating in the high sixties over the past week, Virginia was graced by the arrival of one of the most anticipated warm water residents, the stealthy cobia. Scattered hookups and confirmed sightings around the lower Bay are just the beginning as these fish continue to glide into local waters. Sheepshead are also making a low-key debut, as sporadic reports trickle in of incidental hook-ups by drum anglers, along with sightings of smallish fish around the bridge pilings along the CBBT.

Anglers continue to experience good drum action along the Eastern Shore side of the lower Bay. Although the action slowed up last week, huge red drum are still scavenging the shoals off Fisherman's Island and Nautilus Shoal, with more fish now showing on the Nine Foot Shoal near the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Blue crab is still the top bait. Black drum are still showing along the shoals near Buoys 10, 13, and 16 where chowder clams and sea clams are the top baits. Although we



**Jason Crouch, Anthony Taddio, Leon Miller and Craig Couch caught 6 flounder on minnow and Gulp! combinations while fishing out of Wachapreague, VA with Capt. Rodney Jones and mate Jon Little.**

are on the downward trend for these brutes on the shoals, they are still available for those willing to put in the time. Many big fish are already moving to the artificial islands of the CBBT, where they will remain for the season.

Flounder action is frustrating anglers in the Bay, with muddy conditions alternating with inconsistent

temperatures keeping the water less than optimal for these aggressive sight feeders. Most catches continue to come from the shallows on the Eastern Shore, such as the back waters of Wachapreague and Oyster, and within both Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets. Before the recent front, folks were having some luck around the small boat channel and near the bend at the 3rd Island of the Bay Bridge Tunnel, with some flatfish pushing to over 7-pounds. The flounder action should pick up once the water settles.

Speckled trout action is on the upswing lately, with most hot spots giving up consistent action with decent fish. Mobjack Bay, the Elizabeth River, and lower Bay inlets are some of the most productive locations. The

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best results are occurring on topwater lures cast in shallow water along drop-offs and flats. Good numbers of puppy drum and schoolie striper are still a good consolation prize in these same areas. Rudee Inlet has some decent specks around but anglers are having trouble accessing them since the invasion of the chopper bluefish inside Rudee. Huge bluefish continue to ravage baits and lures inside the inlet, with rumors of some fish pushing to close to 40-inches on the loose.

Spadefish are appearing on some inshore wrecks, as well as inside the Bay at York Spit Light, Wolftrap Light, the Cell and the CBBT, but the water is still too cold for the fish to take offerings. According to the folks at Ocean's East 2, some striped bass, ranging up to around 36-inches, continue to hit around the spines of the CBBT at first and last light.

Croaker are a favorite for pier anglers, but most hardheads were on the smaller size last week in the lower Bay. No one is complaining, since super-sized sea mullet are taking up the slack. Many of these roundheads are pushing to over a pound, with both bloodworms and squid getting the job done.

For those venturing to deeper water, keeper-sized sea bass are biting on many wrecks, with a few pushing to well over 5-pounds. The Triangle Wreck area is a popular sea bass destination this time of year. Further out, deep dropping is still a good choice. For those fishing on the bottom near the Norfolk Canyon, big tilefish, with a smattering of grouper, wreckfish and black bellied rosefish are providing good results. Big sea bass are also a welcome by-catch in these areas.

The offshore trolling scene should heat up soon as the pelagic fish head this way from the south. Carolina boats are still loading up with some nice yellowfin tuna and good numbers of big gaffer dolphin.

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# NEW FOR 2013

## The MDDNR is adding sharks to the landing card program

**Maryland Shark Landing Card**

TODAY'S DATE:    2013

SHARK TAG #: \_\_\_\_\_

HMS PERMIT #: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date:    2013

Species (see reverse for list): \_\_\_\_\_

Was this fish caught during a tournament? Yes / No

Tournament Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reporting Station: \_\_\_\_\_

Shark Tag #: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex (circle one): M / F

\* Fork Length (inches) \*\*Weight (lbs)

Complete this section if fishing from a vessel:

Vessel Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration # (State ID) \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Holders Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Trip Type: ☐ Charter / ☐ Private / ☐ Headboat

**NOTE:** Most sharks landed in Maryland must have a LANDING TAG affixed before removal from the vessel. Tags are available at all SHARK REPORTING STATIONS. To obtain a LANDING TAG, captains or operators of the permitted vessel, or licensed angler if fishing from shore, must complete and submit a landing card for every shark landed. For a complete list of sharks that you must report, please see the reverse side of this card.

This information collected is approved under OMB Control # 0648-0328 and expires on 04/30/2016

- SHARK SPECIES TO REPORT:**
- Atlantic Sharpnose • Blacknose • Blacktip • Blue • Bonnethead • Bull
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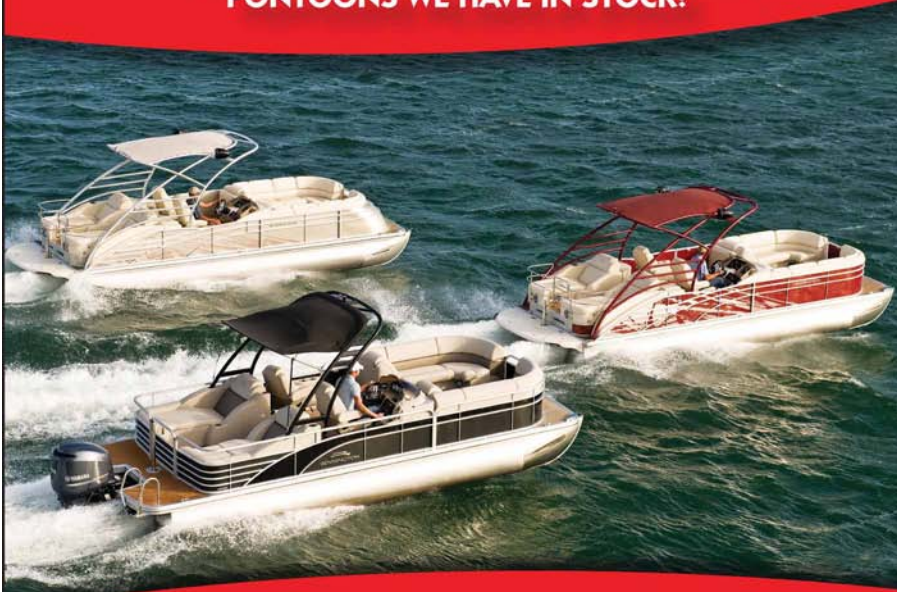
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Jennifer Albanese caught both of these flounder on shiners while fishing with her dad, Dominic, and her brother, John in the Indian River Bay. The pair each measured 20 1/2-inches and weighed 2 lbs. 13 oz. Weighed at Rick's Bait & Tackle.



Jill Bennish of Harrisburg, PA used a peeler crab to fool this 17 lb. striped bass while fishing from the beach on Assateague Island. Weighed at Buck's Place on Rt. 611.



Kevin Parker battled this 69.2 lb. black drum after hooking it on spinning tackle while fishing with clams at the Coral Beds in the Delaware Bay. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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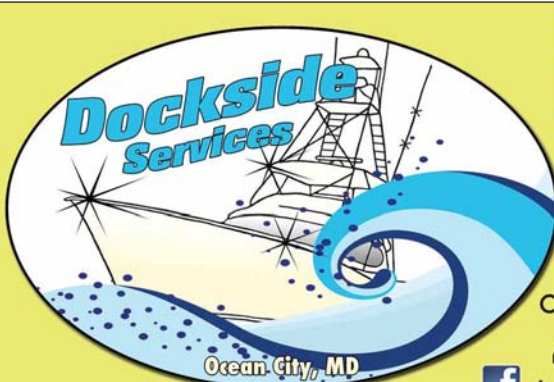
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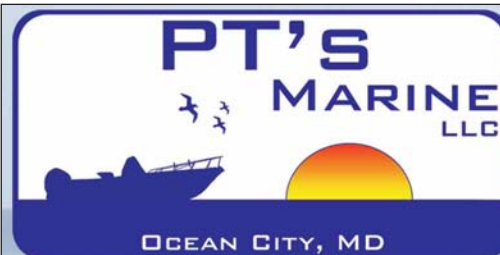
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Dawn Fox, Terry Tubman, Kermit Foxwell and Robert Shenton, all from Cambridge, MD, landed 5 flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Brian Behe. The fish, measuring between 17 and 19-inches, were caught on Gulp! Swimming Mulletts in 62-degree water in the Thorofare. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Buster Bair was liveling an eel from the rocks along the Indian River Inlet when he hooked into this 38-inch, 20 lb. striper. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



A few weeks ago, Angela Hein tagged and released this 12 lb. 8 oz. tautog during a trip on the head boat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Jake Shaffer.



Peter Hitchen and Tom Marks joined Capt. Aaron Hurd and mate Jim Coffiey on the charter boat, "Gale Force" for some striper fishing and returned to the Indian River Marina with their limit of 8 linesiders. The fish were caught on white bucktails tipped with white worms during the incoming tide in the Indian River Inlet. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em.



Don Gisewhite from Flemington, NJ and John Strother from District Heights, MD caught a couple of nice sea bass while fishing with clams on the head boat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Mike Kinder and Jake Shaffer. John's fish was the heaviest of the trip, weighing 3 lbs. 8 oz. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Mike Lawler, Rob Creamer, Mike York and Arthur York teamed up to land this 180 lb. thresher shark after hooking it on the south side of the Fingers. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



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Sun. June 9	Low 03:08 am Low 02:47 pm	High 09:06 am High 09:44 pm
Mon. June 10	Low 03:46 am Low 03:25 pm	High 09:47 am High 10:20 pm
Tues. June 11	Low 04:23 am Low 04:03 pm	High 10:28 am High 10:56 pm
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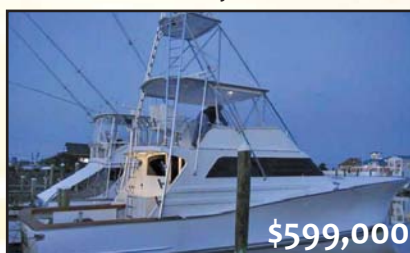
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