

The first shark of the year hit the dock at the Talbot Street Pier last Friday when the anglers and crew on the charter boat, "Restless Lady" hung this 214 lb. make shark caught by Hayden Christoff from Wintersville, OH. Hayden was fishing with Jeff Elliott, Josh Richardson, Darci Yocum and John Slate, all from Richmond, OH, Capt. Todd Kurtz and mate Will Hathaway. The make was hooked on a whole mackerel in 700 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon, 68 miles from the Ocean City Inlet, where Capt. Todd found 59 1/2-degree water. The anglers also released 4 blue sharks during the trip.



Chuck Hazel decked this 6 lb. Paralichthys dentatus, also known as summer flounder, while drifting shiners in the Lewes Canal. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.





While tossing a Storm lure off the North Jetty in Ocean City, Craig Hocker from Gettysburg, PA caught this 29-inch, 7 lb. 13 oz. weakfish.



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Kevin Powell from Gambrills, MD boated a couple of flounder during a trip aboard the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Brian Behe. Both fish were caught on white Gulp! Swimming Mullets while drifting in the bay behind Assateague Island near the duck blinds. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Cary Rutherford was casting a chartreuse Gulp! artificial bait around Roosevelt Inlet's North Jetty when he caught this 4 lbs. 12 oz. weakfish. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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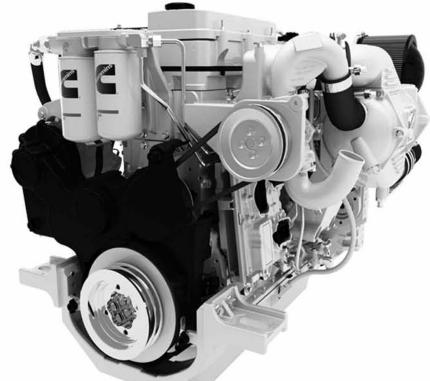
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NMFS Announces 2014 Marine Recreational Fishing Expenditure Survey

NOAA and the saltwater angling community need timely economic data to help evaluate the economic importance of the recreational fishing industry and the economic impacts of fishing regulations and changes in the ecosystem caused by natural or manmade events. Starting May 15th, NOAA will begin conducting a periodic survey of saltwater anglers across the nation designed to estimate the amount of money spent by anglers on saltwater fishing trips and fishing-related equipment.

The information gathered in the survey will provide a better understanding of the economic generated from saltwater recreational fishing across the U.S. and contribute to more informed decisions on recreational fishing issues. The National Marine Recreational Fishing Expenditure Survey is updated every 3 to 5 years. The last survey found that anglers spent over \$23 billion on saltwater fishing trips and equipment. These expenditures contributed over \$56 billion to the U.S. economy in 2011.

In May 2014, NOAA will begin part one and randomly survey anglers in coastal states with saltwater fishing licenses. The anglers will be sent a survey in the mail that asks questions about their expenditures on durable goods used for saltwater fishing (such as fishing rods, boats, and vehicles) for the previous 2 months. In 2016, NOAA will conduct the second part of the survey focusing on trip-related expenditures.

The expenditure survey will also include a targeted survey of approximately 3,000 Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Angling permit holders. The purpose is to collect expenditure data on a unique group of avid anglers that are typically underrepresented in national surveys. The 2011 survey found HMS anglers living from Maine to North Carolina spent \$217 million on saltwater fishing trips which equipment contributed \$358 million to the U.S. economy.





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Ed Yingling has landed some nice flounder this spring and on this day he captured a 21-incher while drifting live minnows in the Lewes Canal. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



With water temperatures in the bay heading into the mid-60's, flounder fishing is starting to show signs of life. John Maks was drifting behind the Ocean City Airport and caught this 17-incher on a live minnow. Photo courtesy of Oyster Bay Tackle.



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5th Annual Memorial Day Bluefish **Tournament**

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Chairmen: Franky Pettolina & Chris Evans Registration: May 23, 6:30-8:30pm Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm Fishing Days: (1 of 2) May 24 & 25 Weigh Ins: May 24&25, 3:30-6:00pm ards Banquet: May 25th 6:30-9:00pm Awards Presentation: 7:00pm

6th Annual OCMC

Ladies' Tournament "HEELS & REELS"

To benefit the OCMC Auxiliary Scholarship Fund Chairmen: Franky Pettolina & Amanda Shick Registration: July 31, 6:00pm Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm Fishing Days: (1 or 2) August 1&2 Weigh Ins: August 1&2, 5:00-7:30pm Awards Banquet: August 2, 6:30-9:00pm

35th Annual Small Boat Tournament

Chairmen: Bill Regan, Annette Cropper & Colin Campbell Registration: June 20, 2014, 6:30pm Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm Fishing Days: (1 of 2) June 21 & 22 Weigh Ins: June 21 & 22 3:00-6:30pm Eastern Shore Style Crab Feast: June 22, 6:30-9:00pm Awards Presentation: 7:00pm

56th Annual Labor Day White Marlin Tournament

Chairmen: Franky Pettolina, Bob Wimbrow & Bill Fenwick Registration: August 28, 6:30pm FREE TO PAID OCMC BOAT MEMBERS Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm Fishing Days: (2 of 3) August 29,30 & 31 Weigh Ins: August 29,30 & 31, 5:30-7:30pm Awards Banquet: August 31, 6:30-9:00pm Awards Presentation: 8:00pm

32nd Annual Canyon Kickoff

Chairman: N. Dave Birkett Registration: July 3,2014 6:30pm FREE TO PAID OCMC BOAT MEMBERS Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm Fishing Days: (2 of 3) July 4,5 & 6 Weigh Ins: July 4,5 & 6, 5:00-7:30pm Awards Banquet: July 6, 6:30-9:00pm Awards Presentation: 8:00pm

36th Annual Charles Kratz & Scott Smith Challenge Cup

Chairmen: John C. Duffie & Andy Helms Registration: September 11, 7:00pm
Captain's Meeting: 8:00pm
Fishing Days: (2 of 2) Sept. 12&13, No weigh-ins
Italian Night: Sept. 12, 6:30-9:00pm
Awards Banquet: Sept. 13, 6:30-9:00pm **Invitation Only**

10th Annual Kid's Classic

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Chairmen: Pat Svehla, Annette Cropper & Bill Regan Registration: July 18,2014, 6:30pm Captain's Meeting: 7:30pm Fishing Days: (1 or 2 of 2) July 19 & 20 Weigh Ins: July 19 3:00-6:30pm,July 20 3:00-6:00pm Sunday Carnival & Awards: July 20, 5:00-8:00pm Awards Presentation: 7:00pm

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2nd Annual OCMC **Rockfish Tournament**

To benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Chairmen: Colin Campbell & Jeremy Blunt Registration: December 5, 6:00pm
Captain's Meeting: 7:00pm
Fishing Days: (5 of 9) December 6-14
Weigh Ins: December 6-14, Time: TBA Awards Banquet: December 14, Time:TBA



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Kara Teat is all smiles after landing this impressive 5 lb. 3 oz. flounder while casting a Gulp! artificial bait from Broadkill Beach. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina, home of the Lewes Harbour Marina Stretch.





Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



It's been more than a tough spring for fishermen this year, but it looks like things are ready to bust open. Water temperatures in the bay are on the rise and surf temperatures have finally risen above 50-degrees. It should only get better in the coming weeks.

Sharks

The big news of the week was the 214 lb. make shark caught on Friday by Hayden Christoff on the charter boat, "Restless Lady". This was the first shark caught in 2014 and Capt. Todd Kurtz had to travel 68 miles to 700 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon to find it in 59 1/2-degree water. The anglers also hooked 4 blue sharks during the trip.

Just a reminder, the Ocean City Shark Tournament moved their dates up to May 29th to 31st. Historically, the tournament was held on Father's Day weekend, but organizers felt that the new date would provide for better shark fishing.

Weakfish

On Wednesday, Craig Hocker was tossing a Storm lure off the North Jetty and hooked into a 29-inch, 7 lb. 13 oz. weakfish.

Flounder

We are starting to see "some" life with the flounder bite. On Thursday, Dick Miller stopped by the office with his limit of 4 flounder caught in the bay behind Frontier Town Campground (see picture above). This was the only individual



On May 8th, Dick Miller from Berlin, MD was drifting white Gulp! Swimming Mullets in 65-degree water in the bay behind Frontier Town and ended his day with 4 keeper flounder in the box. The largest flattie measured 22 1/2-inches and weighed 4 lbs. 6 oz.

limit we saw this week. Another notable catch came in on the charter boat, "Get Sum" on Friday when anglers returned with 4 keepers in the box after drifting in the South Bay behind Frontier Town.

The bite in the Thorofare was not very good last week, with

only a few catches being reported. The bite in the bay behind Assateague, from behind the Ocean City Airport down to the duck blinds, looked like the better location when the water was clean.

Speaking of clean water, Sunday was a disaster with dirty water throughout the bay. Chuck Wenzel did find clean water on the outside of the South Jetty and ended up with a fat, 22-

inch flounder in the box.

Most of the action this week

Most of the action this week seemed to come on Gulp! Swimming Mullets, with white and pink being the most productive colors.

Tautog

Head boat and charter boat anglers continue to find nice size tautog on ocean structure. The largest tog of the week went to Donald Knox with his 18 lb. 3 oz. blackfish caught while fishing outside the First Lump on the charter boat, "Fish Bound". Donald and the 4 other anglers on the boat ended up with their 4 fish per person limit.

On Saturday, Capt. Jason Mumford guided his anglers to an action packed day of tog fishing around the South Jetty. His group released over 40 tog and kept a pair measuring 17 and 18-inches. Capt. Jason reported the water temperature at 62 degrees during the bottom of the outgoing tide and dropping to 57 degrees during the incoming tide.

We also saw some tog being caught off Gudelsky Park in the West Channel by Mike Snedaker who caught 4 on Thursday measuring 17, 18, 20 and 21-inches.

Sea Bass

Nothing to report except sea bass season opens on May 19th!!

In the Surf

The action from the beach continues to be sporadic, but it should only be a matter of days before things start heating up. The bite is several weeks behind what we normally see this time of year, but anglers who fished Virginia's barrier islands last week reported good schools of nice size stripers heading our way.



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Chuck Wenzel from West Ocean City found some clean water on Sunday when he ventured to the outside of the South Jetty and was rewarded with this 22-inch flounder. Chuck caught the flattie on a white Gulp! Swimming Mullet during the outgoing tide in 59-degree water. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Stripers and black drum are both being caught in the suds, just not in any numbers. On Saturday, Hugh Cropper joined his dad, Hugh, and daughter, Myra, for a morning of fishing off Assateague Island and ended up with 2 nice stripers, measuring 34 and 38-inches, along with a 21inch black drum.

On Sunday, Sue Foster at Oyster Bay Tackle sent in a couple of pictures of anglers with black drum caught off the beach in North Ocean City on Fishbite bloodworms.

Also on Sunday, Jeremy Miller stopped by with a 43-inch

striper he caught while fishing off Assateague with fresh bunker at slack tide.

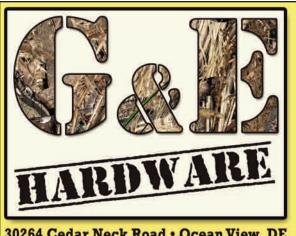
There was a report of a kayaking fisherman Assateague on the Virginia line who came across a school of big, bull red drum a ways off the beach, but he had no luck hooking one.

Upcoming Tournament

We are less than 2 weeks away from the first tournament of the season, the Marlin Club Bluefish Tournament on May 24th and 25th.

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Mike Cannon was drifting Gulp! artificial baits in the Lewes Canal when he hooked into this 4 lb. 6 oz. flounder. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Phil Sexton from Millville, DE hooked this 24.5-inch flounder while drifting shiners in the Indian River Inlet by the VFW Slough. The fish weighed 5 lbs. 3 oz. on the scale at Rick's Bait & Tackle.

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Black Drum	48"	50 lbs. or 45"
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Blue Marlin **	Any Size	Any Size
Cobia	44"	-
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"
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	-
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Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"
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	MD	<u>DE</u>
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Tiger *	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"
Swordfish	Any Size	Any Size
Tautog	24"	7 lbs. or 25"
Tuna:		
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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

^{**} Only released fish are eligible in MD and DE programs

^{***} Use curved-fork-length measurements



We haven't seen a lot of bluefish caught off the beach this spring, but George Frigm landed this pair while fishing with whole mullet in the suds off Fenwick Island. George's largest chopper measured 30inches and weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz.



Jeff **Baker** from Georgetown, DE landed this 37 lb. black drum while fishing with surf clams off Broadkill Beach.



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Dave Weller from Ocean City, MD was fishing in the Thorofare on the "Turn Me Loose" when he tangled with this 25-inch flounder after hooking it on a pink Gulp! Swimming Mullet. The big flattie weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. on the scale at Bahia Marina.











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Driftin' Easy

-by Sue Foster



"Do I need a new surf reel? My buddy can cast further than I can?"

First of all, make sure there is something wrong with your old reel! Some people think they need a new reel just because they can't cast as far as their buddy. Sometimes it's not the reel, but the line! Old line can become brittle and stiff. A spool that is not full will also slow your cast down. Your buddy may be using a Spectra line such as Power Pro that has a thin diameter. A 30 lb. test Power Pro braid has the equivalent diameter of 8 lb. test monofilament line. This will help you cast a lot further than the traditional 20 lb. test monofilament. It's more expensive for sure, but worth the money if you are looking for a long cast!

Spectra lines such as PowerPro are very strong and



- Capt. Mark Sampson, Fish Finder Adventures

have no stretch. Since they have no stretch, you can break an old or inexpensive reel if you crank down the drag and expect that old piece of metal to take the entire brunt of your fishing experience. It's not just the fish on the other end! If you pull on a snag with all your might and use the rod or reel as a wench, you can break either one. When you use a type of Spectra line such as PowerPro, it's best to wrap the line around a glove or rag and pull the line itself rather than pull against the rod or reel. On a boat, anglers wrap the line around the cleat when they get hung up. PLEASE be careful when using braid because it can cut you. It is so strong it was originally used to make bulletproof vests. I have sold it for folks to use on a cheese cutter.

If you are a surf fisherman, buy a finger guard to protect your index finger since it can cut you when you cast hard. I have also used black electrical tape in a pinch.

Since braided line has no stretch, it is easier to pull out of snags then monofilament, so even though you have to be more careful, it is easier to get out of snags. (I wouldn't suggest it for young children though. Fill their reels with monofilament.)

"I'm going to fill my reel with braid!"

Look at your old reel



Chris Peeples captured this 19-inch tautog while fishing in the Ocean City Inlet.

carefully before deciding to fill it with braid. If it is old and the spool or body is made out of plastic, I wouldn't do it. If the line roller is rusty or has a groove in the metal roller, don't do it. If the drag doesn't work properly, I would stick to monofilament. If the reel came out of the \$19.99 special barrel, you probably don't want to do it, unless you don't care if the reel only lasts as long as a few fishing trips.

Sometimes the braid line costs more than the reel itself. If the reel craps out, save the spool and you can run the line on a new reel! Braid also lasts longer than monofilament. After a couple of years, you can crank it onto another spool so the line will be reversed. The top of the spool will now be at the bottom of another spool, so the line on top will be unused. If you are spooling line yourself, it's always easier to have your reel mounted on a

rod and have someone hold the spool with pressure while the other person cranks!

Now. this is **VERY** important. We see this all the time. If you have a reel that does not have a special "braid ready spool", you do not want to tie the braid directly onto the spool unless you tape it down with electrical tape. At our stores, we always wind some monofilament backing and then tie into the braid line with a uni-knot to tie the two lines together. This knot is strong enough to fight a fish if you get down to it. Backing your spool with monofilament fills up your spool part way to keep your cost down, and most importantly, it keeps your line from spinning on your spool. If you tie braid directly to a "non-braid" ready spool, you can take your fingers and spin the whole spool of line around When this and around! happens, you can't fish right because your line is all loose on your spool and you think that you really hate this new braided line!

The thinner the braided line, the smaller the diameter and the further you can cast, but remember, 20 lb. test Power Pro braid is the equivalent of 6 lb. monofilament, so you may need your reading glasses to tie a knot!

The other nice feature about braided line is that it really cuts

Hugh Cropper, IV

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through the water and you need less sinker weight to hold bottom! I use a uni knot to tie my swivels on to the braided line. I find it easier than the improved clinch knot because you don't have to see the last loop to pull the tag end through. Uni knots can be done by "feel" once you get good at them!!!

Last but not least, not all braids are abrasion resistant. If you are doing things like tautog fishing in structure, it is best to tie a mono or fluorocarbon leader onto the braid line. I use a uni knot to tie two lines together for that too! If you can't do that, use a black barrel swivel. When I'm surf fishing, I don't worry about a mono leader, I just make sure I tie my snap swivel on securely, but if I'm fishing with lures, I typically use a mono or fluorocarbon leader.

There are all kinds of brands of braided line. At our stores, we sell regular PowerPro and we also sell PowerPro Super8Slick. The

Super8Slick has a smoother surface design which reduces the line friction as it moves through your guides. It is smooth as silk and more expensive, but makes no noise when going through the guides and seems to be more abrasion resistant. I personally like it a lot.

If you have never used braid, I would try a 100 yards on one of your favorite reels before investing a lot of money. Some people just don't like it. It's all personal preference. You do get a different "feel." You can feel the nibbles better, but the "no stretch" feature takes a little getting used to. It's strong and tough, and occasionally it can cut your finger, so use it with care! And remember; don't use your rod as a wench to pull your rig out of a snag!

Good fishing....

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



Dave Beach, Sr. from Fallston, MD was fishing with his son, Dave Beach, II off the bulkhead at 2nd Street in Ocean City when he caught this 17-inch tautog on a green crab. The blackfish weighed 3 lbs. 8 oz. on the scale at Oyster Bay Tackle.

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Pat Hurley of West Ocean City, MD was drifting minnows behind the Ocean City Airport when he caught his limit of flounder measuring 17, 18, 19 and 20-inches.









Brody Schwartz, age 4, from West Chester, PA poses with the 35inch black drum caught by his dad, Chris Schwartz while surfcasting off Assateague Island. Brody contributed to the catch by digging up the sand fleas needed for bait. Photo courtesy of Buck's Place.



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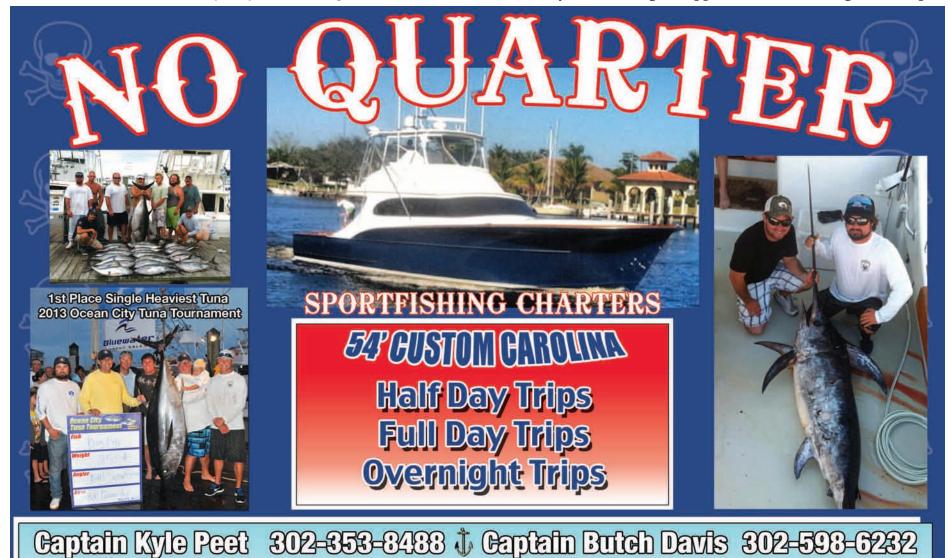


It hasn't been a great spring for surfcasters fishing off Assateague Island, but Michele Trotter was able to catch and release this 38-inch black drum in early May after fooling it with sand fleas.



Myra Cropper landed a 21-inch black drum and her grandfather, Hugh Cropper, III caught a pair of stripers, measuring 34 and 38-inches, both while fishing with peeler crabs off Assateague Island. Myra's dad, Hugh Cropper, IV was also along on the trip.

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Tim Gola, Sr. from Newark, DE released this black drum while fishing with clams off Broadkill Beach in the Delaware Bay. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.





Roger Aeo muscled in this 34-inch black drum while fishing with shrimp in the Indian River Inlet. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop in Lewes, DE.



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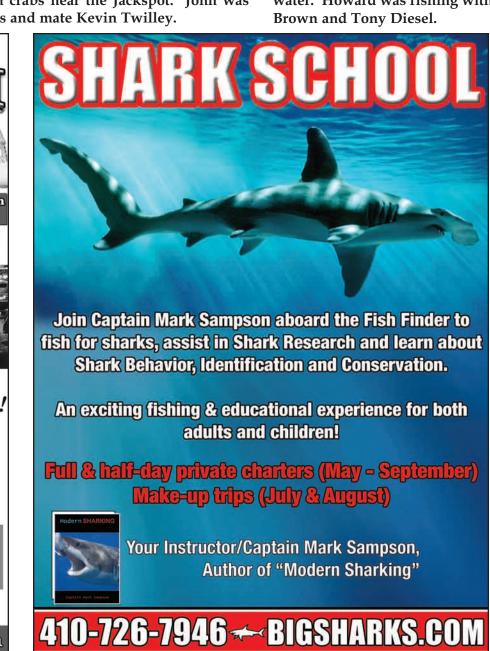
Anglers on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" out of Bahia Marina have had some good days of tautog fishing this season, and on this day, John Johanson from Flanders, NJ landed one weighing 11 lbs. 5 oz. while fishing with green crabs near the Jackspot. John was fishing with Capt Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley.

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Howard Cramer from Landisville, PA jumped on the "G-FORCE" for the trip north from Oregon Inlet and caught 12 mahi and 2 blackfin tuna along a weedline in 1,000 fathoms in 74-degree water. Howard was fishing with Capt. Seth Obetz and mates Travis Brown and Tony Diesel.







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This 7 lb. 3 oz. tautog fell at the hands of John Little while tog fishing on the charter boat, "Katydid" with Capt. Brent Wiest. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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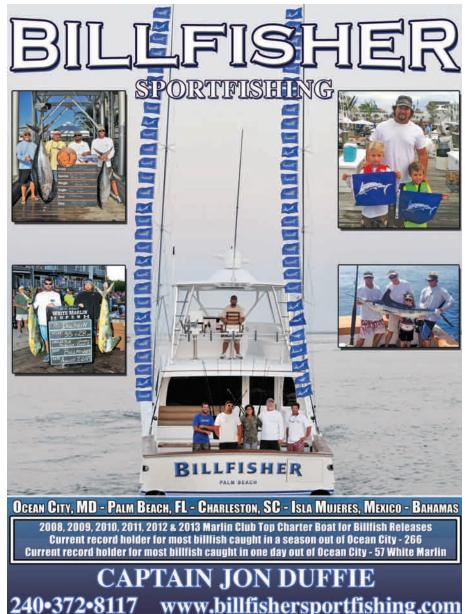
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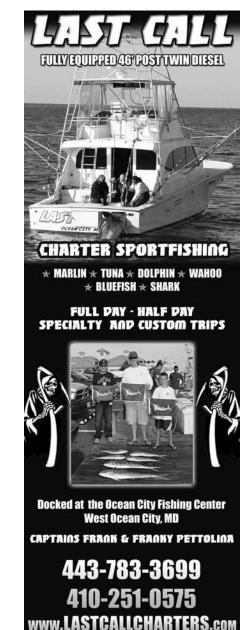
Alex Levantovsky used a rock crab to lure this tautog out of the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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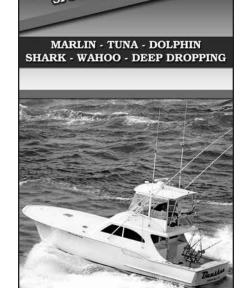


In early May, the Ocean City Reef Foundation off-loaded concrete pipes in 62-feet of water on the south side of the Lindsey Power Reef located within the Isle of Wight Reef Site. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Ocean City Reef Foundation and receiving a book of their reef sites and coordinates should send an email to the OCRF at info@ocreefs.org.





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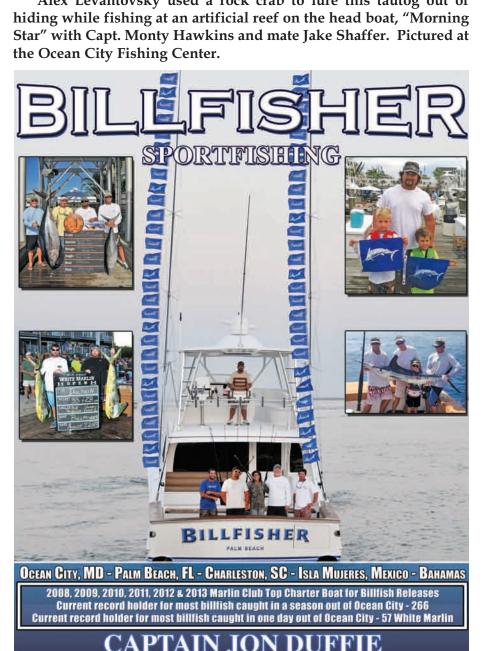
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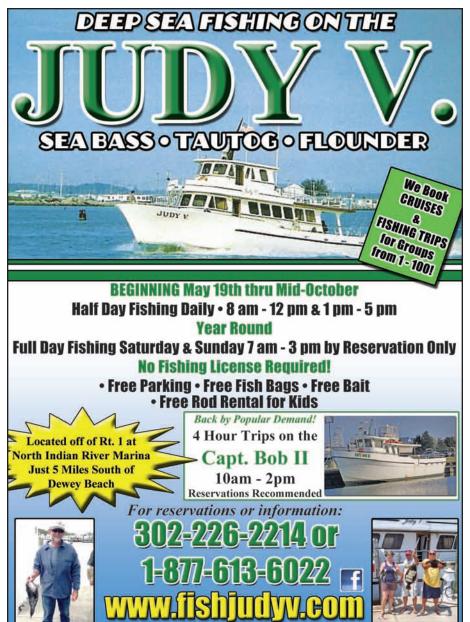


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Loch Mouynivong of Frankford, DE caught a pair of tautog, weighing 4 lbs. and 6 lbs. 13 oz. while fishing with green crabs on the south side of the Indian River Inlet. Weighed at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Marina.



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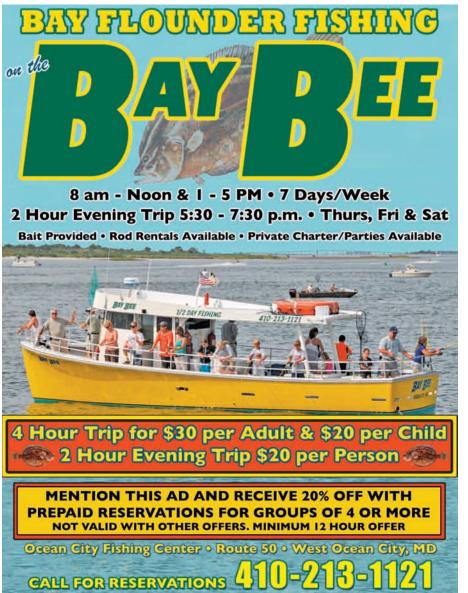


Jacob Sturgill, Brandon Sturgill and Hugh Thomas Cropper had a fun day fishing on the charter boat, "Lucky Break" with Capt. Jason Mumford. The anglers caught several good size tautog while fishing with green crabs around the South Jetty. The "Lucky Break" is docked at Frontier Town on Rt. 611.

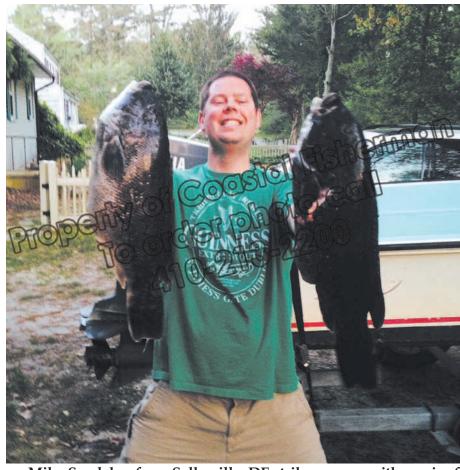








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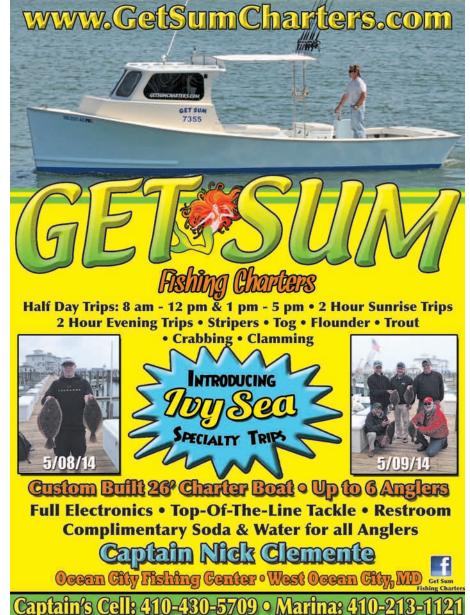


Mike Snedaker from Selbyville, DE strikes a pose with a pair of tautog he captured while fishing from the shore at Gudelsky Park in the West Channel. Mike's blackfish measured 20 and 21-inches and were caught on green crabs. He also landed 2 others that measured 17 and 18-inches.



Rick Hess, Randy Garner and Kevin Hess, all from Lititz, PA, Jeff Garner from Manheim, PA and Kevin Garner from Palmyra, PA ended their day with 4 flounder in the cooler after fishing on the charter boat, "Get Sum" with Capt. Nick Clemente and mate Brian Behe. The flatties were caught on pink Gulp! artificial baits in the bay behind Assateague Island near the duck blinds. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.









Marty Riley from Lewes, DE caught this 29-inch, 6 lb. 5 oz. weakfish while tossing a green Storm shad in the Lewes Canal. Weighed at Bill's Sport Shop.



Despite having a cast on her right arm, Gracie Fetterman battled this pair of black drum while anchored in shallow water off Broadkill Beach. Gracie hooked the boomers on clams. The fish weighed 33.8 lbs. and 34 lbs. on the scale at Lewes Harbour Marina.



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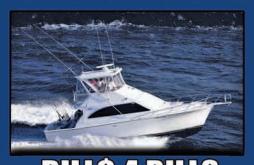
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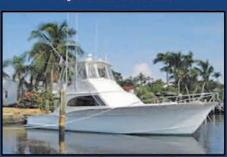
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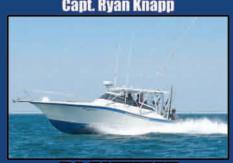
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Delaware Fishing Report

- by Larry Jock



Fishing in Delaware is really a mixed bag right now. Those fishing in the Delaware Bay and points around Lewes are finding better action for tog, flounder and black drum. Anglers fishing farther south continue to experience slower fishing both in the bay and off the beach.

Joe Morris at Lewes Harbour Marina said many anglers targeted tautog over the past week, trying to put some away before the end of Delaware's spring season on Sunday, May 11th. The bite was good, and limit catches were common among the headboats and charter boats, as well as private boaters.

Blackfish came from the rock breakwaters off Lewes, at most of the lower Bay reef sites and ocean beachfront wrecks. Some toggers told of seeing fish splashing on the surface around the Outer Wall in the Delaware Bay, indicative that spawning activity has already started.

Several quality fish were checked in recently. Paul Matthews muscled in a 12.77 pound tautog at the Outer Wall. Doug Riniker reeled in an 8.73 pound tog. Ryan Greel got one 8.63 pounds. Karl Bryfogle brought in an 8.55 pounder. Bob Meyers managed an 8.03 pound citation tog from the Inner



We have seen a definite increase in the number of weakfish caught over the last few years and hopefully this is a good sign for the 2014 season. Paul Hazzard was fishing off the Cape Henlopen Pier and hooked this 5 lb. weakie while jigging a pink Zoom Super Fluke. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

Wall. John Little landed a 7.22 pounder while wreck fishing aboard the "Katydid". Jesse Rodriguez reeled in a 7.16 pound tog on the "Indian" and Paul Pergeorelis pulled a 7.05 pounder off the Outer Wall. Delaware's tautog season reopens on July 17th.

Black drum came on strong for surfcasters between Broadkill and Primehook beaches. Fishing clams during afternoon tide changes produced boomers that averaged 15 to 35 pounds, although, some larger fish were landed as well. Peter

Taggart took a 30.3 pounder from the beach while fishing with clams at the top of the flood. Cody Dmiterchik dug sand fleas at Broadkill Beach to use as bait and was rewarded with a 26 pounder.

Beach anglers also had an occasional striper and even a few flounder. Kara Teat was casting a Gulp! from Broadkill Beach when she connected with an impressive 5.2 pound

Boaters got in on the drum action too, and with rising temps, fish will likely spread out from shallow water along

www.coastalfisherman.net the shoreline onto traditional grounds such as the Coral Beds area and into Broadkill Slough. Danny Selby on the "Misdemeanor"

anchored in shallow water off Broadkill Beach on Thursday, soaking clams when he boated a 59 pound boomer. Danny returned to the same spot on Friday with Larry Taylor, where they put a limit of 6 in the box, including Larry's 70.5 pound behemoth. Gracie Fetterman had a cast on her right arm, but that didn't stop her from battling black drum weighing 33.8 and 34 pounds just off Broadkill Beach on Saturday.

Some drummers in the Broadkill Slough encountered decent sized croakers last week. It's early for hardheads, but good to hear they're around already. Joe said the shop will be stocking surf clams throughout drum time, but he suggests calling to make bait reservations.

More trout are showing up recently. Marty Riley caught a tiderunner on a Storm shad near the Lewes Canal railroad bridge that weighed over 6 lbs. Paul Hazzard had a 5 pounder and Amanda Frey fought a 4 pound trout from the Cape Henlopen Pier while jigging pink Zoom Flukes. Cary Rutherford tossed a Gulp! around Roosevelt's North Jetty and hooked a 4.74 pound weakfish last week.

Flounder action remains confined to the shallow water of the Lewes Canal, around continued on page 33

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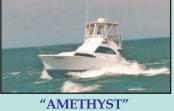
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Love was in the air after a day of tautog fishing with Capt. Brian Wazlavek on the "Lil' Angler II" out of Lewes, DE. Suzanne Martin and Brandy Timmons Parker laid smooches on the tog they hooked on clams at Reef Sites 6 and 7 in the Delaware Bay. Photo courtesy of Lewes Harbour Marina.



T.J. Gola was fishing off Broadkill Beach with Tim Gola, Sr. when he caught and released this black drum after hooking it on clams. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.



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Delaware report, cont'd.

the Cape Henlopen Pier and close to Lewes and Broadkill beaches.

Lewes Canal anglers picked away at flatties using Gulp! artificial baits, shiners and minnows. Chuck Hazel checked in a 6 pounder he captured from the Canal.

Hopefully fluke will turn on for the annual Canal Flounder Tournament this Friday, sponsored by Lewes Harbour Marina, the Dewey Beach Lions Club and Martek Marine Electronics. The event takes place on the Lewes Canal between 7 AM and 3 PM on May 16th. The \$25 cash entry must be paid at Lewes Harbour Marina in advance of start time. Five dollars of each entry is donated to Camp Awareness. Cash prizes and major bragging rights will be awarded for the eight heaviest flounder.

Further south, Bert Adams at Hook'em & Cook'em in the Indian River Inlet reported that the weather and slow fishing has kept most fisherman at home, but water temperatures are on the rise and we should start seeing better fishing in the coming weeks.

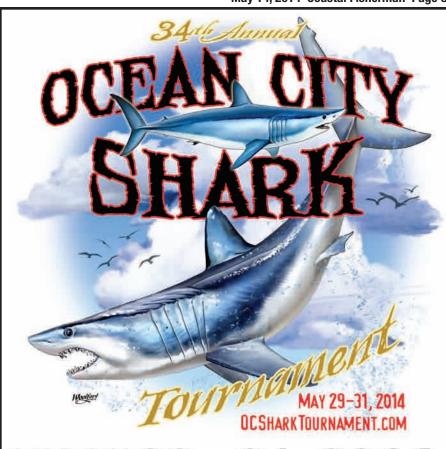
Surfcasters are still hooking into blowfish, small bluefish, short stripers and a few black drum. Most of the bluefish are in the 18 to 22inch range.

Anglers fishing in the Indian River Inlet are also finding smaller bluefish and short stripers dominating the action. An occasional keeper striper is being landed along with a lot of shad.

Last week, at least 1 weakfish was caught in the Inlet and it was a nice one. Steve Papaminas caught a 28inch, 7 lb. weakie while tossing a Bomber lure off the north wall.

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Ship to Shore

- by Steve Katz Steve's Marine Service

Raster or Vector?

With the days of the large chart table at the helm behind us, most boaters rely on some sort of electronic charts for navigation. Just like the chart plotters warning message says, it is still a good idea to carry paper charts on-board your boat.

The electronics charts we use today have become so commonplace, we sometimes don't give it another thought when plotting our course or navigating unfamiliar waters. Just because it is electronic does not automatically make the chart better or more accurate than a paper chart. And do not forget to keep both paper and electronic charts updated with the "Notice to Mariners". The US Notice to Mariners provides timely



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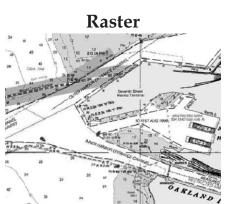
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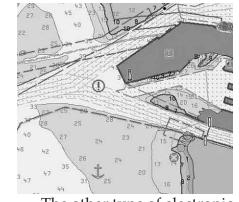
In my experience it seems that most boaters who purchase or use electronic charts, prefer raster charts. These raster charts are derived from the familiar NOAA paper charts. A raster chart is a digital image comprised of individual colored pixels that appear on the screen, similar to a photograph. These charts are also called Raster Navigational Charts or RNC.

They were created in 1994 when the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) began to electronically scan the film images of marine charts and convert the image to a digital format. This allowed cartographers to update charts and continue to offer updated paper charts and electronic charts from the same digital file. For this digital information to work with modern chart plotters, the cartographers had to add a geographic reference to each digital image, allowing the chart plotter to stitch together two charts, so when your boat moves onto a new chart, there is no "page" to turn. The next electronic charts flows into the current chart.

The geographic reference used to align charts with the real world, is called a datum. Most charts are referenced

from the World Geodetic System WGS84 Datum reference coordinate system. This datum was established in 1984 and is referenced from the center of the earth's mass. There are other horizontal datums used in marine charts, such as the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD27) and the NAD83. In Europe, they use the European Terrestrial Reference System 1989 (ETRS89) datum. The main point here is to be sure your navigation equipment datum matches the electronic chart datum for the most accurate representation of your plotted location.

Vector



The other type of electronic chart is also very good but not as popular. The Vector chart, or sometimes referred to as the Electronic Navigational Chart (ENC), are "drawn" on the display using a set of electronic data points. This vector data is a computer file where the navigational objects (land, buoys, wrecks, jetties, buoys, etc.) are maintained in a database along with additional information about real world characteristics: geographic position, shape, color, the age of the data, etc. It is then up to each Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS) or chart plotter to draw the objects on the screen based on mathematical vectors of each object from known reference points. NOAA first began to create the vector data back in 1997. This vector data is built to meet a format used worldwide, called S-57 is a set of regulations approved by IMO and IHO (the international organizations responsible for

www.coastalfisherman.net the safety at sea requirements and related cartography).

Raster or Vector - Both!

There are advantages and disadvantages to each type. Many chart plotters have both types of charts available and often boaters will switch between the two depending on their needs or location. In summary:

- Vector nautical charts are considerably smaller in memory/storage size so a lot more maps can be stored in a chart plotters memory, though the display on-screen may not be as pleasing.
- Raster charts display a visual style of a classical nautical chart which is very familiar to boaters, but require more electronic storage space.

One last word about NOAA. If this was not complicated enough, "The Federal government authorizes private electronic chart vendors to produce other vector products using NOAA ENC data, and to convert it to their own proprietary format. The Federal government also authorizes private firms to scan NOAA paper charts and download NOAA raster files to produce other navigational products. The public is invited to download raster and electronic navigational charts for free"

Often it is difficult to know where the data originated on your chart plotter. In addition to NOAA, there are companies like MaxSea's MapMedia, Navionics, C-MAP by Jeppesen and many others who cover the world with charts. Be sure to research your chart plotter and the charts you use to be sure it is set-up properly and that it will meet your needs.

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



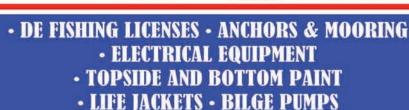
Kirby Kaeufer from Ocean Pines, MD caught this 21-inch flounder while fishing in the Thorofare with his grandfather, Jack Kaeufer. The flounder attacked a chartreuse Gulp! Swimming Mullet in 62-degree water at the bottom of the outgoing tide.



This 17 1/2-inch tautog was caught by Jaden Azato of Lewes, DE while fishing at the Inner Wall in the Delaware Bay. The tog, Jaden's first, was hooked on a green crab and is pictured at Bill's Sport Shop.







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Costa also came out with their new Hamlin model, designed in the honor of Capt. Ron Hamlin, a legendary fisherman who has released more than 27,000 billfish.



The Hamlin has an extra large frame that also has stainless steel hinges and Costa's heavy duty TR90 nylon frame in 9 different styles. Like all Costa frames, they come with a lifetime warranty. It has a suggested retail price of \$129 for frames



Ben Strahl got the best of this 13 lb. 6 oz. tautog while fishing on the "Reef Chief" with Capt. Chris Mizurak out of Ocean City. The blackfish was fooled with a green crab at an ocean wreck off Assateague Island. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

with plastic lenses and \$219 for those with glass lenses.

One final note on Costa sunglasses. I have been asked several times about the differences between Costa's glass and plastic lenses. According to the company, "Plastic lenses are more lightweight than glass for added comfort. They are also impact resistant extremely durable. Glass lenses have the greatest clarity and scratch resistance. Plus, Costa LightWAVETM glass is thinner & lighter than average polarized glass."

You can find Costa sunglasses at most of the local

tackle shops in our area along with the new Optical Galleria in West Ocean City.

Pelagic has expanded their outerwear line to offer it's new Tempest Bib. The bib is constructed of heavy-duty PVC rubber, making it 100% waterproof, and all of the seams are welded to prevent leakage. One of the nicest features of the bib is an inner chest storage pocket that provides a waterproof seal for your cellphone, iPod or other electronic device.



The bib is available in medium, large and extralarge sizes and has a suggested retail price of \$99.

Check with your favorite local tackle shop for availability.



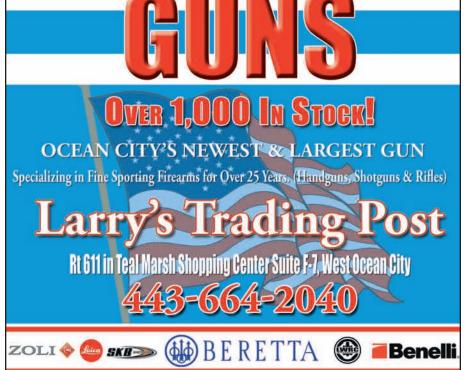
Trevor Dodge from Pasadena, MD caught his limit of flounder while fishing with silversides off the Cape Henlopen Pier. The fish measured up to 23-inches. Photo courtesy of Bill's Sport Shop.

1996 22' Grady White Walkaround 200 Yamaha w/Trailer \$16,500



Bob Zak and Cecil Bailey ended their day with their limit of black drum, weighing between 20 and 24 lbs., after anchoring at the tip of Broadkill Slough in the Delaware Bay. The fish were caught on chunks of clam and weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.









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First Fish of the Year

(As reported to the Coastal Fisherman - must be reported with picture within 48 hours of catch)

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	Species	2014	2013	Species	2014	2013
Sea	Bass	None Reported	January 8, 2013 Mike Behney Cape May Rocks	Mako Shark	May 9, 2014 Hayden Christoff "Restless Lady" Poor Man's Canyon	May 10, 2013 Wayne Mull "Restless Lady" Baltimore Canyon
Tauto	og	January 1, 2014 Si Chiarizia "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	January 1, 2013 Mike Acito "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	White Marlin	None Reported	June 15, 2013 Tim Hawn "No Quarter" Poor Man's Canyon
Strip	oed Bass	January 2, 2014 Karl Hoelper 130th Street Surf Ocean City	January 1, 2013 Charlie Sitskorn "Slack Grabber" Little Fenwick	Blue Marlin	None Reported	June 21, 2013 Adam Waddell & Keith Cook "Muff Diver" Baltimore Canyon
Wea	kfish	April 22, 2014 Tom Burke Broadkill Beach	April 28, 2013 Joel Robinson Lewes Beach	Bluefin Tuna	None Reported	May 12, 2013 Chris Gaba "Hook'n Up" Baltimore Canyon
Flou	inder	January 3, 2014 Stanley He "Morning Star" Artificial Reef	April 1, 2013 Kevin Weber "Patty Wagon" Sinepuxent Bay	Yellowfin Tuna	None Reported	May 17, 2013 Kenny Twilley "Muff Diver" Baltimore Canyon
Blue	efish NEW	May 7, 2014 Big Bird Cropper South Jetty	April 21, 2013 Noah Graulich Cape Henlopen State Park	Longfin Tuna	None Reported	June 14, 2013 Tom Ciconte "Tressa Lynn" Baltimore Canyon
Blac	k Drum	April 9, 2014 Bill Powell Assateague Surf	April 11, 2013 Bill Powell Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna	None Reported	June 10, 2013 Phillip Seidenstricker "Reel Addiction" Baltimore Canyon
Shee	epshead	None Reported	June 10, 2013 Capt. Chase Eberle "Flounder Pounder" Ocean City Inlet	Dolphin	None Reported	May 13, 2013 DJ BK "Salty Sons" Norfolk Canyon
Thre	esher Shark	None Reported	May 26, 2013 Charlie Lutes "Shark Killer" Fingers	Wahoo	None Reported	June 23, 2013 Brandon Cassady "Ridin' Thirty" Baltimore Canyon
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For a copy of this page or to report your catch, call the Coastal Fisherman at 410-213-2200





It's boomertime in the Delaware Bay as shown by these 6 black drum, weighing up to 70 1/2 lbs., caught by Larry Taylor and Danny Selby. The fish were hooked on clams in shallow water off Broadkill Beach. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.



Buddy Seigel from Oyster Bay Tackle caught this fat, 41-inch striped bass while trolling spreader bars and mojo's in the Chesapeake Bay on the "Ally By" with Capt. Danny Harris



Chum Lines

-by Capt. Mark Sampson



I recently received a couple of emails from folks looking to charter a boat to do some shark fishing this summer. Since neither party has ever been out with us before, or ever done any type of shark fishing, they had a number of questions about departure times, prices, techniques, available dates, shark regulations and what the chances are of actually catching and bringing home a

Answers to their "how and where" questions were pretty easy and straight forward, but when it came to shark regulations and whether or not they'd be bringing home some shark steaks, my response was a bit more complicated.

I started by explaining that, while recreational shark fishing is mostly a catch and release fishery, if our clients happen to catch a shark that is the right size and type that's both good to eat as well as legal to keep, they will usually have the option to bring it home if they wish. However, there are a lot of different types of sharks out there, and the seasons, size limits and quality of meat varies considerably from species to species, so that

even though we usually land a number of sharks on any given day, boating just the right shark that is both legal and tasty enough to bother bringing home to eat, is not a common occurrence.

Just a couple of decades ago, there where no shark regulations at all. But in the 1990's our marine managers eventually wised-up and initiated a shark management plan to get some kind of control on both the commercial and recreational shark fisheries that were plucking certain species out of the ocean faster than God could replace them. At "two sharks per boat per day" the recreational limits started out straightforward and easy to follow. But over time, it became obvious that while a two-shark limit was good for some sharks, there were certain species that required a higher level of conservation and, therefore, tighter regulations. The variations between the different types of sharks are so great that no single regulation can effectively manage them all.

Over the years, recreational shark regulations have been

nudged, prodded and tweaked to what we have today, which is a conglomeration of different size limits, open and closed seasons, catch limits and prohibited species. While all this is certainly better for the sharks, it's become a lot more complicated for fishermen to know what they may or may not bring home for dinner.

Delmarva anglers fish under both sate and federal shark regulations, and in a nutshell, here's what anyone who wishes to bring a shark home to eat needs to know: Between May 15, and July 15, the only large sharks that can be kept are the "pelagic" shark species that include makos, common threshers, oceanic whitetips and blue sharks and there is a one shark per boat limit. The minimum "legal" size of these sharks is 54-inches (fork length), although most anglers prefer not to keep sharks that small and instead use an estimated weight of 100-pounds as their minimum. Many anglers will also choose not to keep blue sharks because their meat requires a lot of special handling and preparing to make it fit to eat, and many will also not keep large female thresher sharks because in the early season most are still carrying pups. Some anglers also choose to release rather large (300 lbs.) threshers and makes simply because the quality of meat in

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After July 15, anglers may

also keep one shark per day of

the "large coastal" shark group

which would include the blacktip, spinner, bull, tiger, and 3 species of hammerheads. The size limit for these sharks is also 54-inches except for the hammerheads which is 78inches. Of all those sharks, about the only one that's really worth eating is the blacktip, and since most blacktips landed around here are less than the minimum size, catching a "keeper" is a rare event. It should also be noted that many more spinner sharks are caught off Delmarva than blacktips, and since spinners have very prominent blacktips on their fins, anglers often confuse one species for the other. Spinners aren't much when it comes to eating, so anglers who can tell the difference will usually not keep them for the table.

The one shark per boat limit does NOT mean "one shark per species." Once a single shark from either the pelagic or large coastal group is landed, no more sharks from those groups can be kept. Hammerheads may not be kept if anglers also have a tuna, billfish or swordfish aboard. The aforementioned limits do not apply to the smooth or spiny dogfish sharks, or the little Atlantic



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sharpnose sharks that frequent Delmarva's nearshore waters. Those species have a one shark per person limit, no closed season and they may be boated even if a large coastal or pelagic shark has been landed.

Another component to the shark management plan are the "prohibited species" which are sharks that may never be taken at any time, or of any size. This list includes a total of 21-species, but those that Delmarva anglers are most likely to encounter include the white shark, longfin mako, bigeye thresher, sand tiger, dusky, sandbar, angel, basking and bignose.

So, when someone asks me about "the possibility of bringing shark meat home from our charters," I take the regulations and the food-value of the different species into account and typically explain "Because of to them: government regulations and the taste of some of the more common species, most, if not all, of the sharks we're likely to catch on an average day will have to be released. If, however, we do happen to catch a "keeper" shark, it will probably be a make over 100 lbs., a male thresher, a blacktip, dogfish or Atlantic sharpnose. No one should go shark fishing with a primary goal of bringing home a shark, otherwise they will likely be disappointed."

Fortunately, I've found that the vast majority of anglers who wish to go shark fishing are primarily interested in the fun and experience of interacting with the different sharks that reside off Delmarva. Though most are glad they might have an option to bring home some shark steaks at the end of the day, they are perfectly OK with the thought that the trip will, in all likelihood, end up being totally catch-and-release.

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



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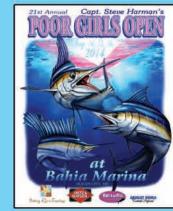




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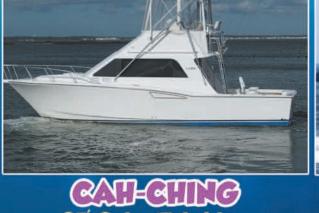
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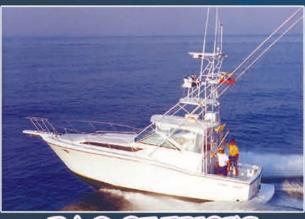
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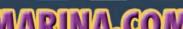
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The Galley



Tuna Sicilian-Style

3/4 cup extra-virgin olive

Juice of 2 lemons

- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 TBSP. chopped fresh rosemary leaves or 1 ½ tsps. dried
- 1 TBSP. chopped fresh parsley
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. black pepper
- 4 tuna steaks
- lemon slices

Spinach or arugula

Coat grid with nonstick cooking spray.

Prepare grill for direct cooking over medium-high

heat. May also use a stovetop grill pan.

Combine oil, lemon juice, garlic, rosemary, parsley, salt and pepper in small bowl.

Set aside half of sauce to serve with tuna.

Brush both sides of tuna with some of remaining sauce; place on grid over mediumhigh heat.

Grill tuna 4 minutes, basting generously with additional sauce.

Turn and grill 4 to 6 minutes, or until desired degree of doneness, brushing frequently with sauce.

Add lemon slices to grill for last few minutes, if desired.

Discard any leftover

basting sauce

Place tuna on serving dish lined with the greens and keep

Heat reserved sauce in small pan.

Drizzle over steaks and greens.

Garnish with the grilled lemon slices.

Serves 4.

Sweet and Sour Shrimp on Garlic Spinach

- 1 TBSP. canola oil
- 1 ½ lbs. large raw shrimp, peeled, deveined
- 1 TBSP. minced fresh ginger
- 1/3 cup sweet and sour sauce
- 3 TBSP. soy sauce, divided
- 2 TBSP. seasoned rice vinegar
- 2 tsp. Chinese hot mustard

2 tsp. dark sesame oil 3 cloves garlic, thinly sliced

2 packages (9 ounces each) baby spinach leaves

¹/₄ cup chopped fresh cilantro

Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat.

Add shrimp and ginger; stir fry 2 minutes.

Add sweet and sour sauce, 1 TBSP. soy sauce, vinegar and mustard; stir fry 3 to 4 minutes or until shrimp are pink and opaque and sauce has thickened.

Remove from heat; cover and keep warm.

Heat sesame oil in large saucepan over medium heat.

Add garlic; cook and stir 1 minute.

Add half of spinach; cook until it begins to wilt.

Add remaining spinach, and remaining soy sauce; stir





DINING ON DELMARVA

about 1 minute just until spinach is barely wilted.

Transfer spinach to plates; top with shrimp and garnish with cilantro.

Serves 4.

Sea Bass Sandwich with Spinach

1/2 lb. spinach
3/4 lb. sea bass fillets
3 TBSP. olive oil
Bread crumbs
2 cloves garlic, minced
Italian bread or rolls
Salt and pepper to taste
Fresh lemon juice

Place washed spinach in a covered pot with the water remaining on its leaves until tender.

Plunge into ice water for one minute, drain well.

Rinse the fillets and dry it between paper towels.

Heat a 10 or 12 inch skillet over medium-high heat for 3 minutes. Add 2 TBSP. oil, dredge the

fish in the bread crumbs; cook 3 to 4 minutes per side.

Drain on paper towels and

wipe the pan clean.

Chop the spinach: add the

Chop the spinach; add the remaining 1 TBSP. of olive oil to the same pan.

Add the garlic and

immediately, the spinach.

Cook, tossing frequently, just 1 or 2 minutes.

Place the fillets on the rolls and top with the spinach.

Drizzle with lemon juice; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Serves 2.

Broiled Oysters in Champagne Sauce

24 shucked ousters on the half shell with their liquor

2 TBSP. butter

1 ½ TBSP. flour

½ cup Champagne or dry white wine

Pinch cayenne pepper Salt to taste Coarse salt

Using a strainer lined with cheesecloth, strain the oyster liquor and reserve ½ cup.

Discard the remainder.

In a small saucepan, melt the butter; add the flour, whisk and cook, stirring

occasionally for 2 minutes.

Slowly add the oyster liquor, stirring with a wire wisk.

Add the champagne, cayenne and salt until thickened.

Cool slightly.

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Gavin Shaffer from Ocean Pines, MD caught this 19 1/2-inch flounder on a bucktail tipped with a minnow while drifting in the Thorofare.



The Galley, cont'd.

Preheat the broiler; nestle the opened oysters on a bed of salt on a baking sheet.

Top each oyster with a spoonful of the sauce.

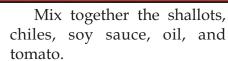
Broil 4 to 6 inches from the heat sorce for 2 minutes.

Serve immediately. Serves 4 to 6.

Spicy Baked **Scallops in Foil**

- 2 large shallots, minced 4 jalapeno or other small
- hot chiles or to taste, deveined, seeded and minced
- 1 TBSP. soy sauce
- 1 TBSP. peanut oil
- 1 cup chopped tomato, fresh or canned (drained if canned)
- 16 large sea scallops

Preheat oven to 450 degrees.



Tear four squares of aluminum foil and place four scallops in the center of each piece.

Top with sauce; fold and seal the packages.

Bake until the scallops are opaque outside and barely warm in the center, 10 to 15 minutes.

Serve the closed packages, allowing each person to open theirs at the table.

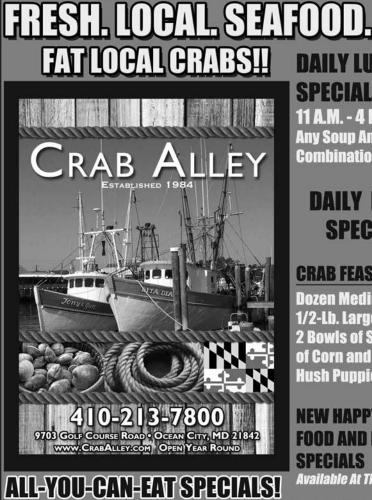
Serves 4.

If you would like to share your favorite seafood recipes with fellow Coastal Fisherman readers, you can email them to Mama Jock at MaureenJock@comcast.net. All of Mama Jock's past recipes be found www.coastal fisher man.net.



Ocean City angler, Frank Goodhart was fishing in Marathon, FL during the winter and hooked this permit while using shrimp for bait. Frank was joined on the "Bay B Lou" by Paul Turner and Ryan





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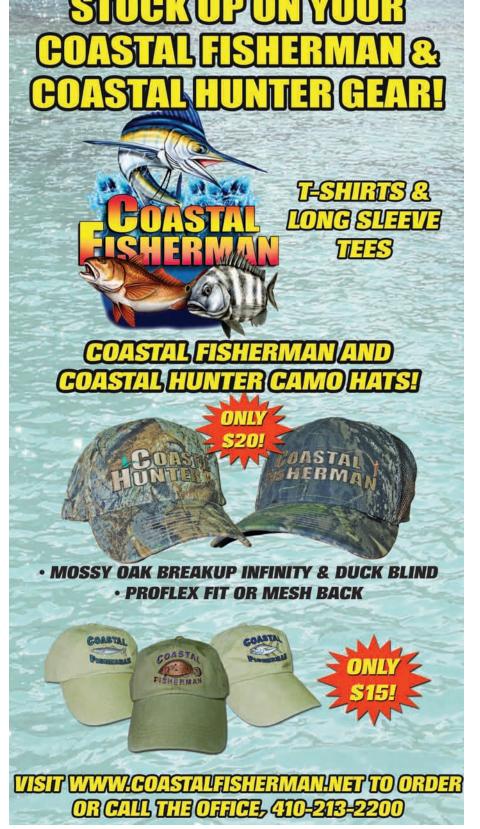


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Last Friday, Donald Knox of New York, NY was fishing on the charter boat, "Fish Bound" with Capt. Kane Bounds and mate Kevin Twilley when he boated this 18 lb. 5 oz. tautog after hooking it on a green crab at an ocean wreck outside the First Lump.





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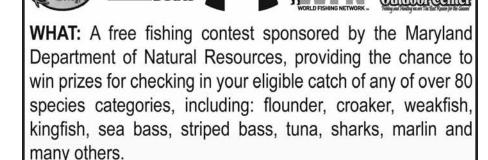
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Species	Ocean City	Delaware	Species	Ocean City	Delaware			
Sea Bass	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Mako Shark 100 lb. minimum	May 9, 2014 Hayden Christoff "Restless Lady" 214 lbs.	No Weights Reported			
Tautog	February 9, 2014 Bob Rochelle "Morning Star" 19 lbs. 2 oz.	April 12, 2014 Cho Seunghyun Site 10 12 lbs.	Thresher Shark	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported			
Striped Bass NEV	May 11, 2014 Jeremy Miller Assateague Surf 26 lbs. 8 oz.	April 27, 2014 Steven Thompson Lewes Canal 24 lbs.	Bluefin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported			
Weakfish	May 6, 2014 Craig Hocker North Jetty 7 lbs. 13 oz.	April 22, 2014 Tom Burke Broadkill Beach 6 lbs. 3 oz.	Yellowfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported			
Speckled Trout	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Longfin Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported			
Flounder	May 5, 2014 Dave Weller Thorofare 5 lbs. 11 oz.	May 3, 2014 Melanie Bowden Lewes Canal 7 lbs. 5 oz.	Bigeye Tuna	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported			
Bluefish	May 7, 2014 Big Bird Cropper South Jetty 2 lbs. 10 oz.	May 8, 2014 George Frigm Fenwick Surf 7 lbs. 8 oz.	Dolphin	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported			
Sheepshead	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Wahoo	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported			
Black Drum	No Weights Reported	May 9, 2014 Larry Taylor Broadkill Beach 70.5 lbs.	White Marlin	Most Releases No Weights Reported	in One Day No Weights Reported			



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The club is open to anglers ages 6 to 15 years old.

For complete Maryland Fishing Challenge rules and online registration information, go to:

www.dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/challenge/



With the Ocean City charter boat, "Marli" on dry dock getting ready for the 2014 season, Capt. Mark Hoos is running it's sister boat, "Bounty Hunter" out of Solomon's Island where John Ostrawski caught this 51-inch, 47 lb. striper while trolling near the gas docks.



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Jesse Coulbourn was surf fishing off an Eastern Shore barrier island when he caught and released this 48-inch red drum after hooking it on a chunk of fresh bunker. Jesse was fishing with Tim Tribbit and Brant Hart.



Local television star, Big Bird Cropper of Powellville, MD took some time off from the bright lights to toss a Roy Rig around the South Jetty where he caught this 21-inch, 2 lb. 10 oz. bluefish. Big Bird also hooked 12 short stripers during the trip.



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12.5" minimum 15 per person/day 5/19 - 9/18 & 10/18 - 12/31



CROAKER
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18" - 27" 1 per person/day



TAUTOG 16" minimum 1/1 - 5/15 4 per person/day 5/16 - 10/31 2 per person/day



Maryland Regulations

BLACK DRUM
16" minimum
1 per person/day or 6 per boat/day



SHEEPSHEAD No limit



SUMMER FLOUNDER
16" minimum
4 per person/day



COBIA No limit



SPECKLED TROUT
14" minimum 10 per person/day



WEAKFISH 13" minimum 1 per person/day

Virginia Fishing Report



As the weather improves, so are the water temperatures. After a seemingly long, brutal winter, anglers are thrilled that saltwater fish are quickly filtering into their early spring season haunts along the Mid-Atlantic coast.

Anglers are waiting on the explosion of the spring founder bite, but as for now it is still taking its time. On the Eastern Shore, the bite is becoming more solid each day, with some fish pushing to over 6 and 7 lbs. emerging from the seaside creeks and inlets of Oyster and Wachapreague. The stand-by favorite offerings are still drifted strip baits and gudgeons for this popular species. Lower Bay inlets are also giving up some decent flattie catches, with Rudee Inlet still leading the way on word if you are interested in

the southside, with fish measuring up to 21-inches lately.

Although tautog season is closed, folks can still partake in catch-and release action along the Bay Bridge Tunnel in the lower Bay and on deeper water wrecks in the ocean. Or even better, when black sea bass come back into season on the 19th, folks can release citation tog at 23inches for the year-long Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament. When seabass become legal, remember you can keep only 15 fish per person, and the fish must stretch to at least 12.5-inches. These popular wreck dwellers can also be found closer to shore as the water temperatures continue to rise.

Catch-and-release is the

speckled trout. Most folks are not interested, but topwater lures can be very effective in the Elizabeth River right now, as well as in the Rudee, Little Creek or Lynnhaven Inlets.

Puppy drum are more than taking up slack for the speck closure, with spunky pups taking both lures and fresh bait in most lower Bay shallows.

Rumors of nice grey trout coming from near the Marine Science Museum area in Rudee Inlet are abound, but remember you can only keep one of these fish per person.

Finally, the first catches of bull red drum occurred in the lower Bay last week. Although the bite is not hot, the imminent full moon next week should light things up over the next few weeks off the breakers and sloughs of

www.coastalfisherman.net Fisherman's Island and near Buoy 10 off the Eastern Shore. Big black drum are also taking bait for anglers working these same areas, often as a surprise by-catch for those targeting red drum. These docile fish will take offerings of sea clams and chowder clams in many of the same areas with their red drum cousins, but the Buoy 13 area on the bayside of the CBBT is often very productive.

Croaker are giving surf and pier anglers a decent target. Pier anglers are content with a decent showing of small to medium-sized hardheads in the 8 to 12-inch range being caught off Willoughby and Buckroe on bloodworms. Rivers off the Chesapeake Bay are also hosting a good number of croaker.

A modest showing of Tailor bluefish along with a smattering of nice sea mullet are being caught along the lower Bay shorelines and a few pollock are still surprising



Hugh Cropper, IV of West Ocean City, MD ventured down to Parramore Island in Virginia last week and released this 47-inch striper after hooking it on a peeler crab. Hugh ended up bringing home a nice 42-incher for his family to enjoy for dinner.

pier anglers.

Deep droppers continue to hoist nice tilefish, black bellied rosefish and grouper from over 300 feet of water. Captain Neal Taylor, aboard the "Catherine Anne", put his crew on some nice blackbellied rosefish and bluelines last week while fishing near the Norfolk Canyon. The dogfish are beginning to thin out, making deep water catches a little easier.

Offshore anglers are getting excited about the northward movement of the action from Carolina, where nice vellowfin tuna, some big bluefin tuna and big gaffer mahi are keeping the fleet occupied this week.

Dr. Julie Ball is the I.G.F.A. representative for Virginia Beach, VA. For information, go to www.drjball.com.







Virginia Regulations Coastal State Waters Only



BLACK SEA BASS 12.5" minimum 15 per person/day



CROAKER



32" 1 per person 5/1 - 5/15 28" 2 per person 5/16 - 12/31



BLUEFISH No minimum size 10 per person/day



RED DRUM 18" - 26" 3 per person/day



TAUTOG Season closed 5/1 - 9/19



BLACK DRUM 16" minimum 1 per person/day



SHEEPSHEAD No minimum size 4 per person/day



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TIDES & MOON PHASES

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Wed. May 14 Full Moon	Low 02:05 am Low 01:59 pm	High 08:16 am High 08:49 pm
Thurs. May 15	Low 02:50 am Low 02:44 pm	High 09:03 am High 09:36 pm
Fri. May 16	Low 03:37 am Low 03:31 pm	High 09:52 am High 10:24 pm
Sat. May 17	Low 04:26 am Low 04:22 pm	High 10:41 am High 11:12 pm
Sun. May 18	Low 05:19 am Low 05:16 am	High 11:32 am High
Mon. May 19	Low 06:14 am Low 06:16 pm	High 12:03 am High 12:28 pm
Tues. May 20	Low 07:11 am Low 07:19 pm	High 12:59 am High 01:30 pm
Wed. May 21 Last Quarter	Low 08:08 am Low 08:24 pm	High 02:01 am High 02:40 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

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