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The private boat "Kilo Charlie" got one more trip in at the end of May. This time though they broke from the fleet and headed 72 miles north to the Wilmington Canyon and slammed in 18 yellowfin tuna! Pictured at Sunset Marina are owner Chris Kinsley, Capt. Howard Lynch, Brendan 'Pure Lure' Hanley, Scott Dolmetsch, Pete Pendleton and mate Burro Gonzalez.



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The private boat "Full Service" is having a great tuna season already! Having caught the first bigeye tuna of the season in early May, they finished the month with an amazing 23 yellowfins, 1 short of their limit! Capt. Jim Barbey put anglers Brenan Barbey, Jeremy Scott, Jeff Rosenkilde, Yanni Harris with Mike and Tony Freiji at the tip of the Washington Canyon in 100 fathoms. The fish hit all day from the minute they put in their Ilanders and tried and true cedar plugs!



Big smile for Steve Hoffman after he caught this speckled trout in St. Peter's Creek. It was only a short ride on Tangier Sound Charters from the Goose Creek Pit N Pub restaurant and marina in Rumbley, MD.

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# THE Offshore Report

by Larry Budd

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a mako shark snapped the tail right off the blue. Fortunately, the two mates quickly got the tuna in the boat before the shark could have another bite! The blue tipped the scales at Sunset Marina at 216 lbs., setting the bar for Heaviest Bluefin to date. The private boat "Kilo Charlie" made several successful trips last week including one as part of the Battle for the Buckle tourney I mentioned. They were fishing just north of the Baltimore when Brendan 'Pure Lure' Hanley connected with a bigeye tuna. At 164 lbs. it is the Heaviest for the season so far.

Outside of the Baltimore a couple boats bucked the trend and headed further north. The private boat "Full Service" trolled up 18 yellowfins at the tip of the Wilmington Canyon. The "Kilo Charlie" also ran 72 miles there and got their limit of 18. Several other boats found nice catches in the Poor Man's Canyon. The charter boats "Spring Mix II" found 6 there and the "Restless Lady" laid out 14 yellowfins on the Talbot Street Pier.

Now, how about those cowboys fishing? As part of the Seacrets Classic Bull Riding event in Ocean City, the promoters hosted a 2 day fishing tournament where the winners would not only receive cash prizes, but also custom cowboy style belt buckles for Heaviest Fish, Heaviest Stringer and Best Mate. 18 boats entered for the inaugural event with \$45K in prize monies. "Kilo Charlie" took the top spot for Heaviest Fish with their 164 lb. eyeball earning the top payout of \$23,125. The "Game Changer" won



### This Week Last Year

- The canyon waters were still cool and in the low 60's, still suffering from the Mother's Day Nor'easter. Anxious anglers saw warmer waters to the east and several make the long run.
- It was not a good week to be a yellowfin tuna, especially in the southern Spencer Canyon! The charter boat "Boss Hogg" ran 90 miles to find some warm water and reeled in 20 yellowfins with several multiple hookups.
- The private boat "10-Seven" returned to Sunset Marina from the Fingers with a 373 lb. and 87" Thresher caught on a whole bunker. This was only the 2nd one for the season so far.

Oh boy has there been great tuna fishing, and we reported the first white marlin and blue marlin releases for the year! Several new Heaviest Fish for the season also made their way to the scales, so lots to share.

The release of the first white and blue marlins every year is highly anticipated and also a sought-after title for many anglers! In addition, it is generally seen as signaling to the start of the offshore season.

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two Sterling spreader bars! It finally bit on the spreader on the flat line, a unique way to catch billfish! Joe did not have to fight the fish long as it ran right up to the boat. It was estimated at 72" or 73" and around 70 lbs. This year's fish was a little earlier than the last 2 years. Kevin Gibb on the "Wrecker" had the honor last year for his June 6th catch.

The first blue marlin of the season was also released last week. Anglers on the "Talkin' Trash" had entered the new Battle for the Buckle fishing tournament associated with the Seacrets PBR Classic bull riding event (more on that tourney later!). Capt. Chris Little made the call to run south to the Norfolk Canyon where angler Steve Sylvester connected with the blue and made a fast catch. There is a nice picture on page 8 of the blue in the water, thanks to Jim Frazetti for that!

While the marlins were driving headlines, the real news over the past week was tuna, and lots of it! The yellowfins were snapping across our central canyons, but the clear leader was the Baltimore Canyon. That is where we got the report of the first bluefin tuna caught for 2023, or at least most of it! Capt. Mark Hoos on the charter boat "Marli" was in the southwest corner of the Baltimore when his crew connected with the big blue. It ate a purple and green Crazy 8 Sterling chain. All 6 of his anglers took turns to get the fish to the boat, but the last little bit got help from an unwanted partner. With the leader just about in hand,

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Heaviest Stringer with 172.5 lbs. of yellowfin tuna, taking home \$13,375. All that action was in the Baltimore. The Best Captain buckles went to Capt. Howard Lynch of the "Kilo Charlie" and Capt. Neil Brosnahan of the "Game Changer". Best mate was Ricky Atkins.

The forecast for the upcoming week as I write this report on Monday shows some fishable days, however it looks like a strong system will be coming in on Sunday and last for a few days. As this week showed us, these forecasts can change quickly, but it appears something is on its way!

Inshore and back bay anglers also had to deal with pesky northeast winds this past week, but many did find windows to get on the water. They found great action on bluefish and flounder and a number of specks and weakies were reported. Check out details in our DE, MD and VA fishing reports.

So until next time, I will see you at the scales! §

### Upcoming Tournaments

• The **Annual Tuna & Tiara's Ladies Tuna Tournament** returns for it's 3rd season on June 16 & 17 at the Ocean City Fishing Center. Scales are open from 4 - 7PM. Come by and check out the action.

• The last weekend in June, the 24th & 25th sees *three* separate tournaments!

- The Indian River Marina host the **8th Annual Kids Catch All Tournament**. The event is for all ages and includes inshore and offshore categories. More at KidsCatchAll.com.

- The Ocean City Marlin Club's is holding it's **44th Annual Small Boat Tournament**. You do not need to be a member to participate. Scales are at Sunset Marina from 3:00 to 6:30 PM.

- The **Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam** returns to Atlantic Tackle for it's 5th year! This kayak only tournament continues to grow attracting anglers from all over the East Coast. Last year's winner was a 46.25 lb. cobia! Weigh ins are from 12-4 PM.



It is always a banner day in Ocean City when the first white marlin of the season makes its appearance! This year the honor went to the crew of the "Restless Lady II" and specifically to angler Joe Huk. Capt. Chris Huk had the crew tuna fishing in the Baltimore Canyon when he noticed a white charging in from the starboard side. The white played around between two spreader bars before hooking into one! Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.

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The charter boat "Talkin' Trash" based at the Ocean City Fishing Center did double duty on this trip last Thursday. First, Steve Sylvester caught and released the first blue marlin of the season in 200 fathoms of the Norfolk Canyon (check out the pic below)! Capt. Chris Little with fellow anglers Dan Caiola, Jim Frazetti and mate Jacob Bialk also entered the new "Battle for the Buckle" Tournament as part of the PBR Seacrets Ocean City Classic bull riding event. Their 5 yellowfin tuna with the heaviest at 40 lbs. and a stringer weight of 109.5 lbs. put them on top of the leader board in both categories as of Day 1! The 40 lb. tuna finished the event in 2nd place earning \$2,475 in prize money.





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There sure was a lot of good action in the Indian River Inlet with a nice mix of trout. Conway Bristol worked the inlet last week and got a big hit on his lure, landing this 6.32 lb. weakfish, also known as a sea trout. Pictured at Lewes Harbor Marina.

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- 5th Annual Fish N Paddle Saltwater Slam Kayak Fishing Tournament  
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We normally don't get to see Cory & Buddy Martin in the daylight! They fish mainly at night on the Rt. 50 Bridge as they did last week on an outgoing tide. Using jig heads and plastic baits, they worked through numerous shorts but lucked into some bluefish and 2 keeper rockfish in the new ultra tight slot of 28"-31". At 12 lbs., Buddy's is the current Heaviest of the Season for MD!



It's time for Jake and Leo to break out the 'barbie' after their trip to the Thorofare with Capt. Dave Caffrey of "On the Run Charters". The pair used Gulp to boat 4 keeper flounder and a 2 man limit of bluefish! Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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Black Drum	48"	50 lbs. or 45"	80 lbs. or 46"	Weakfish	24"	3 lbs. or 20"	30"
Black Sea Bass	20"	3 lbs. or 17"	5 lbs.	White Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size	Any Size
Bluefish	34"	12 lbs. or 29"	16 lbs. or 36"	<b>SHARK:</b>			
Blue Marlin*	Any Size	Any Size	Any Size	Blue Shark*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
Cobia	44"	45 lbs. or 48"	55 lbs. or 50"	Hammerhead*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
Croaker	18"	3 lbs. or 19"	3 lbs. or 20"	Thresher*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
Dolphin	45"	15 lbs. or 41"	25 lbs.	Tiger*	Any Size	100 lbs. or 66"	72"
Flounder	24"	7 lbs. or 25"	6 lbs. or 26"	Swordfish	47"	Any Size	100 lbs.
Golden Tilefish	35"	35 lbs. or 40"	30 lbs.	<b>TUNA:</b>			
Kingfish (Northern Whiting)	14"	1 lb. or 13"	1.5 lb. or 16"	Longfin Albacore	36"	30 lb. or 32"	40 lbs.
King Mackerel	40"	10 lbs. or 26"	20 lbs.	False Albacore	24"	12 lbs. or 26"	32"
Red Drum*	36"	45"	-	Bigeye***	60"	70 lbs. or 48"	70 lbs.
Sailfish*	Any Size	-	-	Bluefin***	55"	100 lbs. or 60"	100 lbs. or 60"
Sheepshead	20"	8 lbs. or 22"	10 lbs. or 24"	Yellowfin***	50"	70 lbs. or 48"	70 lbs.
Spanish Mackerel	22"	5 lbs. or 22"	4 lbs. or 26"				
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## FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



This past week continued our relentless northeast wind, making off shore trips difficult. For those that did venture offshore, bass fishing was tough due to fast drifts and rocky seas. The inshore and back bay bites continue to be good with more keeper flounder showing up every day.

### Sea Bass & Near Shore Reefs

The early part of last week we saw a strong northeast wind making the ocean very rough. Most boats didn't fish until the winds let up on Friday. Those that did make it out during the week found the fish holding tight to the wrecks and reef. Clam and squid are doing about the same as far as bait goes, with fresh clam having a slight edge over squid. Jigs are working but seem to be getting better results in the northern areas.

The great eastern reef and the Jackspot held some of the bigger bass. The inshore reefs such as the African Queen and Bass Grounds produced bass but many were finicky or undersized. The average

creel was about ten keepers per angler. A few boats did report finding very active schools and quick limits, however, that was not the norm. The "Judith M" was out and caught some nice fish for their clients. Capt. Rick Shoaff stated that despite early rough seas the groups caught some fish to bring home for dinner. The groups are beginning to see a few flounder come on board as well. Squid strips and jigs are accounting for many of these flat fish. Big blue fish are also in the area. They will swarm the boat, attacking any hooked fish, so bring up your fish quickly to avoid feeding the hungry predators.

With calmer winds predicted for the coming weeks it is a great time to go out on the headboats for some bass.

Victor Bunting of the "Ocean Princess" said that they finished their last ten hour trips for now and will begin their normal schedule of half day trips. He said the average was around 10 keepers per person on the long trips with a few experienced anglers

getting a limit. The six hour trips have been averaging 5-10 keepers which is normal for an inshore trip. Most of the fish are in the 1.5 to 2 pound range. Victor states that clam is out producing squid.

"Double Trouble Charters" brought home some really nice sized sea bass for their clients. Many fish were well over the minimum size and should make a great fillet for dinner. Great job guys!

The "Morning Star" also had a few good trips too. They fish a longer trip than most head boats and therefore fished deeper water. As the water temp warms up the fish will begin to migrate to deeper water.

On the near shore wrecks, I also learned the first inshore mahi have come off the bass pots near the golf course. Although still a bit of a long run, it's good to see the fish starting to come inshore. Last year we saw one of the best years for decent size fish. We normally see very juvenile mahi on the bass pots, however, last year produced

several fish that needed to be gaffed at the boat.

### Back Bays & Jetties

The backwaters of Ocean City have really warmed up. Flounder, along with sea trout and weakfish have really started to bite the hook. The channels near the inlet are still the hot spot in this report, however, the action behind Assateague Island has really begun to pick up steam. Long squid strips and live shiners are your best bait. I have heard some decent reports of Gulp working well. I also have gotten some reports of spot fish showing up along the docks. Live lining spot for flounder is an excellent way to target the big trophy fish. Spot can be caught along most shallow dock areas with a sabiki rig tipped with squid or Fishbites. They are a hearty bait fish and will live in an aerated 5 gallon bucket for several hours.

Maelon Zadaz Carr was with Michael Giles near the 2nd St. Pier and pulled in an 18 inch flounder. Fin McCabe also got in on the fluke action bringing in an impressive 23.5 inch, 4.76 pounder caught on a perch rig.

John Engler was happy to see the wind die down at the end of the week and got

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put on the "Reel Chaos". The crew pulled out several big flounder. "Bay To Beach Guide" reports a mixed bag of fish in the backwaters of Ocean City. Flounder, trout and even a croakers are coming over the rails of his boat.

Several small rockfish are still in the back bays, but if you are Craig Cropper or Shaun Flaherty and fish the Rt. 50 Bridge, then you find big keepers along with slammer blues. David Mylz reported catching an undersized 26" striper from the stone wall near the inlet. That really stinks to be so close to the new size restrictions and come up 2 inches short. A 26 inch fish still puts up a great fight and is an awesome catch. Great job David. Taylor Bakke got a keeper rock at 28.5 inches. His buddy fishing with him, Shaun Flaherty got a 29.5" fish. Then number 3 came in by Jamie Crosby with a 28.5 inch fish. And of course his other friend, Rolano Picard had to pull in the big one measuring just under 31". With the 3 inch slot catching a keeper has become very difficult. For a group of four each catch a keeper is truly outstanding. The group used jig heads and soft plastics on an outgoing tide.

Many anglers don't know that rockfish stay in our waters near the bridges all summer, but they are very deep in the water column and mainly feed at night. Often, when mates are cleaning fish on the back of the boats, the small schoolie fish will come into the chum slick caused by the discarded fillets. If you see a headboat cleaning fish after a trip casting swim baits a short distance down current of the boat, it will result in hook ups. Most of these fish will be undersized but still a blast to catch on light tackle.

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 <b>Bluefish</b> May 19 Rich Daiker OC Jetty 14.5 lbs.			 <b>Thresher Shark</b>		
 <b>Black Drum</b> April 4 Tom Berry Assateague 19 lbs.		May 19 Eric Feinauer Delaware Bay 53 lbs.	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b> <span style="color:red">★ New</span> June 2 Brendan Hanley Baltimore Canyon 164 lbs.		
 <b>Cobia</b>			 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b> <span style="color:red">★ New</span> May 29 "Marli" Crew Baltimore Canyon 216 lbs.		
 <b>Summer Flounder</b> May 6 David Borrell Thorofare 5.75 lbs.		May 19 Monica Powell Lewes Canal 4.93 lbs.	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>		
 <b>Sea Bass</b> May 20 Wayne Small Ocean Structure 5 lbs.		May 22 Richard Krauss Ocean Structure 4.3 lbs.	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b> <span style="color:red">★ New</span> June 1 Talkin' Trash Crew Baltimore Canyon 40 lbs.		
 <b>Sheepshead</b> May 5 Anthony Carrieri Ocean City Jetty 1.8 lbs.			 <b>Dolphin</b> <span style="color:red">★ New</span> June 1 Randy Ridgely Baltimore Canyon 13.5 lbs.		
 <b>Striped Bass</b> <span style="color:red">★ New</span> June 1 Buddy Martin Rt. 50 Bridge 12 lbs.		May 22 Chic Stearrett Bethany Beach 18.7 lbs.	 <b>Swordfish</b>		
 <b>Tautog</b>		May 6 James Milano Ocean Structure 22.9 lbs.	 <b>Blue Marlin</b>		
 <b>Wahoo</b>			 <b>White Marlin</b>		

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# FISHING CHARTERS



Mark Hutton and his crew from Wilmington, DE had a busy day fishing on the charter boat "No Limit". Capt. Jon Azato put them in 100 fathoms of the Wilmington Canyon where they put 18 yellowfin tuna in the box and released three more! Pictured at the Indian River Marina.



Brian and Tom Feeny are going to have a fish fry after their trip with Capt. Dave Caffery from "On The Run" charters! On their 4 hour trip they fooled this 2 man limit of 8 flounder from the Thorofare using Gulp. They also pulled a bluefish from the Rt. 50 Bridge. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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It was definitely *Fish On* for anglers Andy Strine, Finn Strine, Luke Hardin, Jack Willarn, Chaz Manolakos and Gavin Conway! They landed these 18 yellowfin tuna while trolling in 100 fathoms at the Baltimore Canyon with "Fish On" owner Todd Willard, Capt. Andrew Dotterweicht and mate Jake Emche! Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Capt. Monty Hawkins on the headboat "Morning Star" has been canceling too many trips due to unrelenting easterlies. He did find one day last week to slip out. The anglers may not have had a comfortable ride, but they got some sea bass for the table!



The charter boat "Restless Lady II" kicked off their tuna season with a bang. Capt. Chris Huk with mate Tanner Virden put anglers Greg Beall and his son along with Greg Polanin and John Huliahan in the Baltimore Canyon where they caught their limit of yellowfin tuna. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier.

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Micheal Grey got himself fistfuls of sea bass from his trip with Capt. Chris Mizurak on the headboat "Angler". He was fishing over a natural reef and reeled these up using squid. The "Angler" is based at the Talbot Street Pier.



It was another great first tuna trip of the season for Capt. Chris Watkowski and his new mate Chase Porter. They took this crew of last minute anglers to the Poor Man's and put 6 yellowfin tuna in the box. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Thanks to Jim Frazetti for sharing this unique shot of 6 anglers getting 'covered up' on tuna, now that is chaos in the cockpit! He was fishing with Zach Brunner, Steve Sylvester, Keath Pulleron, Tommy Biddison, Nate Pritchett, Dan Caiola and Julia Sylvester on the charter boat "Talkin' Trash" with Capt. Chris Little and mate Jacob Bialk. They finished the day with 11 yellowfin tuna on the dock..

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Capt. Chris Ragni of the charter boat "Bill Slayer" got Dylan Laser, Christine Simpson, Jacob Robison, Devyn Laser and Tommy Dukes onto some yellowfin tuna in the Baltimore Canyon despite the sporty weather. They got 6 to the boat using Habanero Bait lures with an orange head and a green and white skirt. Pictured by his slip at the Indian River Marina.

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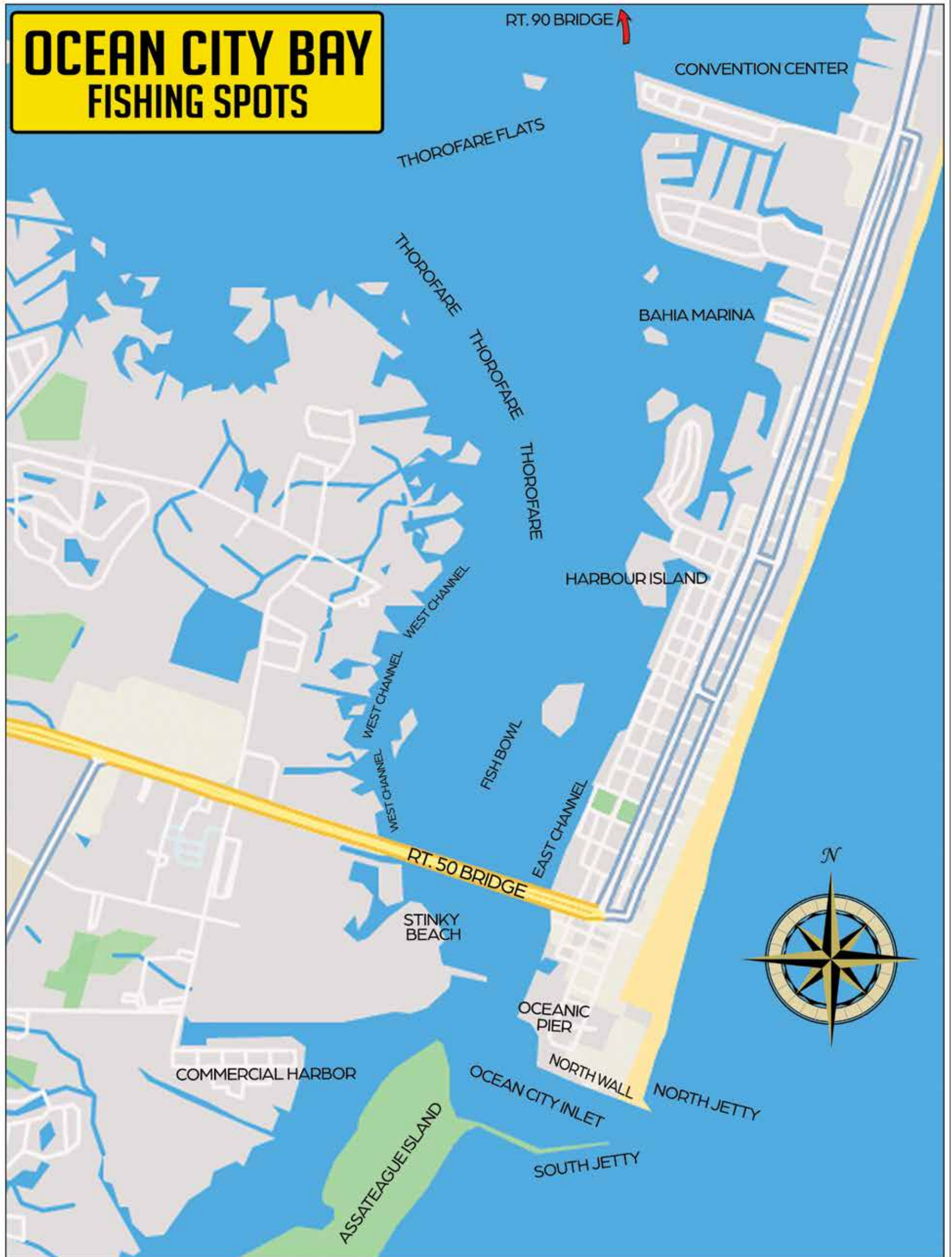
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Summer fishing season has arrived, both inshore and offshore fishing is starting to pick up with busy weekends on the water and tournaments filling the calendar. The air is warm, but the water is cool, and many are heading out for the first trips of the season. This is a good time to review your safety equipment before the season gets too busy.

As I often shop in marine supply and tackle stores, I notice the abundance of clothing marketed to those who spend time on the water, boating, fishing, surfing, kayaking, paddle boarding etc. Many of the modern clothing is functional and looks good too. One item of gear I don't often see "flying off the shelves" is safety

clothing and devices, such as the traditional life jackets, inflatable PFD and throwable PFD. A good Type 1 PFD is similar in cost to some of the fancy fishing shirts hanging on the shelves.

While a Personal Flotation device is not something you purchase regularly, it is an important piece of inexpensive safety gear to keep on board your boat. While the United States Coast Guard and state agencies have varying regulations about Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's), it is always required and good practice that all recreational boaters carry one PFD for each person. While this seems simple to comply with, it could be accidentally overlooked by the captain on any given boat trip.

Additionally, the equipment condition is very important - an older dry-rotted PFD may look OK in the storage bag but may not be up to the task of keeping an adult floating for hours on end in the ocean. It seems the PFD straps and clips fail first, so be sure to inspect these areas annually along with the entire PFD.

Life jackets are designed to keep you from sinking, but not necessarily from drowning. Extra time should be taken in selecting a properly sized life jacket to insure a safe fit. Testing your life jacket in shallow water or a guarded swimming pool is a good idea.

While it still seems new, the inflatable life jackets were first approved by the USCG in 1996. Inflatable PFD's are more complicated than standard life-jackets. The main characteristic for inflatables is that they have a chamber or bladder that is filled either by a compressed air cartridge or by mouth. These seem to be popular with single occupant boaters, light and easy to wear while operating the boat and fishing. In the event of an emergency, the boater can inflate the life jacket without relying on assistance from others.

Here are the current life jacket/PFD regulations for boater in Maryland: (excerpt from Maryland DNR)

All recreational boats must carry one wearable life jacket (Type I, II, III, or V) for each person on board. Any boat 16 feet and longer (except canoes & kayaks) must also carry one throw-able life jacket (Type IV). Life jackets must be Coast Guard approved, in good and serviceable condition, readily available and of appropriate size for the intended user. If an inflatable life jacket is to

be counted toward minimum carriage requirements, it must be worn and may be carried instead of another type of life jacket only when used according to the approval conditions on the label.

Life jackets are required on non-motorized vessels including canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddle boards and any other device capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water or ice. The above regulations are in parallel with the USCG requirements.

Maryland does have some specific state regulations for boaters operating in Maryland waterways. (excerpt from Maryland DNR):

### Children's Life Jacket Requirements

All children under the age of 13 must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket (Type I, II, III or V) while underway on a recreational vessel under 21 feet in length on Maryland waters. Recreational vessels include motorboats, sailboats, canoes, kayaks, rowboats and any other device capable of being used for transportation on the water, when the vessel is being used for other than commercial purposes.

The life jacket must be the proper size for the child and must be in serviceable condition. Also, a child under the age of 4 must wear a life jacket that features additional safety precautions, as appropriate for an infant, toddler, or young child, so as to:

- Hold the child securely within the life jacket, including a strap that is secured between the child's legs to fasten together the front and back of the life jacket.
  - Maintain the buoyancy of the child, including an inflatable headrest or high collar.
  - Ensure the ability to quickly grab the child from the water.
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Take some time to review your PFD's and be sure you have good condition equipment that meets the requiem for the types of passengers you have and the waters where you travel. §



Richard Hoenes, Andy Dripps and Uncle Rick from Harbour Island teamed up to land this 30 inch sea trout off the tip of the Ocean City Jetty. This fish was caught on an outgoing tide in very rough seas on a circle hook with a spot



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Species	2023	2022	Species	2023	2022
 <b>Bluefish</b>	April 19 Dave Moore Assateague Island	April 26 Morgan Mericle South OC Jetty	 <b>Thresher Shark</b>		May 20 Mike Eid "HotLine" Fingers
 <b>Black Drum</b>	April 3 Jeremy Zinn 145th Street, OC	March 29 Jay Phillips Assateague Island	 <b>Bigeye Tuna</b>	May 5 Jeff Rosenkilde "Full Service" Baltimore Canyon	June 12 Richie Widmayer "HotLine" Baltimore Canyon
 <b>Cobia</b>		June 11 Numen Bilal Fenwick Island Beach	 <b>Bluefin Tuna</b> <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">★</span>	May 29 The Crew "Marli" Baltimore Canyon	May 17 Andrew Dietz "Take Em" SE Poor Man's
 <b>Summer Flounder</b>	March 27 Dakota Bittner Thorofare	April 3 Scott Lenox Thorofare	 <b>Longfin Tuna</b>		June 5 Chad Tingle "Sea Bear" Wilmington Canyon
 <b>Sea Bass</b>	May 15 Mike DePalma Sr. Great Eastern Reef	May 15 Jeremy Michalski Jack Spot	 <b>Yellowfin Tuna</b>	May 6 Chris Kroh "Kilroy" Poorman's Canyon	May 17 James Haren "Take Em" SE Poor Man's
 <b>Sheepshead</b>	May 5 Anthony Carrieri Ocean City Jetty	June 4 Blake Gunther OC Inlet	 <b>Dolphin</b>	May 6 Brad Hubbard "Talkin' Trash" Poorman's Canyon	May 29 Adam Davidson "HotLine" East of Poor Man's
 <b>Striped Bass</b>	April 15 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge	April 20 Shaun Flaherty Rt. 50 Bridge	 <b>Swordfish</b>		June 4 The Crew "Espadon" Poor Man's Canyon
 <b>Tautog</b>	January 31 Josh Schwemlein Ocean Structure	March 27 Michael Guigley Stinky Beach	 <b>Blue Marlin</b> <span style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">★</span>	June 1 Steve Sylvester "Talkin' Trash" Norfolk Canyon	June 13 The Crew "Rhonda's Osprey" Poor Man's Canyon
 <b>Wahoo</b>		June 30 Tim McCartney "Chasin Tides" Hot Dog	 <b>White Marlin</b>		June 6 Kevin Gibb "WRECKER" Baltimore Canyon

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Here you have the first bluefin tuna of the season, or most of it anyway! Anglers Scott Loeffler, Chris Loeffler, Eric Pritchett, Keith Holleran, Mike Jacobs and Cowen Paugh were fishing on the charter boat "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and mates Jake Pinkerton & Jax Moore in the southwest corner of the Baltimore Canyon. The big blue ate a purple and green Crazy 8 Sterling chain and kept every angler busy. The fight came to a quick end when a mako shark took the tail! Thanks to the quick work of the mates, they got the rest in the boat. Even with that gone the fish weighed 216 lbs. on the Sunset Marina scale.

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Josh Rosenberger poses with his dog Luna and the 2 bluefish he caught at the Rt. 50 Bridge on an outgoing tide. The largest was 26½". He was fishing with Capt. Lance Biesecker, Karen Biesecker and Faith Rosenberger on the "Line Dancer".



Young Chloe Weller of Ocean City shares a happy smile along with her keeper flounder! She was fishing the Thorofare using white Gulp with her family on their boat "Turn Me Loose".

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NOTE: Only 1 shark from the lists above may be retained per vessel per trip. In addition, 1 Atlantic Sharpnose, 1 Bonnethead and 1 Oceanic Whitetip may be retained per person per trip. If a hammerhead shark is retained, no tunas, billfish or swordfish may be retained.

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Headboats are a great way to get on the water and get some fish! That is what Mary Koditek did when she fished on the "Tortuga" based at Bahia Marina. She caught this 19" keeper flounder using minnows and squid.



"Water Buck" anglers Jessie Beddows, Reid Carey, Sadie Horner, Zach Schlutz and Capt. Colby Hook, otherwise know as "Team Jessie", worked the southeast corner of the Baltimore Canyon in 50 fathoms to land these 5 yellowfin tuna using ballyhoo and squid chains. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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# DELAWARE FISHING REPORT

by Capt. BJ Pietryak



This past week continued our three weeks of northeast winds above 20 mph. Many boats stayed at the dock due to high sea conditions. The wind let up some on Friday and many boats jumped at the opportunity to get off shore for both sea bass as well as tuna. Most of the head boats reported the seas had really laid down making it a nice trip for their clients.

### Sea Bass & Near Shore Wrecks

With the wind laying down on Friday, many head boats as well as private boats made their way to the near shore wrecks in search of sea bass. The reports varied from the grounds being on fire to an average of 5-10 keepers each being caught. Most head boats in the area reported a catch of 10 keepers per person with a few anglers getting a limit. Squid and clams worked about the same, however those that jigged bucktails tipped with squid seemed to have a better class of fish as well as a greater number of keepers. Michael Orhelein along with Jerry and Maureen

Gallagher went out on the "Senior Moment" near NJ/DE reef and brought home 30 keeper sea bass. The crew also pulled in a few flounder and a shark. The crew used bucktails tipped with shrimp. Ten year old Conor Cambell caught a nice size flounder at the Redbird reef about 16 miles off the Delaware Coast while fishing on the "Bill Slayer". The group also brought home 17 sea bass for dinner. "Surface Tension Sportfishing" made it out last week during the wind break and pulled in several nice sea bass along with a couple flounder. It's good to hear that the flounder are showing up offshore. With the strong north east winds and cooler water I was worried they would be late arriving this year. Shawn Craoney along with Eamonn Carey and Larry Lee had a good day bassin' after the wind layed down returning to the dock with near limits of bass.

### Back Bays & Flounder

The back bays are really starting to heat up. Most anglers are telling me that a

few hours before high tide is the prime time to be out targeting the back bay fish. Wiker Restoration group was out and caught a semi albino fluke in the Lewes Canal. The fish was released to swim another day. Nine year old Jackson got his first keeper flounder from the Lewes Canal. He and dad also managed to catch a few more keepers so that Jackson's fish wouldn't be lonely at the dinner table that night. Great job guys. From what I hear, Jackson is now hooked and wants to go fishing as much as possible and as soon as possible.

Anthony Hojnicky and Logan Serpico got a few fish each while fishing the canal. The boys caught their fish on live minnows. Rob Sourbeer got a nice 3.1 pound fish while using Gulp. The middle to end of the incoming tide in the canal appears to be the best time. I fished the dead low tide on Friday and saw a few fish come in, even on the slack tide.

Adam Clendaniel pulled in a huge 20.5 inch fluke from the

canal. Dylan VanBuskirk got a nice limit of fluke using Gulp bait along with Poison Tails. That's an awesome catch. Jim and Chris Donaldson used Gulp bait to fool their keepers that measured between 16 and 19 inches. In the Indian River Inlet, Tracy Roles pulled in a keeper flattie while dad managed a keeper as well. Nick Garcia always seems to make this page, and was at it again fishing on a windy choppy grass choked day but did manage to bring home three keepers. John Skinner got a 16", 20" and a 21" flounder along with John Adkins 16.7 incher. Good to see these nice flounder being caught. Mary Koditek got a nice 19 inch fish this past week.

The main areas to fish are reported as the main channel near the inlet, the VFW channel, and the area near Massey ditch. Unlike the ocean in which Gulp are the preferred bait, the back bays seem to be doing better on live shiners and squid strips.

### Surf Fishing

The beach was very productive with tons of small blues being taken out of the surf. A few rockfish and drum are still around, but as the water warms, the big fish are becoming more scarce. Up

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near the Henlopen Pier lots of spot fish are now being caught along with several smaller bluefish. Bruce Skunon reported from Delaware Surf fishing that he caught over 50 spot on his last outing as well as a few blues. Rob Cochran took a few bluefish at Fenwick State Park on a green mullet rig. The bite came around 3 pm in the afternoon.

Trout are also coming from the beaches near Plum Beach according to Kyle Johnson. Jesse Ireland used a modified DSF mullet rig to fool some decent size bluefish. The green ones were the ticket this past week. John Manchester lost count after eight fish but did remember the 30 inch blue and strippers he caught. Rob Lyons got a nice 28 inch fish near the cape. The eight pound blue must have put up a nice bite. Michael Deller caught a nice 27 inch blue while long-lining a fly. Conway Bristol was near the inlet and brought in a nice 6.32 pound weakfish. He

was casting lures when the beast hit. A few black drum are still around both in the bay as well as the beaches. "Skipjack Sportfishing" will be running their last couple of bay trips before changing over to offshore fishing. Ryan Hawkins caught and released a huge 45 inch citation drum he caught aboard the "Grizzly" out of LHM. The fish was caught with clam and crabs. Great job on both the catch and safe release.

### Crabs & Clams

Clamming and crabbing in the bay has really started to heat up with clams still being fairly deep. They are producing a lot of smaller steamer types as well as a few larger, chowder ones thrown in. Crabbing with bunker is producing an average of 8-12 keepers per pot, many over six inches. Chicken is working well but the bunker is producing much better results.

Until next week...  
Tight lines and fins up §



Kyle Harris was jigging a bucktail and Gulp Swimming Mullet combo in the Indian River Inlet when he caught this pretty 2.6 lb. and 19.5" speckled trout. Pictured at Rick's Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.

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# THE GALLEY

by Chef Christine



## Panko Sea Bass

### Ingredients:

- 8 ounce black sea bass, cut into 2 fillets
- 1/4 cup plus 2 Tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 cup panko breadcrumbs {or use regular breadcrumbs}
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon dried parsley
- 1/4 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon sweet paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

### Directions:

Preheat the oven to 375°F.  
Pat each fillet dry with a paper towel.  
In a shallow bowl mix the



panko breadcrumbs, parmesan cheese, thyme, parsley, paprika, salt and pepper and stir until combined. Set aside. Pour the 1/4 cup olive oil into another shallow bowl.

Dredge the fish in the olive oil and then into the dry ingredients making sure both sides are coated. Place on a clean plate.

Heat a cast iron skillet or a regular skillet over medium heat, warm the oil until a few water droplets sizzle when carefully sprinkled in the skillet. Sear the sea bass, skin side up, until it is well browned and easily releases from pan, about 3-4 minutes. Flip over and cook until seared, about 1 minute.

Transfer the pan to the oven and roast about 3-4 minutes or cooked to the desired degree of doneness, at least 145°F.

## Fast Vietnamese Caramel Bluefish

### Ingredients:

- 4 (6 oz.) skin-on bluefish fillets
- 1 tablespoon peanut, grapeseed or safflower oil

### Directions:

Brush fish all over with oil. Remove outer layer of lemongrass stalk and cut stalk into 2-inch lengths. Using the butt of a kitchen knife, pound and bruise stalks all over.

Place lemongrass pieces, sugar, fish sauce, soy sauce, ginger and black pepper in a large skillet. Bring to a simmer over medium-high heat, and reduce sauce for 1 to 2 minutes, until syrupy.

Place fish, skin side-down, in pan. Simmer, basting fish frequently with pan sauce, for 2 minutes; carefully turn fish and continue cooking until fish is just cooked through, 2 to 3 minutes longer.

Transfer fish to a serving plate and garnish with scallion, jalapeño and cilantro. Drizzle with additional sauce. Serve over rice, if desired.

### Note:

If you can't get lemongrass, peel a 2-inch strip of lemon or



1 stalk lemongrass, or use lemon or lime zest (see note)

- 1/3 cup light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons Asian fish sauce
- 1½ tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon grated ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- Sliced scallions, as needed
- Thinly sliced jalapeño, as needed
- Fresh cilantro, as needed
- Cooked rice, for serving (optional)

lime zest with a peeler and use that instead.

## Fillet of Fish Stuffed with Spinach & Feta

### Ingredients:

- 4 flounder fillets
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen spinach, thawed and drained
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/4 cup chopped onion

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- 2 ounces crumbled feta cheese
- 1 tablespoon grated parmesan cheese
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon oregano
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Heat oil in saucepan.

Add garlic and onion and saute for a minute or two.

Add spinach to pan.

Saute until all water evaporates. About 3 minutes.

Take off heat. Add feta and parmesan. Season with nutmeg, salt and pepper.

Set aside to cool.

Season fish with salt and pepper.

Place about 2 tablespoons of filling onto the center of each piece of fish.

Roll fish around stuffing.

Place fish seam side down into baking dish.

Drizzle with olive oil if desired.

Sprinkle fish with oregano and paprika.

Bake at 400 degrees uncovered for 30 minutes or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

### Grilled Cajun Beer Basted Red Drum

Ingredients:

3 lbs. redfish fillets, skin on but scaled

1 tablespoon garlic, minced

1/2 teaspoon black pepper, fresh-ground

4 tablespoons butter, unsalted

2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce

2 tablespoons cajun seasoning

3 garlic cloves, minced

2 tablespoons onions, minced

2 tablespoons green peppers, minced

2 tablespoons parsley, minced

12 ounces beer

Directions:

Rinse fillets and pat dry.



Sprinkle cut sides with garlic and pepper, pressing them gently onto fillets.

In small saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat and add 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce and Cajun seasoning, garlic, onion, green pepper and parsley.

Stir and sauté until onion translucent, sauce darkened and slightly thickened. Do not burn garlic - it will become bitter and spoil baste.

Add bottle of beer, 2nd tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce and simmer 15 minutes

on medium-high heat.

Lay fillets onto oiled grill grates or place on oiled aluminum foil over grill grates. Cook 20 minutes over low-medium heat, raising lid only to baste generously. Done when thickest area of fillet flakes easily. Enjoy!

### Spicy Baked Sea Trout with Lemon Sauce

Ingredients:

2 pounds of sea trout fillets or other firm fleshed fish

2 Tablespoons minced onion

1/4 cup stick unsalted butter



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2 cup	16 oz	480 ml	32
1 cup	8 oz	240 ml	16
3/4 cup	6 oz	177 ml	12
2/3 cup	5 oz	158 ml	11
1/2 cup	4 oz	118 ml	8
3/8 cup	3 oz	90 ml	6
1/3 cup	2.5 oz	79 ml	5.5
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10 oz	283 g
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Pat Borrell of New Bloomfield, PA continues her flounder pounding action with this 21" flatfish! She caught this while fishing with white Gulp in the West Channel with David Borrell on their pontoon boat.



We think Shawn Varner of Farmington, PA was as surprised as this tog was when he caught it on a fly rod! Very unusual catch for Shawn as he was fishing from the shore in the Ocean City Inlet.

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The group from Engine15 and Rescue3 took advantage of the charter boat "Restless Lady II"'s extra passenger capacity to get on some tuna. Capt. Chris Huk and mate Tanner Virden took anglers Eric Budd, Chuck Ryan, Curtis Patterson, Will Soehner, Brian Thomas Ticson, Fick Caruso, Gerald Budd, Brian Stolle, Ryan Black and James Hughes trolling in the Washington Canyon and managed 3 keeper yellowfin tuna. Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier in Ocean City.

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Why is gas at marinas so expensive? And why doesn't everyone just buy it on the road where it's a lot cheaper? Actually a lot of people do, in fact, every morning during the boating season it's common to see anglers with their boats in tow making one last pit-stop on their way to the public ramp to fill their boat up at one of the West OC service stations with gas that's sure to be "cheaper" than what they would pay for it at one of our local marinas. Smart move right? Well - not necessarily so...

One reason marina gas is so much more expensive than what you buy on the road is that it's missing something. Which, of course, doesn't make sense - if it's missing something you'd think it should be "cheaper" - but that's not the way it works. What you don't get when you buy gas at most marinas is a dose of "ethanol" in your tank.

For a long time now the pumps we use at service stations have been sporting stickers reminding us that "this gas contains up to 10% ethanol". Ethanol is basically alcohol made from corn, and while people might argue

one way or the other about whether blending ethanol with gasoline is a wise plan for accomplishing the goal of reducing our country's use of oil, helping the farmers out, or keeping the air cleaner, no one should disagree that the darn stuff isn't doing us boaters any favors.

Years ago I had the "privilege" of paying close to a thousand dollars to have one of my outboard motors repaired. That hurt...it really hurt! Like every other boat owner, I'm accustomed to paying what sometimes ends up being big bucks for maintenance and repair of my vessels. But engine repairs usually entail replacing parts that have worn out from frequent or extended use, and even though the engine was at that time no "spring chicken", there were not enough hours on it that should have required that kind of service. So what was the malfunction? One word "ethanol!"

Back when non-ethanol gas was not only more expensive, but also hard to find on Delmarva, I didn't use it in my boats. Instead I bought regular (ethanol) gas at the

service stations and used fuel additives that advertised they would stave off the negative effects of the alcohol based fuel. But despite their claims - they didn't work. And as I learned more about the fuel, I came to understand that additives alone aren't enough protection for a boat engine because no matter what you do "time" will still take its toll on this fuel and create problems unless it's used within about 90-days of purchase.

These days marine engines, fuel lines, tanks, primer bulbs and such are designed to handle ethanol fuels, but the older stuff isn't. But even if a vessel's entire fuel system is designed to handle ethanol, problems can still arise from the miserable characteristic of the fuel to absorb water. Unlike our automobiles which are usually driven enough that the fuel in the tank is always relatively fresh, the fuel in boats often sits for weeks if not months without being used, allowing plenty of time for enough water to be absorbed from the air to sometimes overwhelm a fuel filter that it stops the flow of fuel to the

engine. In some cases the water will get past the filter and into the engine. Either way, the water in the fuel puts an end to the use of the motor until it can all be cleaned out.

Back when I was still using ethanol gas I took a little boat of mine out for a quick test run. The 25-hp motor hadn't been run for a while and I was happy that it started up right away and ran like a champ. Until, that is, I was almost home from my voyage and the engine suddenly sputtered and shut off. After paddling about 1/4-mile home it was easy to locate the source of the problem. In the course of 3-weeks the 6-gallon fuel tank, which only had a couple gallons in it since it was last used, had absorbed about a pint of water, much of which ended up being sucked into the engine. I was reminded how poorly an internal combustion engine runs on water.

Another potential problem can arise from the fact that apparently ethanol works somewhat as a detergent that will help to break down and clean the residues that sometimes build up in gas tanks and fuel systems. While that might seem like a good thing it can also lead to trouble as those deposits don't just go away they float around in the fuel and eventually find their way into the engine which

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can gunk things up. Naturally, with a spanky new vessel that has always run on ethanol fuel this will not likely be a problem like it might be with an older boat.

I admit to being the biggest penny-pincher in town and always ready to take full advantage of every opportunity to save a dime anytime I can. But when buying gas, whether for my lawn mower, weed whacker, generator, roto-tiller, and boats, or anything except my truck, this tight-wad is willing to pay the extra price to ensure that the gas keeps it running - not the opposite.

So anyone who has a power boat should have a "fuel" discussion with whoever does their engine service and ask about what kind of fuel they should be using and what additives (if any) are recommended to be used, and then still be ready for potential problems if they chose to use fill their boat up at the convenience store. §



There is great camaraderie among the fisherman on the Rt. 50 Bridge! Taylor Bakke helped his co-worker Rolando Picard catch his first keeper striper there! The 31" rock is even more remarkable as the new and reduced 'slot' limit of 28"-31" took effect that night. The keeper hit on a jig head with a soft plastic lure on the outgoing tide. The group, including Shaun Flaherty and Jamie Crosby, also caught 3 other keepers and had to deal with a lot of undersized fish.

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Angler Matt Romano from Roxana, DE got this pretty keeper rock just under the wire! He was working the suds off of the 3R's in DE using cut bunker and landed this 34" striper just before the new 'slot' of 28"-31" took effect!

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The crew of the "LineDancer" challenged the winds and headed out last week! Capt. Lance Bieseker with anglers Karen Biedeker, Faith Rosenberg and Josh Rosenberg fished at Buoy 12 in the Thorofare using live minnows and Gulp. The largest was 17.5 inches.

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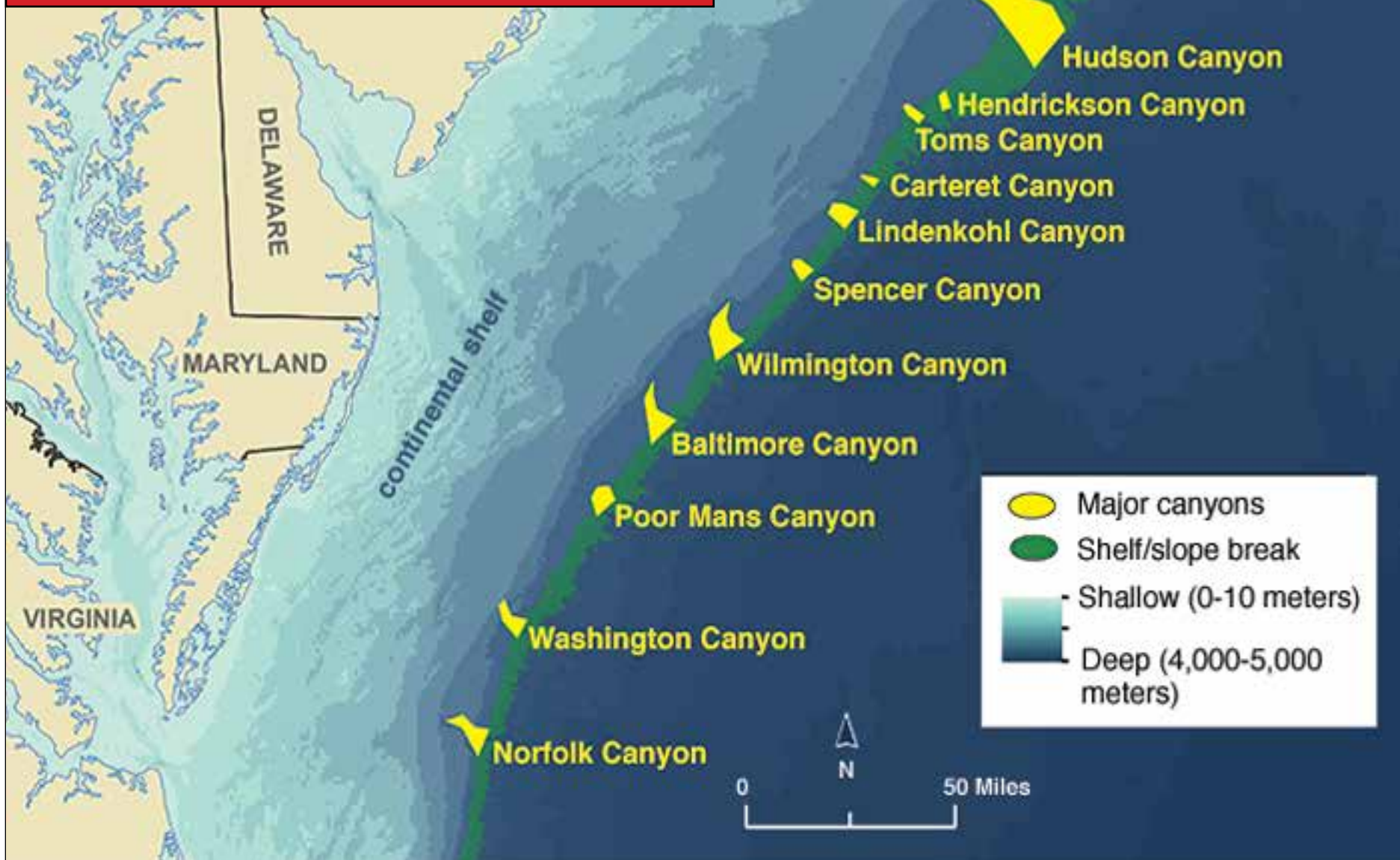


Paul Lebling of Spring Mix Sportfishing got to spend the day with his son Ayrton Pryor who is the mate on the charter boat "Blood Money". They had a good day getting 13 yellowfin tuna. Rounding out the crew were Capt. Anthony 'Hook Optics' Pino, owner Bill Keller, Rachael Wisniewski, Ernie Eckenrode and Kevin Knotts.



Charlie Keller from Olney, PA caught this keeper flounder while fishing with his son Capt. Chris Keller on the charter boat "Action Jackson" in the Indian River Inlet.

## GUIDE TO THE CANYONS







The private boat "C-Monster" out of the Indian River Marina had a productive day in the Baltimore Canyon with spreader bars and ballyhoo. David Twardowski, Chuck Egan and Ty Sanderson got 9 yellowfin tuna in the boat, most in the 30 lb. range. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.

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## Corps not going anywhere, but needs new plan at Ocean City Inlet

Thanks to Publisher Heiko Osterchrist and Dredgewire.com for sharing this update on the efforts to find a solution to the Ocean City Inlet shoaling.

The Army Corps of Engineers kept pulling sand out of the Ocean City inlet, and it kept coming back.

It's no surprise that fine sand moves as time passes, but the expensive rate at which the Corps was trying to keep up was one of the chief reasons it decided to abandon its major dredging project in the inlet, a Corps representative told the Worcester County Commissioners during their meeting on Tuesday.

"The Corps is dedicated to maintaining this channel," said Daniel Bierly, chief of the Civil Project Development Branch. "We dredged this channel back in the (1930s), installing the jetties after (the Hurricane of 1933) that opened up the inlet in the first place. (We've) been here ever since.

"(It is) absolutely not the case (that we're abandoning the inlet). It is our channel. It is our mission to maintain our channels."

Bierly broke down the Corps' project to address the shoal material — water and sediment that has gone through the inlet — by dumping it in Assateague Island's surf zone to allow it to disperse naturally. The purpose, he said, deals with the fact that Assateague sits further back than Ocean City on the coastline.

"All that material that's supposed to come to the south has been stopped over the years and it's been starving Assateague Island," he said.

It's one of the few projects that the Corps sees to itself instead of contracting out, typically using special dredges when they're available.

Bierly said there have been "profound" changes to the northern end of Assateague over the years, which could

be connected to the worsening condition.

He also said that even most sophisticated and involved solutions did not reduce the need for dredging that much.

"The inlet is an extremely dynamic area. Material not only comes in and out of the inlet but also across the back bays and it's very difficult to know what to do. Frankly, this (proposed) solution didn't pan out and plus, it's extremely expensive at over \$16 million."



Looking at the next steps, Bierly demonstrated that the problem area is not in the Ocean City inlet itself but in a concentrated area off the West Ocean City harbor.

"Currently there are two gaps there which were done on purpose back in the day, but the thinking is maybe we need to close them up to have an ideal effect," he said. "It's not a perfect solution even if it were to work because the first area that's to be closed off ... is extremely popular to recreational boaters and particularly jet skiers. It's also a horseshoe crab habitat."

Furthermore, the hopper dredges that the Corps uses — of which there are two — are in high demand up and down the

East Coast and Gulf of Mexico coastline. They're especially needed in post-hurricane cleanup efforts. While they could certainly be a boon to any further efforts, locking down sufficient time for them to be in the area is hard to guarantee.

"Because of the Assateague Island dredging, the Corps was not budgeting for more dredging in the inlet channel — it wasn't necessary," Bierly said. "But in 2013 ... we realized we need to start doing some

around the jetty and in."

He stressed that the evidence the Corps is working with is all circumstantial as it looks to answer the pivotal question — is more dredging needed?

Commissioner Eric Fiori observed that the shoals on the southeast of the Ocean City inlet have "gotten considerably shallower" and span much further to the northeast over the last 10 years. There's a northeast sector that's extremely shallow, with breaking waves, that

(operations and management) in that channel.

"In 2016, two research labs for the Corps looked at the inlet and (recommended) a sediment budget — how much goes here and how much goes there. Material comes in the inlet and also goes out, of course."

Bierly said that a net change of around 13,000 cubic yards more incoming from 1995 to 2002 doubled in the period from 2008-2012 before receding back to those levels in 2013.

"In 2004 we started placing at Assateague Island," Bierly said. "Material generally moves north to south on the East Coast in this part but it can also move in other directions. Material can also come south

wasn't an issue five years ago.

"If we're tracking this sediment of sand we're pushing up onto Assateague Island, these shoals have been drastically affected both in size and depth," Fiori said. "I think looking at that would hopefully offer some type of solution to placing the material (somewhere) that we're maybe causing our own problems as we dredge."

Bierly said that area was on the "outside reach" of the model the Corps was using but called it an interesting idea that he'd bring back to staff.

"We need to find a common denominator," Fiori said.

Commissioner Jim Bunting said an oceanographer told him that the spot Fiori mentioned was



the first spot they pointed out.

“(Sediment) is in his opinion migrating from there and coming around and coming in,” Bunting said.

Commissioner Joe Mitrecic, tripling down with his colleagues, raised a question of safety concerns in recommending that dredging not stick to the minimum requirements but go “as deep as they can go.”

“Let’s take it to where we can. If it’s 12 (feet), let’s make it 15 (feet). If it’s 15, let’s make it 20,” Mitrecic said.

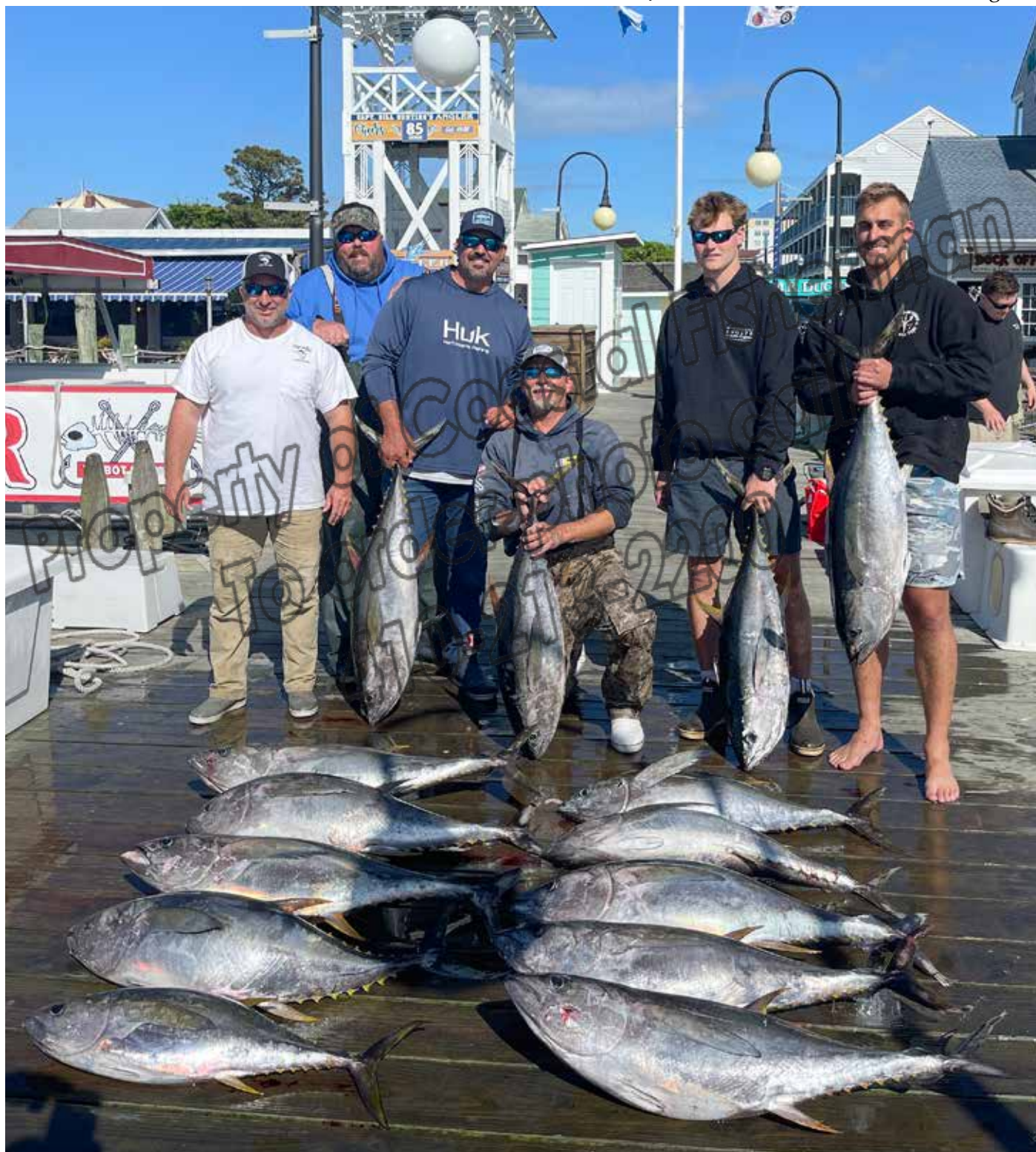
He brought up incidents along the coast where boaters have been thrown overboard due to shallow waters.

“I’m concerned that’s going to happen here,” he said. “A lot of people head out there on that inlet with their pontoon boats whether or not they should. I’d hate to see us lose someone out there because of the shoaling.”

Bierly said in response to another Mitrecic suggestion that they simply deposit the sediment further down Assateague Island that it may not be fiscally feasible.

But the more noise that people make about the issues, the better.

“There’s no set process necessarily but the more voices you get saying something the easier it is,” Bierly said. §



Capt. Todd Kurtz and the crew of the charter boat “Restless Lady” crushed the yellowfin tuna last week! Anglers Paul Daisey, Jim Bunting and Eric Milton with mate Kevin Kurtz worked the spreader bars and ballyhoo in the Poor Man’s Canyon to raise these 14 tuna! Pictured at the Talbot Street Pier in Ocean City.

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It seems appropriate that the Presenting Sponsor Pure Lure for the Battle for the Buckle's Fishing Tournament would take 1st Place for Heaviest Tuna! Pure Lure owner Brendan Hanley was fishing on the "Kilo Charlie" just north of the Baltimore Canyon where he connected with this 164 lb. bigeye tuna. The eyeball easily took top honors and the tournament's top payout of \$23,125. It is also the Heaviest Bigeye of the season so far. Rounding out the crew were Capt. Howard Lynch with mates Burro Gonzalez & Pete Pananton and anglers Dan Russell, Ashley Russell and Kevin McCabe. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

# 2023 MARYLAND REGULATIONS

## STATE WATERS ONLY

 <p><b>BLACK SEA BASS</b> 13" minimum / 15 per person/day May 15 - December 11</p>	 <p><b>BLUEFISH</b> 8" minimum 3 per person/day or 5 per person/day Charter</p>	 <p><b>BLACK DRUM</b> 16" minimum 1 per person/day up to 6 per boat/day</p>	 <p><b>COBIA</b> 40" minimum 1 per person/day 6/15 - 9/15 Boat limit 2 for up to 2 anglers</p>
 <p><b>CROAKER</b> 9" minimum 25 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>RED DRUM</b> 18-27" minimum 1 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>SHEEPSHEAD</b> 4 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>SPECKLED TROUT</b> 14" minimum 4 per person/day</p>
<p><b>NEW!</b></p>  <p><b>STRIPED BASS</b> 28-31" Less than 3 miles from shore 1 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>SUMMER FLOUNDER</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day</p>	 <p><b>TAUTOG</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day 1/1 - 5/15 2 per person/day 7/1 - 10/31 4 per person/day 11/1 - 12/31</p>	 <p><b>WEAKFISH</b> 13" minimum 1 per person/day</p>

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Top honor for Heaviest Stringer went to the crew of the "Game Changer" during the Battle for the Buckle's Fishing Tournament last week. Capt. Neil Brosnahan & mate Ricky Atkins with anglers John Denny, Phil Medlin, Shannon Achimovic, Bobby Achimovic, Dan Honaker with boat owner Sean Underwood put 5 yellowfins on the scale to create the 172.5 lb. winning stringer earning \$13,375.

Mate extraordinaire Ricky Atkins took home the Best Mate buckle during the Battle for the Buckle's Fishing Tournament. He was fishing with Capt. Neil Brosnahan on the "Game Changer".

# TOURNAMENT SERIES 2023 SCHEDULE

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**UPCOMING TOURNAMENT!**

**44th ANNUAL SMALL BOAT TOURNAMENT**  
 Registration: June 23, 6:30-8:00pm  
 Fishing Days: (1 of 2) June 24 & 25  
 Weigh-Ins: June 24 & 25, 3:00-6:30pm at Sunset Marina

**41st ANNUAL CANYON KICK OFF \***  
 Registration: June 29, 6:30-8:00pm  
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 Fishing Days: (2 of 3) June 30, July 1 & 2  
 Weigh-Ins: June 30, July 1 & 2, 5:00-7:30pm at Sunset Marina

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 Weigh-Ins: July 22, 3:00-6:30pm and July 23, 3:00-6:00pm at Sunset Marina

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 Registration: August 3, 6:00-8:00pm  
 Fishing Days: (1 of 2) August 4 & 5  
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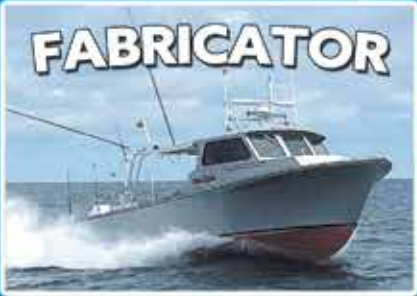
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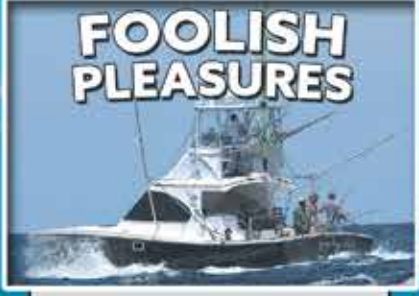
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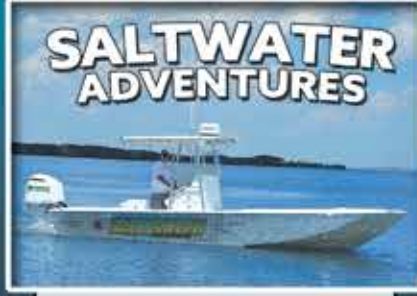
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The 2nd Annual Blues for DU Tournament saw some familiar faces in the top slots this year! Avid angler Shaun Flaherty improved his 3rd place finish last year and slipped into 1st Place on day 2 of the event with the 12.1 lb. bluefish. He pulled the winner from the south Ocean City Jetty using a Roy Rig earning a combined payout of \$2,175. He and Big Bird Cropper also caught 2 keeper stripers.



By the time the scales opened on the last day of the Blues for DU Tournament, the weather had warmed. Angler Rich Daiker commented that it was a different story that morning! It was cold and rough, however it was worth it when he brought this 11.9 lb. bluefish to the scale. He caught this 2nd Place winner that earned him \$700 at the Rt. 50 Bridge on his boat "Delicious" using live spot.

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<b>1ST PLACE</b>	
Shaun Flaherty	12.1 lbs. \$1,175
<b>2ND PLACE</b>	
Rich Daiker	11.9 lbs. \$700
<b>3RD PLACE</b>	
Reece Schindler	10.8 lbs. \$470

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Reece Schindler was fishing with Rick Daiker during the 2nd Annual Blues for DU Tournament held at Bahia Marina. Together they caught 9 bluefish at the Rt. 50 Bridge and south Ocean City Jetty using Roy Rigs, crank baits and 4" to 5" live spot. It was however, this 10.8 lb. and 31¼" fish Reece caught that easily closed out day 1 at the top of the leaderboard. It would finish in 3rd Place earning Reece \$470 and the Jr Angler Title.



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# VIRGINIA FISHING REPORT

by Capt. Matt Abell



Well, it doesn't feel like late May on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The easterly wind has been relentless, temperatures have been unseasonably cool, and we seem to have found some of that liquid precipitation that we have been missing for so long. However, if you try to find the silver lining around the clouds of a coastal low pressure, the bugs haven't been bad, and due to fairly low water temperatures we get an extra opportunity to enjoy springtime tactics in awesome home waters.

The central Chesapeake has still been the most consistent bite on the ESVA. Anglers have found shelter in the leeward waters of the Pocomoke and Tangier Sounds. Chunks of soft crab have rung the dinner bell for hungry reds, specs, and rock. Paddle tails and mirrolures have also tempted some of these

striped and spotted treasures of the Chesapeake. However, with the water conditions less than favorable, meat on the hook has produced the most action. These fish have been setting up camp around grass flats and stump fields during a running tide. Around deeper structure some nice blues have been lured into the box by casting rap-10's. Some of these toothy tusslers have measured out to the mid twenty inch mark which was only dwarfed by the smile on the other side of the line.

The seaside has been quiet as water turbidity was a little on the murky side. During brief periods of clean water flatfish have taken silversides or minnows coupled with Gulp swimming mullet or shrimp. Most fish have been targeted in shallow depths during whichever tide cycle that offers

the best visibility. Remember, the old fishermen's guide: If you can't see your prop then you can't catch flounder..... and NO-tilting your lower unit up and out of the water will not improve your chances. All jokes aside, clean water is definitely the most important factor to seaside success!













Between the puffs of wind, the lower shore has had some consistency in regards to red drum fishing around the barrier islands as well as the CBBT. There has also been a few cobia boated in the mouth of the bay. Cut bunker on fish finder rigs are all that is needed to tangle with the man (or woman) in the brown suit. Just don't forget to release all your preseason prizes until the middle of June when they come across the gunwale and can stay for dinner. As the wind subsides and seas calm,

www.coastalfisherman.net we will have the opportunity to get back on the bridge pilings for some magnum sheepshead action. Fishing a crab bait jammed up to the structure is a sure bet for these toothy trophies along with both black and red drum.

This past week I was privileged to take a couple of awesome fishermen from the Delaware area to see how we light tackle fish south of the border. Of course the weather forecast fell apart and we had a decision to make. Should we cancel and admit defeat, or press on and find a place to cast a line. It took a little bit to find a calm spot with some quality quarry. However, our perseverance paid off with some really nice linesiders along with a few beautiful specs. The good book of John tells us when one side of the boat seems a little lean, try the other side of the boat, or in this case, the channel or even the sound. The fact is, even when conditions are not favorable, keep casting and get out there and enjoy this wonderful place we call home! §

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### STATE WATERS ONLY

 <p><b>BLACK SEA BASS</b> 13" minimum / 15 per person/day May 15 - December 11</p>	 <p><b>BLUEFISH</b> No minimum 3 per person/day or 5 per person/day headboat All Year</p>	 <p><b>BLACK DRUM</b> 16" minimum 1 per person/day All Year</p>	 <p><b>COBIA</b> 40" minimum / Only 1&gt;50" 1 per person/day • 2 per boat/day 6/15 - 9/15</p>
 <p><b>CROAKER</b> No minimum 20 per person/day All Year</p>	 <p><b>RED DRUM</b> 18-26" minimum 3 per person/day All Year</p>	 <p><b>SHEEPSHEAD</b> No minimum 4 per person/day All Year</p>	 <p><b>SPECKLED TROUT</b> 14" minimum 5 per person/day All Year Only 1&gt;24"</p>
 <p><b>28-31" Coming Soon!</b> <b>STRIPED BASS</b> 28-36" 1 per person/day 1/1-3/31 &amp; 5/16-12/31</p>	 <p><b>FLOUNDER</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day All Year</p>	 <p><b>TAUTOG</b> 16" minimum 4 per person/day 1/1-5/15 &amp; 7/1-12/31</p>	 <p><b>WEAKFISH</b> 12" minimum 1 per person/day All Year</p>

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We got reports of several speckled trout this past week. Several were part of the mix at the "Blues for DU" bluefish tournament fundraiser for Ducks Unlimited as well this beauty that John Scott of Dagsboro, DE caught using a popping cork in the Tangier Sound. He was fishing with Capt. Matt Abell of "Sea Hawk Sportfishing".

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While the regulations differ when fishing for rocks in the Chesapeake Bay, the action is just as hot! Dave Elvin from Dagsboro, DE fished a Rapala Rap-10 crankbait and tricked this pretty striper in the Tangier Sound.



Capt. Dave Caffrey and mate Anthony Sousa have been on a tear. On this trip to the Thorofare with Anthony's wife Brittany and Paul Daisey, the group kept a total of 9 flounder including this 23 1/4" and 5 1/4 lb. fattie using Gulp.

## OCEAN CITY INLET TIDES & MOON PHASES

<b>WED. JUNE 7</b>	High 11:11 am High 11:53 pm	Low 05:12 am Low 04:57 pm
<b>THUR. JUNE 8</b>	High ----- High 12:10 pm	Low 06:08 am Low 06:00 pm
<b>FRI. JUNE 9</b>	High 12:49 am High 01:14 pm	Low 07:06 am Low 07:06 pm
<b>SAT. JUNE 10</b> Third Qtr. Moon	High 01:48 am High 02:24 pm	Low 08:01 am Low 08:14 pm
<b>SUN. JUNE 11</b>	High 02:50 am High 03:35 pm	Low 08:55 am Low 09:21 pm
<b>MON. JUNE 12</b>	High 03:51 am High 04:40 pm	Low 09:47 am Low 10:28 pm
<b>TUE. JUNE 13</b>	High 04:47 am High 05:38 pm	Low 10:39 am Low 11:32 pm
<b>WED. JUNE 14</b>	High 05:38 am High 06:30 pm	Low 11:29 am Low -----

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Capt. Corey Lindstrom and crew got in on the tuna action last week. They dealt with a bumpy ride to and from the Baltimore Canyon to get these 11 yellowfin tuna on the dock at the South Shore Marina.



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