

In addition to the earliest white marlin being released in recent memory, another surprise catch on Sunday was the 190 lb. bigeye tuna landed by Josh Thompson from Pasadena, MD during an overnight trip aboard the "Over Billin" with Steve Wagner, Chad Muse, Tim Hargett and Capt. Tom Over. The bigeye, along with 3 yellowfins, were caught on Sunday morning in 200 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon where Capt. Tom found 67-degree water. According to Ocean City Marlin Club records, this is the earliest white marlin release since records were first kept in 1936. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





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Last Friday, Lee Shahan landed this 8 lb. flounder while drifting minnows in the Lewes Canal in front of Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Mike Smith from Middletown, DE muscled in this 17 lb. 3 oz. bluefish while tossing a bucktail in the Indian River Inlet. Mike was fishing with his nephew, Matt Hinton when the duo hooked 12 choppers, keeping 2 citation-size fish. Photo courtesy of Rick's Bait & Tackle.





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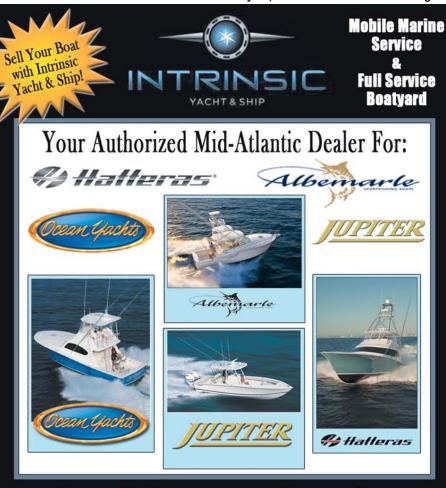
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Scott Bowden caught a 26 1/2-inch red drum and Mike Venarchick landed a black drum, both while fishing with peeler crabs from the beach on Assateague Island. Photo courtesy of Buck's





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Jim Willey, MIke Johnston and Chad Swiderski are all smiles after braving foggy conditions and snotty seas to land 9 yellowfin tuna, weighing up to 55 lbs., while fishing on the "Hellbent" in 90 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. They also caught a 100 lb. make during the trip. Water temperatures were between 63 and 65-degrees.









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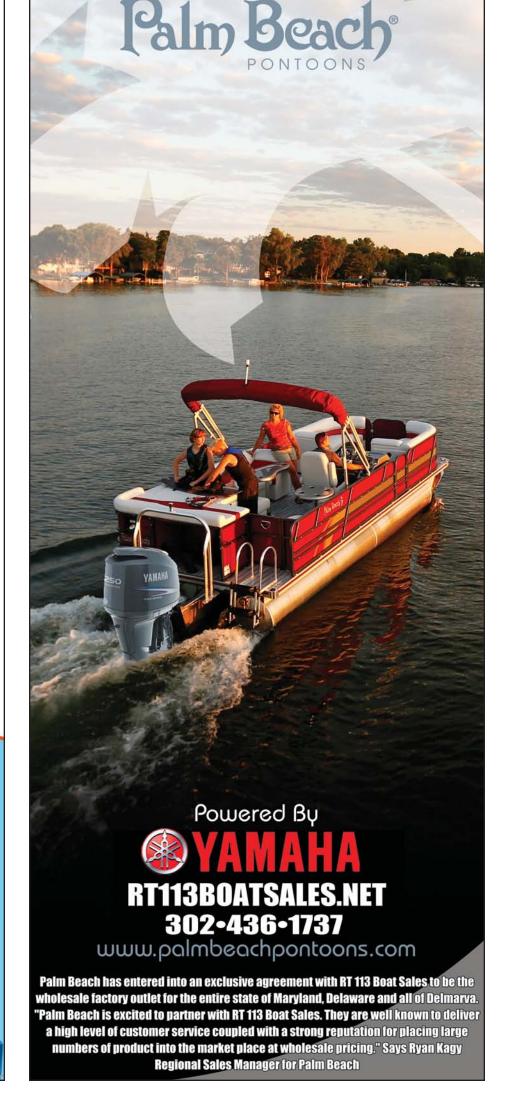








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What a fantastic week of fishing in Ocean City, capped off by an incredible Memorial Day offshore bite.

### Marlin

We had a couple of surprise catches over the weekend, including the first white marlin caught on Sunday by angler Dale Downey. Dale hooked the white marlin in 300 fathoms on the east side of the Baltimore Canyon. Since 2008, this was the earliest a white marlin has been caught and released. The next closest was on May 27, 2012. Typically, we don't see the first white marlin hooked until the second week in June.

### Tuna

The batch of water that produced good catches of yellowfins a couple of weeks ago moved its way down to the Baltimore Canyon early last week and to the area between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons over the weekend. Most of the action is in 70 to 90 fathoms where water temperatures fell between 66 and 68-degrees.

Early in the week, the "Boss Hogg" headed to the Baltimore and returned with 17 yellowfins from 90 fathoms. On the same day, the "Nontypical had 12 yellowfins in the same location.

On Thursday, the "Reel Fantasy" went out to 90 fathoms in the Baltimore and hooked into a dozen yellowfins, with most in the 40 lb. class.

Saturday morning was windy, keeping most offshore boats at the dock. The "Magic Moment" headed to 80 fathoms between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons and caught 4 yellowfins weighing up to 42.6 lbs.

Sunday was a bad day to be a tuna fisherman. There was no shortage of tuna flags flying as boats returned from the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons. Most had 4 to 7 yellowfins in the box, but a couple of boats really mugged them up. The "White Lightning"



On Sunday, the first white marlin of the year and the earliest one released in a very long time was caught and released by Dale Downey (back left) while fishing on the "Got-R-Done" with Leanne Downey, Rick Schafer, Rick Impallaria and John Van Dike. The white marlin was released at 10:08 AM after being hooked on a ballyhoo dressed up with a blue and white Ilander. The anglers were fishing on the east side of the Baltimore Canyon in 300 fathoms where they also caught 5 yellowfins during their trip. Since the "Got-R-Done" boat is a member of the Ocean City Marlin Club, the team will be awarded \$5,000 from the club and another \$5,000 from the Town of Ocean City. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

had 15 yellowfins and a mahi from 70 fathoms in the Baltimore. Right behind them was the "Triggerfish" with 14 yellowfins caught a little further south.

In addition to the yellowfins, we saw the first bigeye tuna of the season, caught on Sunday by Josh Thompson on the "Over Billin" in 200 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. This 190 pounder beat last years first bigeye by a couple of days and is the earliest bigeye catch since at least 2008, the first season we started tracking it. There was also a bigeye caught out of the Indian River Marina during an over night trip last weekend to the Baltimore Canyon

### Sharks

Mako sharks continue to run on the small side, coming in

between 100 and 120 lbs. Most have been caught in the Baltimore Canyon and a couple have come in from around the Sausages. Numerous blue shark releases were reported by anglers shark fishing in the canyons.

Thresher sharks showed up throughout the week, mainly

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from the area around the Fingers. Mackerel and bluefish fillets have been the hot ticket. On Wednesday, seas were snotty but the "Jimbo" returned with a 337 pounder and the "Restless Lady" had a 270 pounder, both from around the Fingers. On Sunday, the "Playtime" had a 302 lb. thresher from just outside the Fingers and "Stretchin Lips" pulled in a 275 pounder at the Fingers after hooking it on a bluefish fillet. "Reel Attitude" also had a 275 pounder that they caught south of the Fingers on a mackerel fillet.

Also on Sunday, Jamie Romero reported releasing a tiger shark, estimated at 600 lbs., while trolling in 100 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon.

### Sea Bass & Tautog

This wasn't a great week for sea bass fishing. It wasn't a week of skunks, but the majority of anglers had difficulty getting their 15 fish limit. We did see a few fish at 4 lbs. or better, mainly caught while using clams for bait.

A few tautog were landed by anglers searching for sea bass. One interesting catch was Capt. Kane Bounds on the charter boat, "Fish Bound", who after hearing that "there are no tautog on this wreck" proceeded to drop a line himself and hooked a 15.4 pounder on a green crab.

### Flounder

There wasn't much going on with flounder fishing in the bay until Friday when the charter boat, "Get Sum" returned with 11 flatties from their morning trip and another 4 in the afternoon. The fish were probably there all week, we just didn't see many anglers on the water until the weekend.

On Saturday, Pete Renzi, Chuck Wenzel and Capt. Nick Clemente had 9 keepers, all from

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around the South Jetty. This was where the hot flounder bite was all weekend and you had to get right up close to the rocks to catch your flattie. There was a fine line between those who got them and those that got skunked.

On Sunday, we saw flounder coming in from all over the bay. Fish were caught by the Rt. 90 Bridge, in the Thorofare, the East Channel and at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor. Anglers also hooked many more throwback flounder than we have seen over the last few weeks. Minnows, shiners and either pink or white Gulp! Swimming Mullets were the baits of choice, but on Sunday John Johnson caught a 6 pounder on a squid and minnow combination just off the East Channel.

### Sheepshead

On Monday morning, Hugh Cropper caught the 1st sheepshead of the season on a peeler crab around the South Jetty.

#### **Bluefish**

Chopper bluefish are still lingering in the area but the bite has definitely slowed down since last week. Blues have mainly been found around the Rt. 50 Bridge for anglers casting bucktails and metal lures.

# In the Surf

Last week was one of the better week for surfcasters looking for stripers off Assateague. It had been a pretty dismal spring for surf fisherman, but last week anglers tangled with a good number of stripers up to 49-inches. Black drum and bluefish were also caught by anglers fishing with bunker or peeler crabs.

### **Upcoming Tournament**

We have a rare weekend off this week, so the next tournament on the schedule is the Bahia Marina Mako Mania Shark Tournament on June 5th to 7th. Bahia Marina always puts on a good tournament and I would expect to see more participants since the demise of Ocean City Shark Tournament this year. Spectators can get close to the action at Bahia Marina, making it a great tournament to bring kids to.

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Local angler, Richard Bell is one happy angler after catching a 33-inch striper, 3 big bluefish (2 pictured), a half dozen sharks, 3 kingfish and a croaker while surf fishing in North Ocean City. Richard used bunker for bait and is pictured at Oyster Bay Tackle.



Len Smith from Florence, NJ boated this 4 lb. 9 oz. sea bass during a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Wes Pollitt and Dan Iacangelo. Len outsmarted the knothead with a chunk of clam over an ocean wreck sitting in 130 feet of water. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.







Charlie Donohue headed south from the City of Brotherly Love to do some flounder fishing around the Rt. 50 Bridge and was rewarded with this 18 1/2-incher caught on a minnow during the outgoing tide. Pictured at Oyster Bay Tackle.



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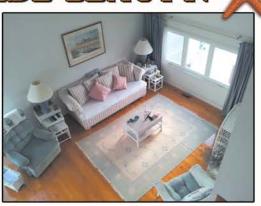




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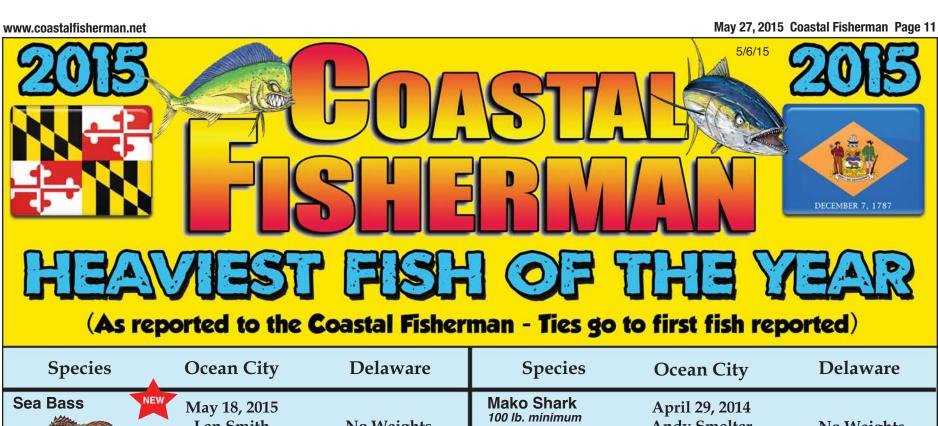
Matt Millman, Sammie Reed and Chris Ragni used shiners and minnows to capture 8 flounder while drifting in the Lewes Canal. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



It took 20 minutes for Dave Neumayer of Hanover, PA to boat this 33 1/2-inch, 11 lb. 3 oz. bluefish after hooking it on a bucktail, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge during the outgoing tide.







Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware
Sea Bass NE	May 18, 2015 Len Smith "Morning Star" 4 lbs. 9 oz.	No Weights Reported	Mako Shark 100 lb. minimum	April 29, 2014 Andy Smelter "Nontypical" 170 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Tautog	January 2, 2015 Ken Westerfeld "Fish Bound" 28.8 lbs.	February 7, 2015 Shawn McCulley Ocean Wreck 15 lbs. 2 oz.	Thresher Shark	May 20, 2015 Justin Lednum Fingers 337 lbs.	May 23, 2015 Pete Truitt Reef Site 11 307 lbs.
Striped Bass	May 16, 2015 Phillip Gray Ocean City Surf 42 lbs. 8 oz.	May 4, 2015 Noulack Mouyniuong Indian River Inlet 43 lbs. 2 oz.	Bluefin Tuna	May 17, 2015 Mike Hiemenz "Boss Hogg" 84 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Weakfish	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna	May 17, 2015 Mike Runk "Boss Hogg" 55 lbs.	May 16, 2015 William Wildbergh Wilmington Canyon 70 lbs.
Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Flounder	May 10, 2015 Scott Peters Rt. 90 Bridge 7 lbs. 4 oz.	April 30, 2015 Bill Ream VFW Slough 9 lbs. 10 oz.	Bigeye Tuna	May 24, 2015 Josh Thompson Baltimore Canyon 190 lbs.	No Weights Reported
Bluefish	May 14, 2015 Matt Peel East Channel 13 lbs. 9 oz.	May 6, 2015 Bob Hilton Indian River Inlet 19 lbs. 8 oz.	Dolphin	No Weights Reported	May 9, 2015 Drew Holladay Wilmington Canyon 7.5 lbs.
Sheepshead	May 25, 2015 Hugh Cropper South Jetty 4 lbs.	No Weights Reported	Wahoo	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Black Drum	April 17, 2015 Tom Nelson Assateague Surf 20 lbs.	May 23, 2015 Sam Hastings Bayshore Channel 64.5 lbs.	White Marlin	Most Release None Reported	es in One Day None Reported

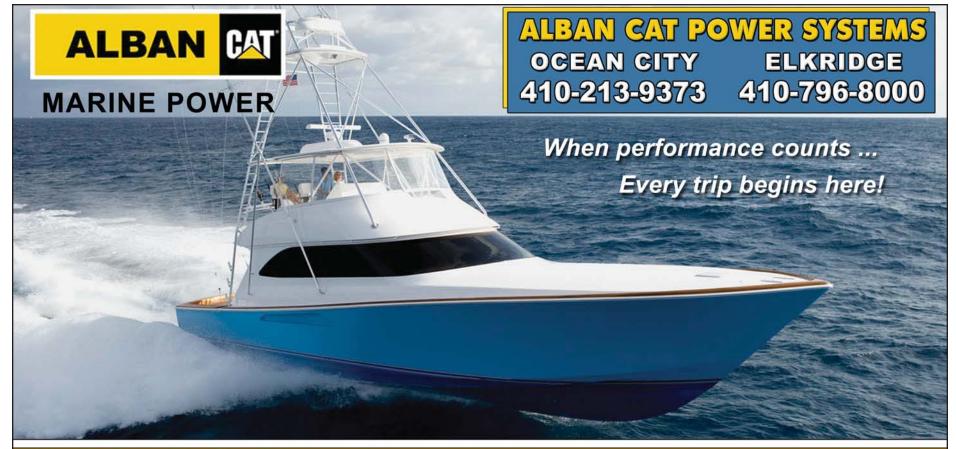
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This 32-inch striped bass made the mistake of snapping at the chunk of cut bunker that Mike Murray of Burtonsville, MD tossed from the beach in North Ocean City. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.



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Chuck Wenzel of West Ocean City, MD (center) was still basking in the glory of the 48-inch striped bass he caught while flounder fishing 2 weeks ago when he ventured out again, this time with Pete Renzi and Capt. Nick Clemente on the charter boat, "Get Sum". Pete landed the largest of the 9 flounder they caught on Saturday at the South Jetty, hooking a 23-inch, 4 lb. 11 oz. flattie in 59-degree water during the incoming tide. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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Chris Coughlin from EleeLee, Hawaii came to Ocean City, MD for a visit with this dad, Paul Coughlin of Oyster Bay Tackle and hooked this 26-inch bluefish during the incoming tide in the Thorofare. The gator was fooled with a minnow and squid combo.







# CHUM LINES BY CAPT. MARK SAMPSON

A couple weeks ago I wrote a piece about the satellite SPOT tagging of mako sharks we've been involved with off the coast of Delmarva. The project was started two years ago with the tagging of five makos, and last year there were eight. Until last week the daily location information was still being received from five of the sharks tagged in 2014 and researchers were marveling at the incredible and important information they were still getting from the sharks almost a year after of being tagged.

One of the sharks, an 85-pound female that was tagged last May 17, was named "St.Marys" had logged an incredible 9,200 miles traveling from Ocean City to Nova Scotia, then all the way

down to Venezuela, Puerto Rico, until just a few weeks ago the mako was reporting again from the waters off Delmarva not far from where she was originally tagged. Then after 358-days the tag transmitted from a dock in Chincoteague and then from a home in Baltimore! Obviously, since makos don't travel across the land very well, it would appear that "St. Marys" met her demise by a fisherman who decided to bring the girl home for dinner - even though she might not have been too keen on what was on the menu!

While it's extremely disappointing that St. Marys was boated, in defense of the angler who caught the mako it's only fair to point out that there's no law that says that

tagged fish must be released. Besides, for all we know it might have been caught at night and those aboard the boat didn't even notice the antenna transmitter and attached to the sharks dorsal fin until they had it gaffed and the boat. Whatever happened, suffice to say that "it's done" and researchers will just have to be happy with what great data they derived from the St. Marys while it was alive and transmitting and not worry about what they won't learn about where it might have gone after it left Delmarva's waters this year.

Of course it's a big ocean out there and the chances that any of a small handful of tagged makos might be recaptured has not been a primary concern to the researchers even though they have invested incredible amounts of time, effort, and resources to get the tags on the sharks in the first place. But with so much good science coming from the makos that have been successfully tagged, the researchers are making a push to tag more than ever this month, and if the project goes the way they hope there will be about 20 more makes swimming around Atlantic and talking to the satellites. Unfortunately that will also serve to increase the likelihood of recaptures by fishermen.

Considering the purchase price of the tag, satellite-use fees, and all the costs involved with catching the sharks, there can end up being more than \$6,000 invested in each mako tagged, which makes it all the more painful when one of the study sharks is plucked out of the water for the sake of a few mako steaks. So to help promote the release of tagged makos the researchers have hatched an incentive plan for fishermen to release them.

Through this program any angler anywhere who catches a mako with an actively transmitting SPOT tag will receive \$500 if they are able to

provide a photograph of the shark in the water with the tag on its dorsal fin as long as the make continues to transmit for at least a month after the release. Spot tags are easy to identify in that their outer shell is a clear case about half the size of a deck of cards and they have a 7-inch black antenna that sticks up above the dorsal fin.

Just like any other fish intended for release, those who catch one of the tagged makos should handle them carefully around the boat so they do not experience undue stress or injury and hopefully anglers will be using circle hooks that will help ensure that the shark is hooked in the jaw rather than in the gut. Sharks intended for release should not be removed from the water and they should not be gaffed in any fashion.

The SPOT tag will be located on the left side of the fin so anglers might need to leader their catch to the starboard side of the boat to get a good photo that properly shows the tag. Anglers will also need to provide GPS coordinates with the photo. I can be reached at 410-726-7946 emailed modernsharking@gmail.com and will be happy to facilitate the process of getting fishermen paid for their efforts.

When you figure that by releasing one of these makos you'll make a shark happy, a group of researchers happy, and I'm pretty sure that with an extra 500-bucks in your pocket you'll be a little happier, this program should prove to be a win-win-win for everyone involved. And if anyone is worried about the mako that won't be showing up on their grill this summer, don't worry, you can buy a lot of fresh mako steaks for \$500!

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Ben Galang of Dover, DE caught 4 bluefish (2 pictured) up to 16 lbs. while tossing bucktails in the Indian River Inlet. Ben's largest gator measured 36-inches. Pictured at Bill's Sport Shop.







Jim Lutz from West Ocean City, MD loves to fish from the Rt. 50 Bridge and last week he caught this 18 1/2-inch flounder on a pink Gulp! Swimming Mullet and shiner combination hanging from a float.



Local angler, Dave Beach was tossing a Gotcha Plug from the wall on the north side of the Ocean City Inlet early last week when he hooked into this 38-inch, 21 lb. striped bass.

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Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 36"
Red Drum *	36"	45"
Sailfish *	Any Size	-
Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"
Speckled Trout	24"	-
Striped Bass	40"	30 lbs. or 40"

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

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Keegan Klauke and Abby Crockett traveled all the way from Houston, TX and spent the day on Sunday fishing on the charter boat, "Reel Attitude" with Capt. Terry Murray and mate Mark Deimler. Keegan ended up catching this 275 lb. thresher shark after hooking it on a mackerel fillet, south of the Fingers. Keegan battled the big shark for 1 hour before getting it to the boat. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Brian Bir from Charlestown, WV was surf fishing off Assateague Island when he hooked into this 42-inch striped bass. Brian was using fresh bunker for bait and is pictured at Alltackle Ocean City with Barbara Bir, also from Charlestown, WV and Van Smith from Hagerstown, MD.

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36th Annual Small Boat Tournament Chairmen: Bill Regan, Boz Jefferon & Colin Campbell Registration: June 19, 6:30pm Fishing Days: (1 of 2) June 20 & 21 Weigh Ins: June 20 & 21 3:00-6:30pm Eastern Shore Style Crab Feast: June 21, 6:30-9:00pm

### 33rd Annual Canyon Kick-Off

Chairman: Dave Birkett & Franky Pettolina Registration: July 2, 6:30pm FREE TO PAID OCMC BOAT MEMBERS Fishing Days: (2 of 3) July 3,4 & 5 Weigh Ins: July 3,4 & 5, 5:00-7:30pm Awards Banquet: July 5, 6:30-9:00pm

### 11th Annual Kid's Classic

To benefit the Wish-A-Fish Foundation Chairmen: Dale Withers & Gerard Ott Registration: July 17, 6:30pm Fishing Days: (1 or 2 of 2) July 18 & 19 Weigh Ins: July 18 3:00-6:30pm,July 19 3:00-6:00pm Sunday Carnival & Awards: July 19, 5:00-8:00pm

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#### 7th Annual OCMC Ladies' Tournament "Heels & Reels" To benefit the OCMC Auxiliary Scholarship Fund

Chairmen: Franky Pettolina & Amanda Shick Registration: July 30, 6:00pm Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm Fishing Days: (1 of 2) July 31 & August 1 Weigh Ins: July 31 & August 1, 5:00-7:30pm Awards Banquet: August 1, 6:30-9:00pm

# 57th Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament

Chairmen: Franky Pettolina, Steve Poore, **Bob Wimbrow & Bill Fenwick** Registration: September 3, 6:30pm FREE TO PAID OCMC BOAT MEMBERS Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm Fishing Days: (2 of 3) September 4,5 & 6 Weigh Ins: September 4,5 & 6, 5:30-7:30pm Awards Banquet: September 6, 6:30-9:00pm

#### 37th Annual Charles Kratz & Scott Smith Challenge Cup

Chairmen: Jon C. Duffie & Andy Helms Registration: September 17, 7:00pm Fishing Days: (2 of 2) Sept. 18 & 19, No weigh-ins Italian Night: Sept. 18, 6:30-9:00pm Awards Banquet: Sept. 19, 6:30-9:00pm **Invitation Only** 

### 3rd Annual OCMC Rockfish Tournament

To benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Chairmen: Colin Campbell & Jeremy Blunt Registration: December 4, 6:00pm Fishing Days: (5 of 9) December 5-13 Weigh Ins: December 5-13, Time: 3:00-5:00pm Awards Banquet: December 13, Time: 5:00-7:30pm

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# PAY FISHING CHARTERS >



A lot of large bluefish have been caught on bucktails in the Indian River Inlet this season as shown by the 37-inch, 14 lb. 3 oz. gator pulled in by Jay Kluka from Brookhaven, PA. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.



Lamont Hilbert was fishing on the "Seabum" when he boated this 22-inch flounder while drifting minnows in the bay behind the Ocean City Airport.









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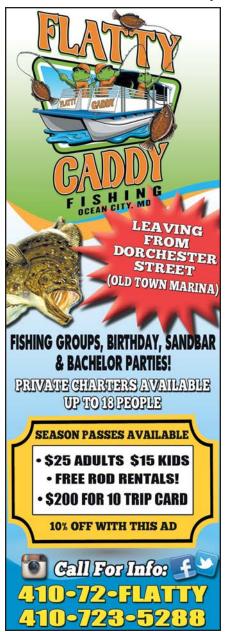
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Tucker DeVilviss from York, PA, Leah and Nick Ruffat from York, PA and Thomas Yocum from Delco, PA ended their 2-hour trip with 4 keeper flounder in the box after fishing on the charter boat, "Flatty Caddy" with Capt. George Lamplaugh and mate Ken Roach. The flatties were caught in the East Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. The group also hooked a dozen throwback flounder during their trip. The "Flatty Caddy" is docked at the Old Town Marina on Dorchester Street in Ocean City, MD.



On Monday morning right before this issue went to press, Hugh Cropper of West Ocean City, MD landed the first sheepshead of the year along with a 42-inch striper, both while fishing with peeler crabs around the South Jetty. The sheepshead weighed in at an even 4 lbs.











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# PAY FISHING CHARTERS >



It was a breezy day last Friday, but these anglers on the charter boat, "Get Sum" were able to get out to the South Jetty and catch themselves 11 keeper flounder while dropping jigheads tipped with minnows and Gulp! Swimming Mullets. Fishing with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Brian Behe were Riley and Rachael Lawrence from West Grove, PA, Travis and Judy Boone from Baltimore, MD and Stephen Stockard from Oxford, PA. Stephen caught the largest flounder on the trip, weighing 4 lbs. 2 oz. on the scale at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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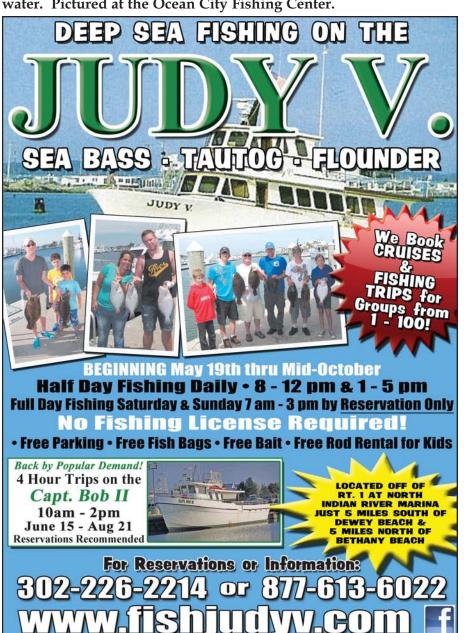




# OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



Ayrton Pryor is pictured with 1 of the 3 yellowfins caught on Sunday while fishing on the charter boat, "Spring Mix II" with Marshall Freng, Paul Lebling, Capt. Steve Selander and mate Chris Watkowski. The tuna were hooked on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in the Baltimore Canyon where Capt. Chris found 68.5-degree water. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





Robin Lano was fishing with mullet on the beach at Savages Ditch when she landed this 8 lb. bluefish. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





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# OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



Chris Clauser from Schuyler Haven, PA fooled this 33-inch, 13 lb. 14 oz. bluefish with a bucktail while fishing in the Indian River Inlet. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.



Lurking behind this 26-inch, 21 lb. black drum is Ron Capone who caught the fish while using clams off Beach Plum Island. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.



The guys on the "Matetrix II" have had a good couple weeks of tuna fishing and on this day last week they went 4 for 6 on yellowfins in the Baltimore Canyon. They trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in 100 fathoms with 6-foot seas and heavy fog creating zero visibility. Their heaviest fish weighed 46 lbs. and was caught by Harry Nield. Also fishing were Aaron Colegrove, Nate Rohrbaugh, Andrew Lynch and Capt. Austin Ensor. This trip put the "Matetrix II" crew at 16 tunas caught out of 21 bites this season.





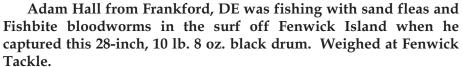


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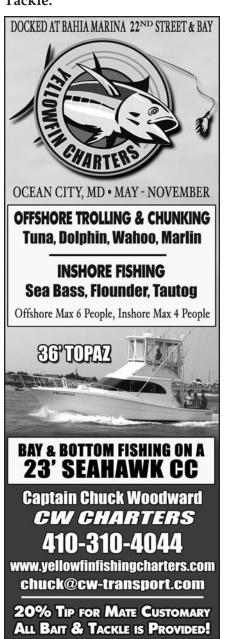
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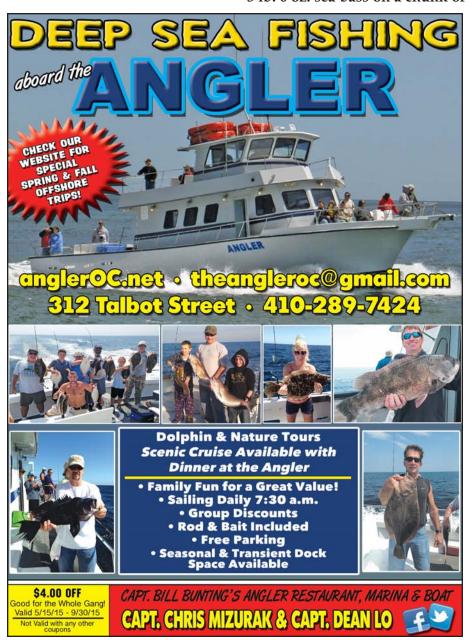






Jeff Ring was fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley when he landed this 3 lb. 6 oz. sea bass on a chunk of clam in 85-feet of water.









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# OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



After being told that there were no tautog on this wreck, Capt. Kane Bounds on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" took matters into his own hands, landing this 15 lb. 6 oz. tog on a green crab.



Ozzie and Brian Webster display the 15 lb. 15 oz. striper and the 16 lb. 12 oz. bluefish they caught on bucktails in the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.







A white bucktail was the downfall for this 10 lb. 8 oz. bluefish caught by Jeff Baker from Georgetown, DE. The chopper was hooked during the outgoing tide in the Indian River Inlet and weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em.



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# OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



Luis Rameriz is all smiles after landing his first yellowfin in the United States. Luis was fishing on the "Reel Fantasy" with Al Rittmeyer, Schrader Grady, John Simpson and Mark Hess. The anglers ended their day with 12 yellowfins and a mahi after trolling in 90 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon.





Brandon Choi from Fairfax, VA caught this doubleheader of cod and sea bass while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Wes Pollitt. The fish were hooked on chunks of clam at an artificial reef. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





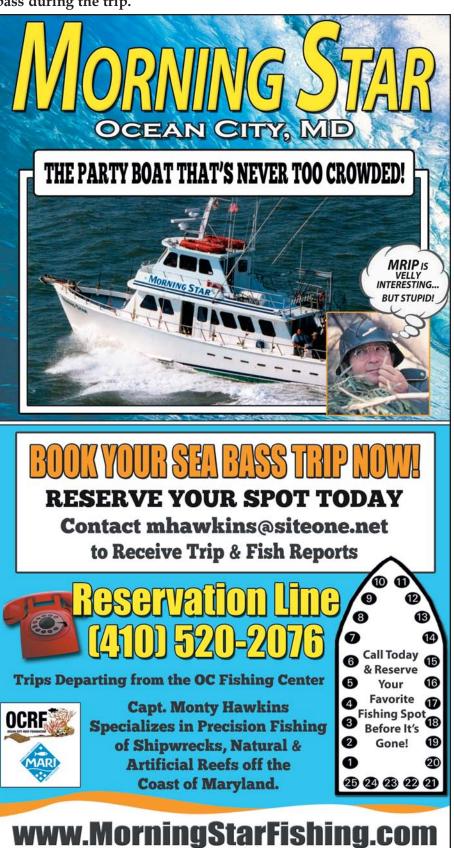
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# OCEAN FISHING CHARTERS



Gerald Adams caught this 26 1/2-inch black drum while surf fishing off Assateague Island. Gerald also released a 26-inch striped bass during the trip.





During a sea bass trip last week, Nick Marcantonio of Bethesda, MD boated this 11 lb. tautog while fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Wes Pollitt. The blackfish ate a chunk of clam on an ocean wreck. Pictured back at the Ocean City Fishing Center.







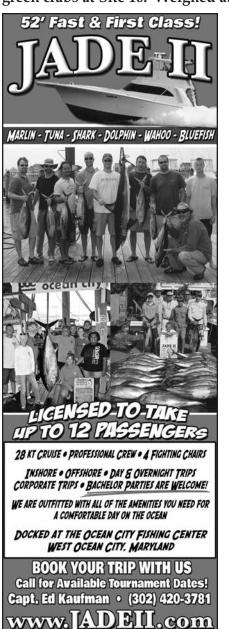
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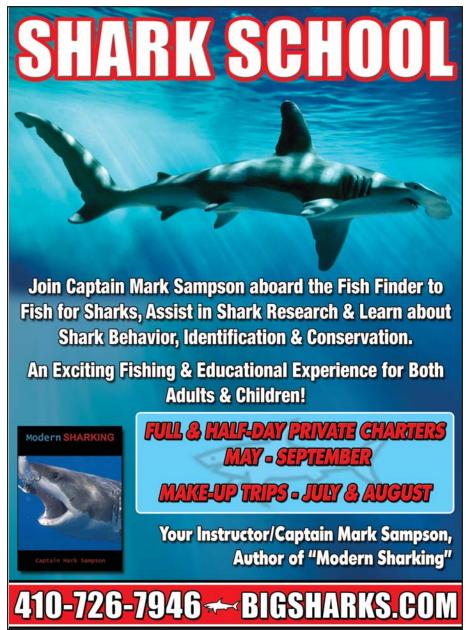


Bob Meyers captured an 8 lb. 10 oz. blackfish and Jim Meyers added one weighing 7 lb. 6 oz. to the cooler, both while togging with green crabs at Site 10. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



The bluefish were snapping when Conner Morris joined up with Will, Fritz and Zane Winkler for a trip to the Indian River Inlet where the junior snipers caught 23 choppers weighing up to 10 lbs. 8 oz. All of the fish were caught on bucktails. Photo courtesy of Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.









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First time saltwater fisherman, David McWilliams from Fruitland, MD (right) had a great day fishing for bluefish and stripers around the Rt. 50 Bridge with Big Bird Cropper of Powellville, MD. The duo caught 7 blues (4 pictured), weighing up to 10 lbs., and released 23 short stripers. The bluefish hit during the incoming tide and the stripers ate on the outgoing.

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# Black Sea Bass Benchmark Stock Assessment

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission has begun work on a black sea bass benchmark stock assessment. The assessment will evaluate the health of the black sea bass population (north of Cape Hatteras) and inform the management of the species. The Commission's stock assessment process and meetings are open to the public (with the exception of discussion of confidential data).

The Commission welcomes the submission of data sets that will improve the accuracy of the assessment. These include, but are not limited to data on growth, maturation, migration, genetics, tagging, recruitment, natural mortality, and abundance/biomass. essential need is information on the adult component of the stock, specifically with regards to spatial extent. For data sets to be considered, the data must be sent in the required format, with accompanying methods description, to the Commission by June 19, 2015.

For those interested in submitting data, including the appropriate format, and/or attending the Black Sea Bass Data Workshop, please contact Kirby Rootes-Murdy, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at krootes-murdy@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740. The deadline for data submission is June 19, 2015. All available data will be reviewed and vetted by the Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Technical Committee and Stock Assessment Working Group for possible use in the assessment.

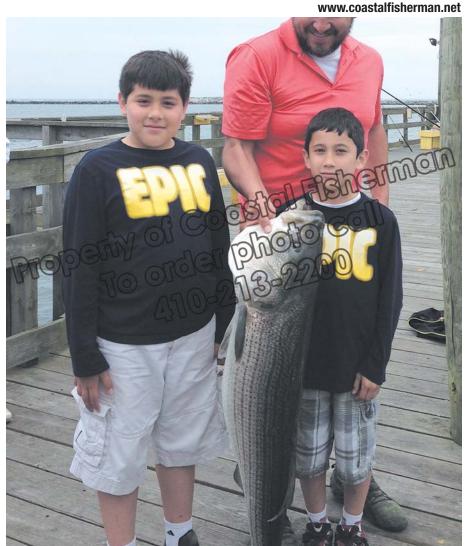
The Data Workshop will be conducted June 29 – July 2, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn Providence Airport/Warwick, 1 Thurber Street, Warwick, RI. The first Assessment Workshop will be conducted in the early fall, with the possibility of additional assessment workshops to follow. The peer review will be conducted in 2016.

For more information on the black sea bass stock assessment process, please contact Kirby Rootes-Murdy at krootes-murdy@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.









Noah Fernandez, 8 years old, from Silver Spring, MD celebrated his birthday with a fishing trip at the Oceanic Pier and ended his day with a 45 1/2-inch striper that tipped the scale at 36 lbs.







Last Friday it was a family affair on the charter boat, "Restless Lady" when members of the Martin family braved snotty seas and returned to the Talbot Street Pier with a 110 lb. mako shark and 5 blue shark releases after fishing at the Sausages. Joining Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Will Hathaway were John and George Martin of Riverdale, MD, Joe Martin from Olney, MD and James Martin from Thurmont, MD.











This nice pair of codfish were caught by Charlie Vann while fishing with his son, Chris Vann, mate on the charter boat, "Katydid". The fish were caught on an ocean wreck and are pictured back at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Steve Fink was drifting Gulp! Swimming Mullets and minnows in the Thorofare around 4:00 PM on Saturday when this pair of flounder hit within seconds of one another. The fish measured 21 and 22-inches.







Don Zimmerman was fishing with minnows around the Rt. 50 Bridge when he captured this 25-inch flounder. Photo courtesy of Buck's Place on Rt. 611.



This 37-inch striper fell at the hands of Dale Miller from West Ocean City, MD while soaking bunker in the suds off Assateague Island. The big linesider weighed 22 lbs. on the scale at Buck's Place on Rt. 611.









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Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said the first thresher of the season in Delaware hit their dock on Saturday. Pete Truitt tackled the 307 pounder at Reef Site 11 aboard the "Lil' Angler II". Other sharkers told threshers, makos and blue sharks at the Fingers, and on traditional 20-fathom structure such as the Hambone and Sausages.

Tuna were also news at the marina last week. Warm water pushed into Wilmington was moving south along the edge and offshore encountered boaters yellowfins and dolphin in 90 to 100 fathoms between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons. Shawn Gallagher and his crew on the "Free Spool" trolled rainbow spreader bars and skirted ballyhoos through 66 to 68degree water on Baltimore's Natural Hundred for five Yellowfins weighing up to 36

A little closer to the beach, bottom fishermen picked at sea bass on Site 11. There have been decent numbers of short bass, but keepers were not plentiful. Guys who put their time in did manage some decent catches. On Thursday, Captain Brent's group on the "Katydid" kept 101 bass, plus some ling and Pollock. Saturday's patrons aboard the



On May 17th, this 36-inch, 16 lb. 11 oz. chopper bluefish made the mistake of crushing a white bucktail being drifted by Ryle Tingle of Selbyville, DE in the Indian River Inlet. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em Outfitters in Bethany Beach, DE.

"Katydid" had 82 sea bass and a pair of cod.

Delaware Bay black drum action was in full swing. Early in the week, a hot bite developed Bayshore in Channel off Cape May. On Monday night, Jim Wiedman battled 15 boomers himself aboard the "Grizzly" there. Jim kept three for the smoke house, and released the others. Captain Brent did some drumming north of 8 Buoy on Monday evening, and his gang aboard the "Katydid" landed 16 big drum. One was kept for table fare, and the other 15 were set free. Karen Grosser got a 67.2 pound drum on Thursday evening fishing on the "Martha Marie" and Samuel Hastings had a 64.5 pounder on the "Fish Whisperer". Because of heavy traffic on the Jersey side Saturday evening, drum were more active on the Delaware

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portion of the Bay. Captain Ted's crew on the "Indian" drummed up seven boomers Saturday night, including Mark Butler's 62.4 pounder. Dan Okoniewski decked a 52.4 pound citation drum in Broadkill Slough. Drum should stick around through the June full moon.

Ioe reminds anglers interested in clams to reserve baits early in the week.

Croakers made appearance in the Delaware Bay last week. **Bottom** bouncers in the Broadkill Slough hooked hardheads, and fish were also caught at the Roosevelt Inlet.

Surfcasters found bluefish at Cape Henlopen. Jason Vavala and Crissy Finch choppers beached four weighing up to 9 lbs. at Herring Point on Sunday morning. Jeromy Poore pulled in a 14 lb. citation blue near the Pier on Sunday.

Short stripers were caught in the wash at Herring Point at first light and at dusk with clams. Wading casters on the flats next to the fishing pier hooked bluefish, croakers, flounder and small rockfish on spinning and fly tackle. One fly fisherman released a red drum on Tuesday evening.

Flukers in the Lewes Canal captured a few more fish than in previous weeks. The most notable was an 8 lb. doormat that Lee Shahan scored right in front of Lewes Harbour Marina. Donnie and Greg Nauman teamed up on Sunday to take 6 fine keeper flatties while working the Henlopen flats with minnows and Gulp!



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At the Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina, Capt. Bert Adams reported bluefish, bluefish and more bluefish in the Indian River Inlet. Fish weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em weighed up to 14 lbs. with the best bite coming at the end of the incoming tide and beginning of the outgoing. A big 17 lb. 3 oz. chopper was caught by Mike Smith of Middletown, DE while fishing with bucktails in the Inlet. Mike weighed his fish at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck,

Anglers have been able to find a few striped bass under the bluefish during the day, but most of the action is at night. Flounder fishing is very slow in the Inlet and only a few are being caught in the back bay.

In the surf, bluefish are being caught by surfcasters soaking bunker, primarily from the beach at 3R's Road. Surf fishermen also caught a few kingfish and blowfish, but the action on those 2 species came to a halt once the big bluefish

arrived on the scene.

Inshore, anglers out of Indian River have been catching sea bass at Site 11. On Sunday, the headboat, "Judy V" returned with sea bass and flounder in the box, but the afternoon got a little breezy to fish inshore.

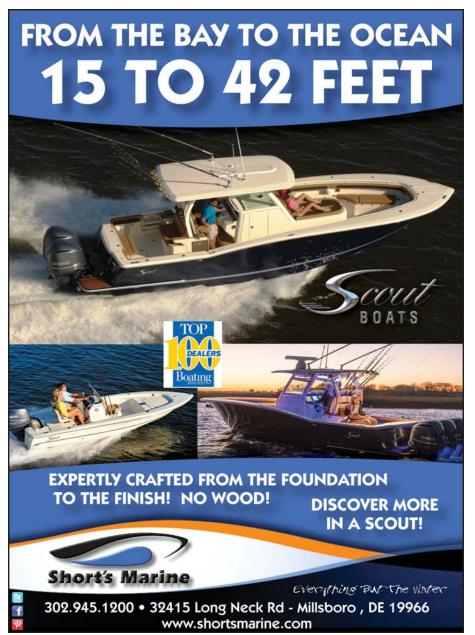
Offshore, it was a tremendous weekend with plenty of yellowfins caught in the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons, and points in between. Most of the action took place in 70 to 100 fathoms.

The 1st bigeye tuna in Delaware came in on the "Knock On Wood". The 115 pounder was caught in the Baltimore Canyon.

A few boats ventured out on overnight trips and returned with yellowfins and makos from the Baltimore Canyon. The makos aren't very big with the heaviest one weighing 109 lbs. A total of 6 makos came in over the weekend along with an average of 4-5 yellowfins per boat.

Until next week, tight lines!











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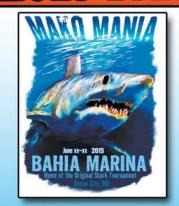
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patties.

In a small bowl, lightly beat

remaining egg. Lightly brush each side of crab cake with egg, and dip in remaining 1/3 cup bread crumbs.

In a large skillet, heat butter and olive oil over medium heat.

Add crab cakes; cook 3 to 4 minutes per side or until golden.

> Serve with Creole Sauce. Serves 4.

#### **Hot and Sour Shrimp**

1/2 package dried shitake mushrooms

1/2 small unpeeled cucumber

1 TBSP. packed brown sugar

2 tsp. cornstarch

3 TBSP. rice vinegar

2 TBSP. soy sauce

1 TBSP. vegetable oil

1 lb. medium shrimp, peeled, deveined, tails

3 cloves garlic, minced 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes 1 large red bell pepper,

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BY MAMA JOCK

#### Pan Roasted Sea Bass

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4 TBSP. olive oil, divided

1 large onion, chopped

1/4 cup Marsala or white wine

2 TBSP. butter

8 oz. fresh mushrooms, sliced

1/2 cup chicken stock Salt and pepper, to taste 2 sea bass fillets

1 TBSP. parsley, chopped

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Heat 2 TBSP. of olive oil over medium-high heat; saute onion until translucent.

Deglaze the pan with the wine and when most of the wine is cooked off, add the mushrooms and butter.

Reduce the heat to medium; cook until the mushrooms are tender.

Add the chicken stock, salt

and pepper, and let the sauce cook down until it thickens a little.

In an oven-proof saute pan heat the other 2 TBSP. of olive

Season the fillets with salt and pepper and add to the hot saute pan.

Cook fillets for about 3 minutes on each side and then transfer to the oven for 3 to 4 minutes.

Spoon some of the ovenmushroom mixture onto plates and top with the pan roasted fillets.

Serves 2.

#### Crab Cakes with Creole Sauce

1 (8 oz.) container jumbo crabmeat

2/3 cup panko, divided 1 tsp. Old Bay seasoning

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Creole Sauce (makes 1/3 cup) 1/4 cup sour cream

2 TBSP. red bell pepper,

1 TBSP. green onion,

2 large eggs, divided

1 TBSP. mayonnaise

1 TBSP. fresh lemon juice

minced

minced

3 TBSP. butter

Creole Sauce

2 TBSP. olive oil

3 TBSP. mayonnaise

1 TBSP. minced green onion

1 TBSP. fresh lemon juice

1 tsp. prepared horseradish

2 tsp. Old Bay seasoning

In a medium bowl, combine crabmeat, 1/3 breadcrumbs, bell pepper, green onion and the Old Bay seasoning; set aside.

In a small bowl, lightly beat

Whisk in mayonnaise and lemon juice.

Add egg mixture to crab mixture, tossing to combine.

Shape mixture into 4





cut in thin strips Hot cooked Chinese egg noodles

Place mushrooms in small bowl; cover with warm water.

Soak 20 minutes to soften.

Drain; squeeze out excess water.

Discard stems, slice caps.

Cut cucumber in half lengthwise; scrape out seeds.

Cut crosswise into 1/4-inch slices.

Combine brown sugar and cornstarch in a small bowl.

Blend in vinegar and soy sauce until smooth.

Heat oil in wok or large skillet over medium heat.

Add shrimp, garlic and red pepper flakes; stir fry 1 minute.

Add mushrooms and bell pepper strips; stir fry 2 minutes or until shrimp is opaque.

Stir vinegar mixture; add to wok.

Cook, stir 30 seconds or until sauce boils and thickens.

Add cucumber; stir fry until heated through.

> Serve over noodles. Serves 4.

#### Costa Rican Flounder with Pineapple, **Black Beans and Rice**

1 cup rice

2 cups low-sodium chicken broth

2 tsp. adobo sauce, if desired

1/4 cup freshly squeezed orange juice

1/2 lime, juiced

2 TBSP. olive oil

1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro

5 garlic cloves, more if desired

1 tsp. sugar

Salt and pepper

4 flounder fillets

2 cups tomatillo salsa (sold in a jar)

1 (15 oz.) can black beans

1 cup diced fresh pineapple

2 limes thinly sliced

Combine rice and chicken broth.

Bring to boil; reduce to low; cook until rice is tender.

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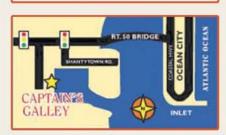
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Ralph Short employed the full Lewes Harbour Stretch after fooling this 22-inch flounder with a minnow in the Lewes Canal. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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if using.

Heat oven to 400 degrees.

In a bowl, whisk together orange juice, lime juice, oil, 2 TBSP. cilantro, garlic and sugar; season with salt and pepper.

Add fillets to the marinade, turning to coat.

Place in refrigerator for 2 hours, turning occasionally.

Place cooked rice, salsa, beans, pineapple and remaining 2 TBSP. of cilantro in 2 or 3 quart baking dish.

Remove fillets from marinade, reserve marinade, and lay the fillets over the rice mixture overlapping if necessary.

Pour the reserve marinade over fish.

Shingle the lime slices over fish.

Bake until fish flakes easily, is opaque and cooked through, 25 to 30 minutes.

Serves 4.

#### Grilled Flounder and Summer Squash Packets

1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus extra for

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drizzling

2 shallots, sliced thin 7 garlic cloves, sliced thin Salt and pepper

1 lb. yellow summer squash, sliced 1/4-inch thick

3/4 lb. plum tomatoes, sliced 1/2-inch thick

1/4 cup capers, rinsed

4 skinless flounder fillets 1 lemon, sliced 1/4-inch

thick

2 TBSP. minced parsley

Spray centers of four 18x14-inch sheets of heavy duty foil with vegetable spray.

Microwave oil, shallots, garlic, 1 tsp. salt and 1 tsp. pepper in small bowl until garlic begins to brown.

Combine squash, tomatoes, capers and garlic oil in large bowl.

Pat fish dry and season with salt and pepper.

Divide vegetable mixture evenly among centers of each piece of foil.

Top vegetables mixture with fish, then top fish with lemon slices.



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Bring short sides of foil together and crimp to seal tightly.

Crimp remaining open ends of packets.

Grill packets over hot fire, squash side down, until fish is cooked through and vegetables are tender. About 10-15 minutes.

Let rest for 5 minutes.

Cut packets open, sprinkle with parsley and drizzle with extra oil.

Serves 4.

#### Beer and Orange Marinated Tuna Steaks

Salsa:

2 large nectarines, pitted, cut into 1/2 in. dice

3 TBSP. red onion, finely chopped

1/2 jalapeno pepper, diced 2 TBSP. fresh cilantro,

chopped

1 TBSP. lime juice

1/4 tsp. salt

Tuna:

1/2 cup beer

1/4 cup orange juice

1/3 cup green onions, chopped

1/4 cup soy sauce

2 TBSP. lemon juice

2 TBSP. fresh ginger, grated

3 cloves garlic, minced

2 TBSP. sugar

4 tuna steaks, about 3/4-inch thick

Combine nectarines through salt in medium bowl.

Combine beer, green onions, orange juice, soy sauce, lemon juice, ginger, garlic and sugar in a large bowl; mix well.

Add tuna, turning to coat.

Refrigerate 30 minutes, turning occasionally.

Prepare grill for direct cooking over medium-high heat.

Remove tuna from marinade; place on oiled grill.

Grill tuna 3 minutes per side or until pink in center. Serve with salsa.

Serves 4.

To share a recipe with Coastal Fisherman readers, simply email it to maureenjock@comcast.net.

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Christine Hopper from Washington, DC had a fun day fishing on the headboat, "Morning Star" with Dave Sikorski, Capt. Monty Hawkins and mate Wes Pollitt. Christine boated some sea bass (1 pictured) and a cod while fishing with clams on ocean structure. The "Morning Star" is docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.







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Tyler Freeman caught this 23-inch flounder on a pink jig head tipped with a strip of squid while drifting in the Lewes Canal. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.



Tautog season is closed in Delaware until July 17th, but back on May 10th, William Bonn from Bettertown, MD caught this 22-inch, 10 lb. 6 oz. tog while fishing with green crabs on Delaware Bay structure. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.









Dominick Vavala from Newark, DE tested his tackle with this pair of bluefish caught on bucktails in the Indian River Inlet. Dominick kept 5 of the 50 bluefish he caught including one weighing 13 lbs. 9 oz. Pictured at Bill's Sport Shop.



T.J. Clark from Berlin, MD was soaking peeler crabs in the suds off Assateague Island when he captured this 27-inch, 11 lb. 8 oz. black drum.







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#### BUCKTAILS TO BALLYHOO BY CAPT. LANCE SMITH

#### SHARK FISHING ~ PART II ~

Shark rigs are a relatively simple affair consisting of a large hook attached to a length of heavy gauge, single-strand wire which is attached to an additional length of twisted cable material. This additional length of cable prevents the shark from chaffing through the line with its sandpaper skin if it death rolls itself up the leader. You can certainly create your own shark rigs but I see no need. Quality shark rigs are available pre-made in most tackle stores. Please use the circle hook rigs. There are few things worse than releasing an undersized mako bleeding profusely through the gills with a hook lodged deep in its stomach. Circles work amazingly on sharks. Just

remember not to set the hook. Simply wind down fast until the rod bends.

The two most popular baits for makos are Boston mackerel and bluefish. I like to go out into the bay or off the Route 50 Bridge the evening before a trip to load up on snapper bluefish. Small blues in the 1-3 pound range make excellent mako baits. As for rigging, I attach a whole or half of a fish to the hook in the same fashion as you would pin-rig a ballyhoo. Leave a 1-inch tag end on your haywire twist at your hook which will be directly up and away from the hook point. Pass the hook through the bait's gills and out the bottom so that the wire pin is below the fish's chin. Push the tag up through both jaws and use copper wire to wrap behind the pin and around the mouth. This method keeps the baits mouth closed,



Wayne Mull from Hamburg, PA took a trip last Wednesday on the charter boat, "Restless Lady" with Capt. Todd Kurtz and mates Doug Jacobs and Will Hathaway and ended up hooking this 270 lb. thresher shark in addition to releasing 3 make sharks and 4 blue sharks. All of the fish were caught at the Fingers (Bahia Bump) while using bluefish for bait. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.



prevents spinning and presents the fish in a natural fluttering manner. You can also add a plastic octopus skirt above the hook to lie over the bait and add additional movement. I don't know why, but makos love red. I have had several skyrocket several feet in the air as they shot straight up from the depths to devour a red balloon!

Standard tuna trolling gear in the 30-50 pound class is perfect for makos. I still like to use balloons as my floats so I can use different colors to mark different distances from the boat and we can all agree on which rod is getting bit! As your chum flows out it will sink. Accordingly, your furthest bait out (50 yards or more) should have a lead weight attached via a rubber band on the swivel at the top of your cable rig. You need to judge the current, tide and wind to determine how much weight to use, how far below the float to set your bait and how far out to set it so that it remains in the chum slick. I like to set three rods in this manner; the furthest out is the deepest, the middle shallower and the closest is the shallowest. I also set a rod straight down and keep my tuna jigging rod at the ready with a 2-4 inch chunk of fresh bait waiting in the cooler.

Often times, a mako will swim up your slick, right past all of your perfectly rigged baits and slowly cruise around the boat. Again, Shark Week viewers, you are not going to see a "feeding frenzy" off the coast of Ocean City. Makos are cunning, unpredictable and often fussy animals. In fact, a large percentage of our hookups come on the small jigging rod (rigged with 80 lb. braid) which is used to hand feed what appears to be a large piece of chum to picky makos. Mako bites range from subtle to extravagant. Someone should be keeping a constant watch on the floats in order to detect any inclination of a bite. Sometimes, drag will start screaming from the reel as line melts away and the float skis across the surface. Other times, a float may simply begin moving slowly toward the boat or in the opposite





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#### Page 50 Coastal Fisherman May 27, 2015 Bucktails to Ballyhoo, cont'd.

direction of the current. In this case a shark has picked up your bait and is still hunting. Wind in the slack as fast as you can and come tight on the fish. You may also be alerted to a hookup by the huge splash a make makes when it lands back in the water after screaming up from the deep and engulfing the bait while the rod never indicates so much as a twitch. When to set the hook on a baited make will always be debatable. Using circle hooks changes all of this as the fish swallows the bait and the hook still sets in the corner of the mouth.

Blue sharks, especially very early in the season, can be an absolute nuisance while mako fishing. Although entertaining for novice anglers, they do not fight hard, they are inedible and they are relentless. I have had a blue shark swim up to the boat with over half a dozen 3 to 6-foot leaders trailing from it's mouth. It would eat a bait, swim to the boat and we would cut the leader. After the shark did this 5 times we had to move

the boat and reset everything. Please remember to release all blue sharks as they are an integral part of the food chain. Take a picture and remove the hook if possible or cut the leader.

When it comes to the end game with makos, things can become downright dangerous. If you have any doubt that your fish is under the legal size limit, tire the fish out with a loosened drag and cut the wire leader as close to the hook as possible without putting yourself in harm's way. You do not want to mess around trying to measure one of these fish because bad things will happen. With their incredible aerial displays, makos have been known to jump into boats. If you do wind up with a legal fish, most of which will be within 20 pounds or so of the 100 pound mark, it is time for the gaff.

When a make is hooked, it is smart to start the boat and put some distance between you and your catch. This will also allow you to better control the fish once the leader is in hand.

The fish is not officially yours until you have a tail rope attached, and even then makos can be lost. If we continue to fish after killing a shark, it simply hangs over the side with its tail at gunnel height. Every once in a while, when the shark appears calm, use a very long and rigid fillet knife to slice the fish's gills and gut it if possible. Make sure your reflexes are on high alert if you attempt this. Some captains like to shoot their makos in the head with a firearm. While macho and pretty cool looking, this can simply add fuel to an already raging fire at boat side. In any case, if the fish shows any inkling of life, do not attempt to bring it onboard because you will regret it. Once the fish is onboard, our double cautious insurance policy against personal injury is to attach the tail rope to one cleat, and use a rope carefully placed around the pectoral and attached to an opposite cleat to effectively string the fish taught against the inside transom. We then place a 5-gallon bucket over the

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makos head so no one gets the bright idea to stick their hand into what they think is a dead mako's mouth!

Makos are incredible table fair and their steaks make terrific candidates for the grill. Keep in mind that meat from larger makos becomes coarse and less tasty. If you aren't fishing in a tournament, you may consider releasing these larger fish since they are the breeders that keep population from crashing. Just about every 6 pack charter boat in the Ocean City fleet will accommodate you for an early season shark fishing trip. Try to choose a captain who is educated about genuinely shark ecology conservation. You will be gaining more than just some meat for the freezer and if you bring children along, you may just be securing the future of shark populations for coming generations to enjoy.

Lance Smith is an outdoor writer and Captain of his family's boat, the "Longfin".







Scott Jost was bucktailing in shallow water near Cape Henlopen when he wrestled this 14 lb. 6 oz. bluefish into the boat while fishing on the "Lil' Angler II". Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



Melissa and Mike McGlauflin were fishing with shiners and white Gulp! Swimming Mullet when Melissa tangled with this 24-inch, 4 lb. 15 oz. flounder. Weighed at Jim's Bait & Tackle.

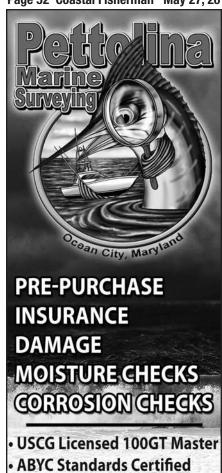








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Before the close of the Delaware tautog season, Brenda Williams and Tony Baicco from Boothwyn, PA and Blair Kirby from Ocean



View, DE captured 3 citation size tautog while fishing on the charter Capt. Franky Pettolina boat, "Miss Ene III" with Capt. Ed Wagner and mate Steve Glanden. (410) 251-0575 The fish were caught on salted clams and green crabs at Site 10 with Brenda leading the way with an 8 lb. 9 oz. tog. Pictured at Hook'em surveyfp@yahoo.com www.ricksbaitandtackle.com & Cook'em Tackle Shop at the Indian River Marina.

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Chris Moody caught this pair of flounder, measuring up to 22-inches, while drifting minnows in the Lewes Canal in front of Lewes Harbour Marina.





Ron Capone from Milford, DE has had a great spring catching bluefish and on this day he landed 8 choppers weighing up to 12 lbs. 14 oz. Ron was tossing bucktails in the Indian River Inlet and weighed his catch at Bill's Sport Shop.







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Craig Gudikunst caught a pair of bluefish while fishing with finger mullet from the Assateague surf. Craig's largest blue weighed 12 lbs. 13 oz. on the scale at Buck's Place.





Although this catch wasn't from the Delmarva area, it was close by in Cape May, NJ and so impressive we wanted to make sure *Coastal Fisherman* readers got a glance of it. On May 16th, Gary Blakla of Philadelphia fought the 820 lb. mako shark for 1 hour and 10 minutes after hooking it in the Wilmington Canyon aboard the "Misfit". This is the 2nd largest make ever caught in New Jersey.





Evan Falgowski muscled in this 14 lb. 13 oz. gator while casting a bucktail inside Cape Henlopen. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.









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AIS signals are automatically broadcast digitally on the marine VHF frequency of 161.975 MHz and 162.025 MHz from the vessels AIS transmitter to all nearby AIS receivers. While AIS systems are mandatory for most commercial vessels, many recreational vessels have chosen to add this safety feature as well.

An AIS transmitter is comprised of a specific VHF /AIS antenna, a GPS receiver and a processor box. The processor box is programmed with the ships data, such as: vessel name, radio call sign, MMSI number, vessel type, vessel dimensions, GPS

antenna location, etc. When in use, the AIS system will broadcast this data along with position, speed and heading information. The vessels receiving the AIS signal will "see" the transmitting vessel current position and informational data on their navigation chartplotter.

There is a technical and cost difference in the ability to receive AIS signals compared to the ability to broadcast AIS Many recreational signals. boaters have the ability to receive AIS signals but do not broadcast. This allows them to "see" other vessels, just like when using radar, AIS can see around the corner and can also "see" in rain and fog. As a recreational boater, knowing where the larger vessels are is a fantastic collision avoidance safety feature for you to use.

When using AIS data, you are able to see other vessels radio call sign or MMSI number, allowing you to contact the other vessels if needed. As we learned in the last few issues of this column, if we have the vessels MMSI number, we can make a direct call to their marine VHF radio. This feature is great in a

situation where you need to contact another ships captain and let him know where you are. Using an AIS receiver is a little like spying; you can see and read about the boats around you but they do not know you are listening.

These AIS receivers are now reasonably priced and available as a built-in feature on some VHF radios. They are also available as a stand-alone hardware device. These standalone devices need to be connected to your chart plotter using NMEA 0183 or NMEA 2000. Stand-alone AIS receivers, relying on an existing chartplotter and sharing your VHF antenna begins at \$250. VHF radios with built in AIS receiver and graphical display run about \$400.

If you really want to be "seen" in the AIS environment, you will need to install an AIS transceiver. The cost of the hardware begins around \$700 for a Class B transceiver. An AIS transceiver is required to have its own GPS antenna and should have its own AIS/VHF antenna for broadcasting and receiving. This AIS transceiver is available in two classes, Class A and Class B.

Class A vessels report their position autonomously every 2-10 seconds dependent on the vessel's speed and/or course changes (every three minutes or less when at anchor or

moored); and, the vessel's static and voyage related information every 6 minutes. Class A stations are also capable of text messaging safety related information and Application Specific Messages, such meteorological and hydrological data, electronic Broadcast Notice to Mariners, and other marine safety information.

Class B vessels report every three minutes or less when at anchor or moored, but, their position is reported less often and at a lower power. Likewise, they report the vessel's static data every 6 minutes, but, not any voyage related information.

Even if you only receive AIS, this Class A vs. Class B can make a big difference on how far away you receive data, the specific data your system receives and how often you receive it.

Now that we know a little about how it works, how can this be used in our everyday When properly world? connected, most chartplotters will show you a triangle on the display chart plotter representing the AIS vessel, along with more detailed information when you select that vessel. This information will help you determine if there is a possibility of collision with the AIS vessel if one of you does not change your







Mikey Payne from Georgetown, DE was drifting live shad along the south side of the Indian River Inlet when he hooked into this 21 lb. 6 oz. striped bass. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em Tackle Shop in the Indian River Marina.



course or speed.

I think one of the best features of installing a Class A or Class B transponder is that your vessel shows up on the large vessels navigation This allows the computers. big boat to know where you are and therefore, when needed, allows one of you to alter course to maintain safe separation of the vessels. One example where local anglers could benefit from an AIS transmitter is when you are fishing an overnighter offshore and a 600-foot freighter seems to have plotted its course directly through the canyon hotspot. Instead of wondering if the other captain sees you in the dark and you try to make

May 27, 2015 Coastal Fisherman Page 57 radio contact, the AIS transceiver allows you to be very sure the other boat captain sees you on their electronic navigation system and is usually required to make contact to determine if they are going to alter course or stand-on.

An AIS system is a great, simple addition to your existing navigation equipment and an important navigation tool for collision avoidance.

Captain Steve Katz is the owner of Steve's Marine Service and holds NMEA, AMEI and NMEA2000 certificates along with ABYC Master Technician certification and factory training from many manufacturers.





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Justin Lednum from Fenwick Island, DE and Dave Long from Ocean View, DE teamed up to fight this 337 lb. thresher shark for 2 hours after hooking it on a bluefish fillet in 20 fathoms at the Fingers. Justin and Dave were fishing on the "Jimbo" with Capt. Jimmy Bunting. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.





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Species	2015	2014	Species	2015	2014
Sea Bass	May 15, 2015 Chester Sadowski, Jr. "Jezebel" Great Eastern Reef	May 19, 2014 Ki Kim "Fish Bound" 2nd Lump	Mako Shark	March 25, 2015 Andy Smelter "Nontypical" Baltimore Canyon	May 9, 2014 Hayden Christoff "Restless Lady" Poor Man's Canyon
Tautog	January 2, 2015 Ken Westerfeld "Fish Bound" Ocean Wreck	January 1, 2014 Si Chiarizia "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	White Marlin	May 24, 2015 Dale Downey "Got-R-Done" Baltimore Canyon	June 11, 2014 Jon Henry "No Worries" Baltimore/Poor Man's
Striped Bass	January 2, 2015 Danny Cox Little Gull	January 2, 2014 Karl Hoelper 130th Street Surf Ocean City	Blue Marlin	No Fish Reported	June 16, 2014 Crew "Boss Hogg" Baltimore Canyon
Weakfish	No Fish Reported	April 22, 2014 Tom Burke Broadkill Beach	Bluefin Tuna	May 8, 2015 Austin Ensor "Matetrix II" Wilmington Canyon	May 19, 2014 Ed Comley "Out-Rea-Geous" Baltimore Canyon
Flounder	April 17, 2015 Jeff Purdy Lewes Canal	January 3, 2014 Stanley He "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	Yellowfin Tuna	May 8, 2015 Tony Burr "Knock on Wood" Spencer Canyon	May 18, 2014 Tim McGuire "Nontypical" Balt/Wilm Canyon
Bluefish	April 18, 2015 Mike Hastings Assateague Surf	May 7, 2014 Big Bird Cropper South Jetty	Longfin Tuna	No Fish Reported	June 14, 2014 Mike Watts "Second Chance" Poor Man's Canyon
Black Drum	April 17, 2015 Tom Nelson Assateague Surf	April 9, 2014 Bill Powell Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna	May 24, 2014 Josh Thompson "Over Billin" Baltimore Canyon	May 27, 2014 Jacquelyn Keeney "Seaduction" 461 Lump
Sheepshead	May 25, 2015 Hugh Cropper, IV South Jetty	May 26, 2014 Rob Antonucci "OC Guide Service" Assateague Bridge	Dolphin	May 9, 2015 Drew Holladay Wilmington Canyon	May 26, 2014 Julian Jerry "Lady Luck" 461 Lump
Thresher Shark	May 15, 2015 Matt Rivenburg Sausages	May 17, 2014 Joseph Foley "Just Right V" "DB" Buoy	Wahoo	No Fish Reported	June 9, 2014 Chase Cummings "Moore Bills" Poor Man's Canyon

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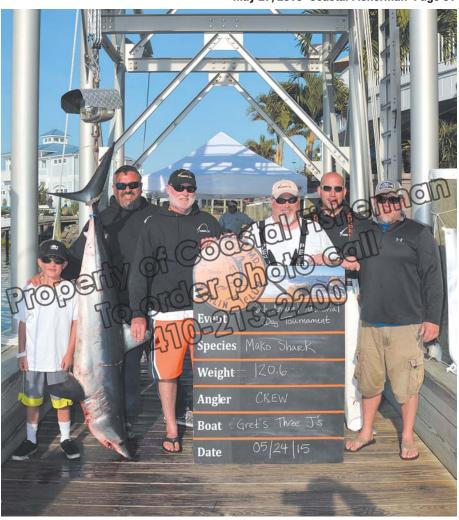




In the 6th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament, the crew on the "A Salt Weapon" took top honors in the Tuna Division with a 48.8 lb. yellowfin that was 1 of 6 caught during the trip (4 pictured). All of the tuna were caught in 80 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon while trolling ballyhoo and the new hot trolling lure, the Squidnation Flippy Floppy Thing. Pictured are Andrew Clothier, Steven Hoyer, Capt. Ryan Freese and Monica Freese. For their 1st place finish, the "A Salt Weapon" team won \$855 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On Saturday, the "Magic Moment" was the only boat out of 22 entered to fish in the 6th Annual Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament and Mark Hutchison landed a 42.6 lb. yellowfin that held on to win 2nd place in the Tuna Division. The yellowfin, caught in 80 fathoms between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyon was 1 of 4 the team caught this day. Fishing with Mark were Fred Weidel, Tim Talbot, Capt. Jim Bugg and mates Richard Hutchison and Jim Barbey. The team took home \$3,528 for their 2nd place finish. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



On Sunday, Joe Sharkey landed a 120.6 lb. mako shark to win the Mako Division of the 6th Annual Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament. Joe was fishing on "Gret's Three J's" with Greg Garman, Mike Tenuto, Scott Hoppy, Jace Conrad and Capt. John Conrad. The mako ate a whole mackerel in 70 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon and earned the team \$5,850 in award money. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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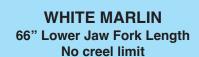
The team on the "Reel Intents" won 3rd place in the Tuna Division of the 6th Annual Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament with a 41 lb. yellowfin caught in 80 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. The yellowfin was 1 of 3 caught by the anglers on Sunday and was worth \$1,017 in award money. Pictured are Billy Norris, Amy Eaton, Joe Gordon, Miles Norris, Chuck Reed, Capt. Jonathan Mason and mate A.D. Burke. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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In the 6th Annual Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament, the team on the "Odinspear" caught a 37.8 lb. yellowfin tuna on a trolled ballyhoo in 80 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. The yellowfin was 1 of 6 caught by the team during their trip. Fishing on the "Odinspear" with Capt. Joe Nolan were Deacon Burke, Krista Drescher, Tyler Smith, Mike Mundorf, Doug Whittingham, Marge Steen and Greg Steen (not pictured). The team took home a check for \$450 for their 4th place finish in the Tuna Division calcutta. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

# Ason and mate A.D. Burke. Pictured at Sunset Marina. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





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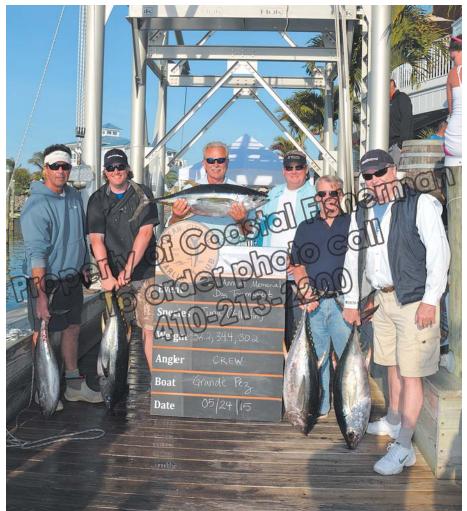
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47" to less than73"

(Charter Boat)
2 BFT per vessel/day/trip
27" to less than 47" CFL
1 BFT per vessel/day/trip
47" to less than 73"





Chad Wentworth, Steven Thompson and Ryan Mayer, all from Georgetown, DE were fishing in the VFW Slough when they landed 8 keeper flounder and a couple of snapper bluefish. All of the fish were caught on shiners with the largest flattie weighing in at 5 lbs. 11 oz. on the scale at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



On Sunday in the Ocean City Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament, the crew on the "Grande Pez" arrived at the scale with 5 yellowfins weighing up to 34.4 lbs. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars between the Baltimore and Poor Man's Canyons. Fishing with Capt. Pat Svehla and mate Jake Emche were Colin Campbell, Frank Goodhart, Harry Dukes, Mark Rudiger, Marc Slavin and Gary Sappington. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Pete Truitt captured this 307 lb. thresher shark while fishing at Reef Site 11 with Matt Delaney, Dan McDermott, Jeffrey Chun, Brian Olowainy, Capt. Brian Wazlavek and mate Keith Beebe on the "Lil' Angler II". Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.





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Although the bite is not as crazy as it was a week ago, the drum bite continues to keep anglers occupied. Several boats are reporting multiple hook-ups, with good catches of big red and black drum. The black drum continue to come from the bayside of the Eastern Shore near Buoys 10, 13 and 16 where sea clams and chowder clams are the bait of choice. Red drum are still ravaging the breakers off the Eastern Shore barrier islands, while they are also mixing in with black drum among the shoals off Fisherman's Island, near Buoy 10, Nautilus Shoal, and the Nine-Foot Shoal areas. Surf anglers are also still pulling big reds from the surflines along the Eastern Shore barrier islands as well as off Sandbridge.

Although a bit early, the first Spanish mackerel catch was confirmed last week off Virginia Beach. Look for this action to pick up as the waters continue to warm.

Cobia hunters in North Carolina reported excellent catches as they intercepted schools of fish heading north and last week, both sightings of schools of cobia as well boated fish confirmed their arrival in local waters off Virginia.

Flounder action is still picking up, but there is room for improvement in lower Bay waters. Folks caught some fish at the CBBT last week, but most of the action is still coming from more protected areas. Both Rudee and Lynnhaven Inlets are giving up decent hauls of flatfish, with some flounder exceeding 20-inches. The best hauls continue to come from the backwaters on the Eastern Shore, such as the seaside inlets of Oyster and Wachapreague. Strips of squid, fresh stripped bait and Gulp baits are some offerings that worked for flatfish last week. Scattered puppy drum and school-sized striped bass are also hitting in many of these same shallow water locations.

Croaker are keeping pier anglers content with small to medium-sized hardheads taking squid and bloodworm offerings off Virginia Beach, Ocean View, Willoughby and Buckroe lately. Some decent sized sea mullet are also in the mix, along with some Tailor and snapper bluefish and small spot. Striped bass are also a possibility in these areas, as well as along all the lower Bay crossings and inlets, but be sure to check the regulations carefully.

With sea bass season now open, boats are reporting scattered catches of fish, with some pushing up to 4-pounds coming from both offshore and nearshore structures. Tautog are available in these same areas, but remember that tog season is closed. Reports of spadefish around the islands and pilings of the CBBT and at the Chesapeake

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Light Tower are trickling in, but the water needs to warm up a few more degrees for these fish to begin biting with consistency. Sheepshead are also starting to respond along the CBBT, and some nice fish are taking bait intended for drum along the shoals.

The deep dropping scene is still producing good catches for boats as the dogfish continue to clear out. Expect a selection of blueline tilefish and golden tilefish, along with black bellied rosefish, barrelfish and a variety of scattered grouper along the edges of the Norfolk Canyon. Jumbo sea bass provide a nice bycatch in these areas.

The offshore trolling scene should heat up soon off Virginia. In Carolina waters, the offshore fleet is enjoying some good gaffer action, with yellowfin tuna and big eye tuna adding to the mix. A few billfish are beginning to make things interesting as they enter trolling spreads, with some big blue marlin taking the lead last week.

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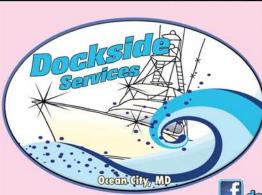
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On Sunday, it was a bad day to be a yellowfin tuna in the Baltimore Canyon where this group of anglers on the charter boat, "White Lightning" ended their day with 15 yellowfins and a mahi in the box after trolling ballyhoo and spreader bars in 70 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Fishing with Capt. Luke Blume and mate John Griffith were Kendall Currey, Hannah Snyder, Shannon Stickles, Garrett Currey, Ethan Dell, Bob Russell, Kim Currey, Heather Marshall, Peg Kehr and Cheryl Martin. Pictured back at the dock at Sunset Marina.

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Last Friday, conditions were a little breezy but that didn't stop these anglers from landing some nice flounder while fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Lizzy Brittingham. The group ended their day with 4 flatties in the box after catching them at the South Jetty and in the West Channel, south of the Rt. 50 Bridge. All of the fish were caught on Gulp! Swimming Mullets and minnows with the heaviest flounder tipping the scale at 3 lbs. 9 oz. Pictured back at the Ocean City Fishing Center are Brad Nutter, Jr. from Thousand Oaks, CA, Brad Nutter, Sr., Abigail Nutter, Shelly Nutter-Johnson and Robert Johnson, from Berlin, MD







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John Johnson from Ocean Pines, MD was fishing just outside the East Channel when he captured this 26-inch, 6 lb. flounder. John hooked the flattie on a squid and minnow combination and weighed his catch at Alltackle Ocean City.



On Sunday, James Kim from Lorton, VA boated this 3 lb. sea bass during a trip aboard the headboat, "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and mates Dean Lo and Rich Fouts. The knothead was fooled with a strip of squid on a natural reef.





Dave Fisher from Fairfax, VA, Edward Richardson and Ed Richardson from Laurel, MD and John Schroeder from Centreville, MD hooked this 275 lb. thresher shark on a bluefish fillet in 59-degree water at the Fingers. The anglers were fishing on the "Stretchin' Lips" and took 1 hour and 45 minutes to get the fish to the boat. Pictured at Sunset Marina.



Sam Hastings is super excited about the 64.5 lb. black drum he landed while fishing in the Bayshore Channel. Sam was on the "Fish Whisperer" with Capt. Rodney Jones. Pictured at Lewes Harbour Marina.





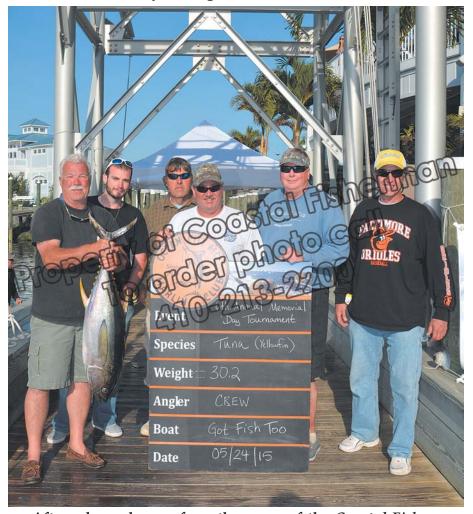
Angler George Myers, III, John Hardy, Tom Taylor, Joe Taylor and George Myers, Jr. returned to Sunset Marina with a 302 lb. thresher shark caught in 20 fathoms outside the Fingers. The anglers were fishing on the charter boat, "Playtime" with Capt. Ron Taylor.



Jack Derfler from Bridgeport, PA is happy to show off the pair of flounder he caught while fishing with pink and white Gulp! artificial baits at the mouth of the Commercial Harbor. Jack's fish measured 17 and 22-inches.



Michele Pfeiffer from Baltimore, MD landed this 4 lb. 1 oz. sea bass during a trip aboard the headboat, "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and mates Wes Pollitt and Dan Iacangelo. The knothead was hooked on a chunk of clam at a natural reef. Pictured back at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



After a long absence from the pages of the *Coastal Fisherman*, Harry Rey landed a 30.2 lb. yellowfin tuna during the Marlin Club Memorial Day Tournament on Sunday. Harry was fishing on the "Got Fish Too" with Chuck Kief, Jim Bugg, Jonathan Rey, Capt. Tim Talbot and mate Fred Weidel. The yellowfin was caught on a ballyhoo dressed up with a blue and white Ilander in 70 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.





On Sunday during the 6th Annual Marlin Club Memorial Day tournament, the crew on the "Reel Fantasy" showed up at Sunset Marina with 4 yellowfins (3 pictured) weighing up to 36.4 lbs. All of the tuna were caught in 70 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon while trolling the new Squidnation Flippy Floppy Thing. Fishing on the "Reel Fantasy" were Bill Pino, Schrader Grady, Darren Helwig, John Simpson (not pictured), Capt. Al Rittmeyer and mate Wicho.



Dan Okoniewski decked this 52.4 lb. black drum while fishing in the Broadkill Slough. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



On the "Reel Estate" with Capt. Curtis Campbell, Connor and Bruce Campbell joined up with Steve Noel and Drew, Brennan and Greg DiGiovanni for a trip to the Baltimore Canyon where they caught 4 yellowfins (3 pictured) weighing up to 40.8 lbs. The tuna were hooked while trolling in 120 fathoms in the Baltimore Canyon in 68 to 70-degree water.

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,	Low 07:03 am Low 07:14 pm	High 12:45 am High 01:18 pm
,	Low 07:57 am Low 08:19 pm	High 01:42 am High 02:23 pm

Add 1.5 hours for bay tides at the Rt. 50 Bridge.
Indian River Inlet - add 25 minutes to high tide
Delaware Bay Entrance - subtract 1 hour 25 minutes to high tide
- subtract 45 minutes to low tide
Wachapreague VA - add 4 minutes for high tide

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.



#### •••• JUNE ••••

19th Annual Mako Mania

June 5-7 • Bahia Marina • 410-289-7438

57th Annual Big Rock Blue Marlin Tournament

Ladies Event - June 6 • Tournament - June 8-13

Morehead City, NC • 252-247-3575

35th Annual South Jersey Shark Tourn. *June 10-13 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400* 

26th Annual MSSA Tuna-Ment

June 19-21 • Sunset Marina • 410-255-5535

36th Annual Marlin Club

Small Boat Tournament

June 20-21 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613

#### •••• JULY ••••

33rd Annual Marlin Club Canyon Kick-Off *July 3-5 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613* 

7th Annual Pier Point Marina Flounder Tourn. *July 3 - Aug 8 • Dewey Beach, DE • 302-227-2808* 

28th Annual Ocean City Tuna Tournament *July 10-12• OC Fishing Center • 410-213-1121* 

26th Annual Ocean/Viking Showdown

July 15-19 • Cape May, NJ • 609-884-2400

11th Annual Marlin Club Kid's Classic *July 18-19 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613* 

2nd Annual Big Fish Classic *July 24-26 • Talbot Street Pier • 410-213-0325* 

7th Annual Marlin Club Ladies Tournament *July 31 - Aug 1 • OC Marlin Club • 410-213-1613* 

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8th Annual Ocean Pines Chamber of Commerce Flounder Tournament

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BLUE DOG - 2006 64' Caison



RAVAGANZA - 2008 70' Jarrett Bay Call David Fields



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REEL AFFAIR - 2001 55' Ricky Scarborough - Call Jeff James



REEL HOOKER - 1998 60' Ricky Scarborough Custom Carolina - Call Jimmy Fields



1988 58' Monterey Call Jimmy Fields



TAILWALKER 2 - 1998 50' Viking Call David Fields



WHY NOT - 1992 45' Ricky Scarborough Call Jimmy Fields



FULL CHOKE - 2002 38' Jarrett Bay Express Custom Carolina - Call Jeff James



BOBCAT -1995 42' Liberty Call Jeff James



MISTRESS - 2008 33' Albemarle 330 Express - Call Jeff James



8 LURES - 2006 41' Luhrs Convertible Call Steve Trattner



NATURAL ABILITY- 2006 32' Carolina Classic - Call Steve Trattner



BLACK WIDOW - 1999 45' Ocean Call Steve Trattner



PEGASUS - 1998 48' Ocean Call Gary Stamm



SEA NOTE - 2001 32' Luhrs Convertible Call Steve Trattner



FIRST AND MORE - 2003 28' Carolina Classic -Call Gary Stamm



GROUPER THERAPY- 2001 30' Pursuit Call Steve Trattner



M'mM'm Good - 2000 28' Albemarie Express -Call Steve Trattner



SEA ROBIN - 2000 28' Carolina Classic -Call Steve Trattner



ISLANDER - 1964 36' Islander Call Gary Stamm

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